

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** None.

3. **Elect Chairman:**

Chairman Jody White stated, “We need to elect a Chairman of the Finance Committee.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I make a motion to elect Harold Taylor.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I second. I make a motion that we close the nominations.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I second.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to elect Councilman Harold Taylor as Chairman of the Administrative Finance Committee for the year of 2025.”

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

4. **Person to address the Committee.**
None.

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Excuse me Mr. Chairman, we will need to amend the agenda for those three items that I gave you on that sheet.”

*Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Okay, the agenda amendment. No 1: Forward all Full Council **Resolutions 002-2025.***

A Resolution requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program.

No.2: Forward to Full Council **Resolution 003-2025.** A Resolution for the Lease of the Agricultural Finance Authority.

No. 3: Clerk of Court Request. You have 3 items that they would like to add to the agenda. Do we have a motion?”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to amend the agenda to add three additional items.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. **Parish President & Finance Reports:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Everything that you all just amended is what I had in the Parish President’s Report.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

6. **Authorize and forward to full council the Preliminary and final approval for proposed residential subdivision of a 28.859 tract of land being portioned as lots 1-25 located in Section 52, Township 8 South, Range 4 East off Begneaud and T-Joe Road, Opelousas, LA St. Landry Parish.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, February 19th, 2025*** to authorize the approval of the Preliminary and final approval for proposed residential subdivision of a 28.859 tract of land being portioned as lots 1-25 located in Section 52, Township 8 South, Range 4 East off Begneaud and T-Joe Road, Opelousas, LA St. Landry Parish.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. **Authorize the approval of a 255' SST Cellular Tower and install AT&T ground equipment W U C and Cellular Antennas located at 222 Elzay Road, Arnaudville, LA 70512.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, February 19th, 2025*** to authorize the approval of a 255' SST Cellular Tower and install AT&T ground equipment W U C and Cellular Antennas located at 222 Elzay Road, Arnaudville, LA 70512.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. **Update on the funds from Moosa Memorial.**

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Who put this on the agenda?"

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "They are talking about that \$6,500.00 I believe."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Yes, that was from the last meeting. They asked for an update."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "It is just clarity on the funding on the \$6,500.00 that was left in the account."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I asked about that. What fund will it be placed in?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It will be placed in the General Fund and I will spend it in Eunice."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Do you need a motion?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We don't need a motion on that."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The reason why I asked is because the other day they had brought it up and I asked what fund will they place it in? So that is why I ask that it be put on the agenda."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The General Fund."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Is that all of the funds that is left in the Moosa Memorial Account? Is everything dissolved?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is everything right there. I am not sure yet but we have an update on the Acadian Ambulance Lease and that other buildings lease is coming up.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Will you need a motion to take it to the full council to place that \$6,500.00 in the General Fund? Is that is what you are saying?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, no action necessary.”

9. Update on the Acadian Ambulance Lease.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In your packet you should have the appraisal of the lease on the Acadian Ambulance Building that is sitting on that property that is now owned by Parish Government. The other building that is back there that is owned by the parish and the new hospital, Acadian Medical is the one that is actually using that facility. We are presently getting an appraised value of lease on that building as we speak. You should have the lease in your packet for the Acadian Ambulance. I think it went from \$150.00 to \$250.00 a month.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025** to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease with Acadian Ambulance for the lease of a building that is owned by Parish Government for the amount of \$250.00 per month.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Forward all applications received for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three year term. Angela Guillory and Delita Rubin has resigned. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025** to forward all application received for 1 appointment and authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three year term. Angela Guillory and Delita Rubin has resigned. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

11. Discuss Small Business Loans that are available for those affected by the freeze in Louisiana. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Bellard, would you share some information on this as for as St. Landry Parish. It was on the news several times but it is done so quickly. If you are not waiting for it then you will miss out on it. So could you share a little bit for those who are listening if they are interested they would know where in St. Landry Parish they could apply for this?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They can contact our office or go on our website or go on the State Website. Technically if you suffered any type of damage or any type of lost revenue that is what this is for. It is a small business loan like they do for every disaster basically. We have applications at our office, the Parish Government Office.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Thank you.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Ms. Thierry, do you need to move this to the full council or do you have the information that you need?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “No, no, I just wanted the public to hear this.”

12. Forward to full council meeting the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025** to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

13. Forward to full council meeting the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, in reference to this item right here we have the appraised value because we don’t have it in yet. By the time we do the ordinance or the lease we will have that for the council.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do we have a motion to move it to the full council?”

A motion was made by Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025** to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

14. Forward to Full Council Resolution 002-2025.

A Resolution requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday February 19th, 2025** to approve **Resolution 002-2025**. A Resolution requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

15. Forward to Full Council Resolution 003-2025.

A Resolution for Lease of Agriculture Finance Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday February 19th, 2025** to approve **Resolution 003-2025**. A Resolution for Lease of Agriculture Finance Authority..

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

16. Clerk of Court Request:

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do you have any more details on that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we have been meeting with the attorneys in reference to this request. In your packet you will see the request that was made. There were a couple of options. Option No. 1 was for us to basically take ownership of the

building and pay all of the expenses incurred with that building. Option No. 2 is for us to lease out the portion of the building that actually stores the records. I told them to get us a price of what it would cost to lease just that portion of the building. In your packet you can see that they hired the Gleason Group to do that. It came in between \$6.00 and \$7.00 per square foot, it is 9,000 square feet so that is \$58,500.00 at \$6.50 a square foot. That is for you all to consider what to do or what not to do. I just wanted to give that to you all. We are obligated to provide space. Since the space is already located inside of that building I don't want to buy no building and we don't need that building but I don't have a problem with us paying the lease and I asked him to get us the price so that was their appraisal and it did have the comps in there as well. Also in your packet he sent a request for some payments for Andrepoint Printing and Multi Tech Office Machinery and stuff. The total amount for those allowed as far as we are concerned is \$31,380.22. The portion of the request that I am saying is not allowed is the utilities on that building because we are actually paying the lease for the portion that we are leasing so I don't think that we should be paying the utilities on that building that came out to \$11,108.33. So take it and look at it and let us know what you all want to do with it."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Do we have a motion?"

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, February 19th, 2025*** the further discussion of the Clerk of Court request.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltory Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

17. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Mr. Bellard could you give us an update on the Jail. Is it completed? I am not talking about the lawsuit I am only talking about the jail."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So the Trustee Dorm is ready to be occupied. The Sheriff advised me last week that he was going to start on it last Friday and that did not happen. I e-mailed him last night and the answer that I got was basically when they are going to get to it they will get to it. The building is ready, everything that they asked for and then some has been done. My opinion is that he does not have the staff to staff it. Our portion is done and it would save us thousands of dollars if he would staff that facility and bring those inmates back home because now we have to pay \$40 plus thousands of dollars a month for juveniles that we don't have. Again like Eric said earlier mandated expenses that we are mandated to spend we don't have no say so on this but this year's Legislative session is going to be interesting I can tell you all that much."

18. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltory Jolivette, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, and Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**