

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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. Pledge of Allegiance was said earlier in the meeting by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry.
3. **Roll Call:** Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. Ex-Officio Jody White. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette.
4. **Person to address the Committee.**

***Mr. Chad Pitre, District Attorney addressed the council. He stated,*** “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you to all of you. It is good to be here again. It is good to see a lot of good friendly faces. I just want to commend you all for doing a good job serving our parish. I will be very brief. First I just want to preface my brief statement to say that this council, this Administrative Finance Committee and including Mr. Bellard have been very supportive of the mission of the DA’s Office and I appreciate that. This is the first time that I have been here to even discuss funding in four years so thank you all for your dedication and support for our mission to reduce crime and keep St. Landry Parish safer and I just want to thank you all for that. I am here to talk about two separate and distinct funding sources and those are for the DA’s Office. The first is the Racino Fund and that is number 135. For over 20 years since this tax was passed the DA received at its legal portion 3.5% of the slot machine revenue. That 3.5% is from the Parishes take, it is not from the Racino itself. My office receives between \$70,000.00 and I think \$90,000.00 per year in our 3.5%. The second fund is the Opioid Settlement Fund. This is a new fund, relatively new, I think that it is about 2 years old. This is a statewide class action settlement and as part of this settlement the DA’s Office receives \$50,000.00 per year. We consider this a special use fund. We can only use it for certain Opioid Related issues and that is what we use it for. Recently I received a letter from Mr. Bellard and he was indicating that he wanted to place the Racino Fund and the Opioid Fund in the DA’s 2025 Operating Budget. I felt this was not a proper categorization of the funds and I am happy to report that I have spoken to Mr. Bellard and he has agreed to use his previous accounting method of keeping the Opioid Fund and the Racino Fund separate from the DA’s Operating Expenses. That is the Opioid and Racino and they will not be categorized as the DA’s Operating Expenses. Again, thank you for being such a good supporter for the DA’s Office and our funding needs and being a good partner with us. If you all ever need anything you all have an open invitation to the office. Thank you.”

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie Addressed the council. He stated,*** “Good evening, I am Lincoln Savoie, President of the Board of Directors for the St. Landry Parish Council on Aging. We have 5 meal sights in St. Landry Parish to feed people who are 60 and over. I am here tonight to ask you all to re-open the one in Sunset which have been closed for several years. I have no idea because I was not on the board so therefore it was closed and it was an ideal spot. It is located in the same building as the Health Unit. We can open that as soon I get the okay from you all and we will get the Federal Government to Fund the meals for it. At the present time we only have 2 more places that we would like to get the meals site and it would be in Krotz Springs and in Washington. The Geographical Locations that we have would satisfy the needs of the elderly in St. Landry Parish. A favorable yes would certainly be appreciated by us on the Council on Aging. Do you all have any questions?”

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned,*** “Is this the same as the meals on wheels?”

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,*** Yes Ma’am it is.”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “I was in communication with someone in the past about getting it in the Plaisance area.”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,** “Yes Ma’am. That would have to be coordinated with Judy Doyle who is the Executive Director.”

**Councilman Ken Marks stated,** “Linc, the territorial aspects or what they reach out and cover per unit is that a guideline that is given to you all or a certain criteria.”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,** “Right now we have a meal sight in Port Barre, Eunice, Leonville, Melville and Opelousas. The Geographical location are proper there but we have to look for Sunset, Cankton and Grand Coteau that will be sufficed in the particular area. We need one in Krotz Springs and Washington.

**Councilman Ken Marks questioned,** “Do you all cover Melville as well?”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,** “Absolutely, we have one in Melville already. There are a tremendous amount of people in the Sunset, Grand Coteau and Cankton area.”

**Councilman Ken Marks stated,** “You said that they did have one but now it is inoperable because a lack of funding?”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,** “No the funding is there. I don’t know what transpired because I was not on the board. The building is a very nice building. It is right in town and it is in the same building as the Health Unit. Prior to that according to some people that were eating they would go and get their blood pressure checked in the same building which is very good. We have the people, the Federal Government funds that but you have to have 20 people to feed in order for them to fund it and we have more than 20 folks in each one of those places.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** “Mr. Bellard, that facility that he is speaking about who owns it?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We do.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Is there a problem with it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I was never asked to do that. We can do that. That is not a problem.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I would like to make a motion.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Hold on, I don’t need the councils motion for that. We can do it. I am going to ask a question. If you have the funding for Sunset we have been trying to get as Ms. Mildred said the Plaisance area and we were told there is no funding available. All I am saying is this if we are going to do it in one area we have to make sure that we cover all the areas if the funding is available.”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated,** “Okay here is the thing. When you speak of funding where you have a sight and you have sufficient amount of people you send that off as an application and they will fund that.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “So you all did one for the Sunset area?”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated,** “A long time ago.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “So the funding is available for Sunset right now.”

**Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated,** “The funding will be available providing you give us a yea, providing we will have a site.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay.”***

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie Stated, “In the Plaisance area where is the address at?”***

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have asked that question several times.”***

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Believe me I will get something done about it.”***

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will find a place if we need to find a place.”***

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Yes that won’t be a problem.”***

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Each sight have a sight person that is in charge.”***

***Councilman Ken Marks stated, “The sites or the areas that are void or have no services do you have a plan in place on how to get that activated?”***

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “We do, we contact the Mayor of that town. For example in Krotz Springs we will contact him and the mayor of Washington. We have those three sights if you want to. Right now we have the site in Sunset and that could be done in two weeks. We will have to have the Mayor find a sight for us and from there we take the responsibility of getting it done.”***

***Councilman Ken Marks stated, “What Ms. Mildred was asking about that is a possibility right?”***

***Mr. Lincoln Savoie stated, “Anything is possible if we talk to the right people.”***

***Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Okay, thank you.”***

***Ms. Felicia Kaplan addressed the council. She stated, “Hi I am Felicia Hebert Kaplan. I am originally from Eunice but I now live in Arnaudville. There is a vacancy on the Tourist Commission Board that I am applying for and I would appreciate your consideration. I know you don’t vote on that until two weeks but I wanted to come and introduce myself and let you all know that I have been in the hospitality industry for a very long time. I use to own the old Seal Guest House in Eunice which is now the LeVillage Guest House in Cypress Grove. I spoke with Mr. Stelly who is not here tonight and I was suppose to meet him but I did get a chance to meet a few of you all. I would appreciate your consideration. Do you all have any questions for me?”***

***Councilman Ken Marks stated, “You mentioned that you served on a board currently or have been serving.”***

***Ms. Felicia Kaplan stated, “I was very active in the Tourist Commission when I was the owner of LeVillage, very active. Celeste Gomez was head of it then and Herman is in charge now and he does a fabulous job. I have served on the Preservation Commission in Lafayette and in New Orleans because I lived there for a while. I am a Public Servant basically but I do have a real job. Thank you.”***

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

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only thing that I have is to announce that tomorrow afternoon at 6:00 p.m. we have a meeting in Eunice to discuss Solid Waste and trash pick-up in the city of Eunice and the surrounding areas at Gabrielle’s, I know that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Ernest will be there along with the city. It is just to discuss issues that some of the constituents have. We called Richard and he will be there to answer any questions. I just want to let you all know about that meeting.”***

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

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

*Motion carried.*

**6. Update on Award Letter for Grant Money. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Van is getting that together or us. We will have it as soon as he has everything put together.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Is there any way at the same time you could give us a list of the equipment and we would get both of them at the same time.”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Will that be by the next meeting?”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely.”*

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you want that in a motion Ms. Nancy?”*

*Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Do we need a motion?”*

*Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do you need a motion Nancy?”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t know, do I need a motion?”*

*Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor, “Okay, he already said that he would send it.”*

**7. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).**

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025** all applications received for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

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

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Excuse me, we have a voting sheet here already.”*

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is not until the full council Ms. Nancy.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay, you just put it out early.”*

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes, Ma’am.”*

**8. Further discuss the appraisal of the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba Acadian Medical Center.**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The appraisal came back at \$500.00 per month. I just found out about it this morning. I did not have a chance to meet with David at the Hospital. If you all want to postpone this until the next meeting or whatever and I can have more information from Allegiance.”*

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward the further discussion of the Appraisal of the Lease of Immovable Property by St. Landry Parish Government to Allegiance Health Management, Inc. dba

Acadian Medical Center to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

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

9. **Discuss District Attorney Budget. (Councilman Harold Taylor).**

Item discussed earlier in the meeting.”

10. Forward to Full Council **Resolution No. 005-2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO GRANT PARISH PRESIDENT JESSIE BELLARD  
AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
REGARDING WIC REIMBURSEMENT AND SIGN CONTRACT.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council authorize  
Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute the negotiation with the Office of Public Health  
Regarding WIC Reimbursement and Sign Contract;

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown  
to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025* the approval of  
**Resolution No. 005-2025.**

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

11. **Increase Council Clerk rate of pay. (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).**

*Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “I don’t know who put this on  
the agenda to Increase the Council Clerk rate of pay.”*

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I did Mr. Taylor. The reason that I am asking to  
increase Sherell’s rate of pay is because I feel like she needs that, we need to do that.  
Sherell has opportunities and I would like for her to stay with the parish so I am going to  
offer that rate of pay at \$30.00 per hour.”*

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Second.”*

*Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “Any discussion.”*

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am not on the Committee but I think if we follow  
the Guidelines that we did before when we would give a salary increase to one we gave it  
to both the Assistant Clerk and the Clerk. I feel that we need to look at this situation even  
though she might be part time. Everybody would like to get a little increase, I think that  
we just got one, am I correct.”*

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We did Mr. Ardoin and I think that you are  
perfectly correct. I am addressing the full time employee at this point. I got the rate of  
pay approve by Mr. Bellard. I did not get another rate of pay approve by the President  
due to the budget I want to make sure that that is going to fit. So I will ask that we put  
that on the next meeting. Let’s proceed with this one. Question.”*

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,*** “Yes, I know that you have just one council clerk on the agenda. So what is the value that we are putting on our second council clerk when we usually give to both council clerks? Another thing, the rate of pay, what is it now?”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,*** “\$30.00 per hour.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,*** “What was it before?”

***Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,*** “\$23.38 per hour at present.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,*** “When was the last raise given?”

***Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,*** “2023.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,*** “I know that Mr. Lejeune mentioned the value of Ms. Jordan again I ask what is the value we put on our part time clerk? The next question is this, who are we to deny Ms. Jordan the opportunity to do better. If she has an opportunity to make progress and go to another job who are we to deny her of that. That is an opportunity that she has and I don’t think that we should take that from her.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,*** “I rest.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,*** “So this is an easy thing for me to discuss the value of the knowledge that Ms. Sherell has gained over the last 7 plus years. If she would happen to leave and nobody is denying her that, she can leave if she wants, if she would happen to leave we would be losing all of this knowledge and probably would have to pay somebody to come in at this rate of pay and not gain this knowledge and not keep this knowledge. We are not paying the \$30.00 per hour for the position, we are paying \$30.00 per hour for the person and the value that they bring to the table. By saying that when we pick up the phone and we call her she has to go and research minutes but off the top of her head she can tell you approximately what took place and when it took place and that kind of knowledge you don’t just get from somebody that is just walking in the door. I am asking and I am supporting the motion that the council is making tonight because of the value that she brings to the table.”

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow asked to address the council. She stated,*** “Good evening council, thank you all for letting me address the council. What Mr. Bellard just said, I am a part-time worker and I do work with Sherell doing the same thing. So therefore if you ask for minutes I am more knowledgeable, I type them, I can basically say when they occurred and I look for them. There is no doubt both of us should get a raise also because when she is not here to fulfill her duties if she is ill or her daughter is ill, I take the slack doing both jobs. Why put one on the issue right now and delay me from getting a cost of raise. I just incurred a medical condition and I have lots of medical bills that I have to pay to. If the council remembers Novella Moore wanted to stay for \$24.00 per hour but they said they could not find any money for her so she left. I am saying for Sherell to leave but I am just saying that the council let Novell leave and she was very knowledgeable also and she was only asking for \$24.00 per hour. I don’t think that I should be excluded in this part of the meeting either because Sherell wants to leave, what happens if I want to leave, Sherell would be doing both jobs then. I think that I am a valuable asset to this team just as well as she is. Thank you council.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned,*** “How long have you been here Ms. Barlow?”

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated,*** “I have been here since 2016.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So you were here before Sherell?”***

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “I was here before Sherell, I taught Sherell what Novella taught me. When I came here Lacey was here. She was pregnant, she did not give me any knowledge. Novella came and she gave me lots of knowledge. If you all recall Mr. Timmy Lejeune made the motion for me to work with Sherell for one month. She came here just like me not knowing anything. So Sherell worked with me for one month and I gave her the foundation of what was going on. So therefore she is a full time clerk and I am a part time clerk and I feel that I am just as an asset just as she is.”***

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “How many hours per week do you work?”***

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “I only work 24 hours per week, 3 days a week.”***

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Three days per week.”***

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “Yes.”***

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would just like to say to both of the clerk where as they are very knowledgeable. Whenever we call for any type of information or whatever it may be. I just want to thank both of you all for that. I know like the rate of pay right now is for the full time council clerk and Ms. Karen if you don’t mind letting us do the full time clerk today and then we will take care of you on our next Committee Meeting.”***

***Assistant Council Clerk Karen Barlow stated, “Yes Sir, I understand what you are saying but we are going through this again. I was just trying to kill it all with one stone.”***

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would just like to ask Mr. Brown, why is it that we are having a delay with discussing Ms. Karen’s increase in pay?”***

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Just like Mr. Bellard had said. He had spoken with Mr. Lejeune and he said that he could basically fit that salary adjustment into the budget. Now we will have to go back and talk to Mr. Bellard and see where we will have to adjust the budget for Ms. Karen Barlow as well.”***

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “When do you think that discussion is going to take place, 6 months?”***

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “At the next Committee Meeting Ms. Nancy, I said that in my statement.”***

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is what I just said too, we are taking care of Ms. Sherell on this Committee Meeting and next month we will discuss and take care of Ms. Karen Barlow in our April’s Meeting. After we finish talking to Mr. Bellard we will see what room do we have and with the knowledge that Ms. Karen have because she is a valuable asset to our council just like Ms. Sherell is. But we have to go to Mr. Bellard.”***

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine Mr. Brown, she is just not valuable this month that is fine. She is just not valuable today, that is fine.”***

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “That is what you are saying.”***

**Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,** “Point of order, enough. I have something that I would to say before we take a vote on this. If you get on Google and ask what the Louisiana Parish Council Clerk make state wide the average amount is \$37,647.00 per year just in case you want to do a calculation it is \$18.10 per hour. Now Sherell makes \$23.38 per hour and we want to give her a \$7.00 plus dollar raise. The last two raises we gave was in 2015 and 2023 and the 2023 raise we \$2.00 per hour. How can you justify giving that kind of money when we are borrowing money to balance the budget? Please explain that to me Mr. Lejeune?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I will explain.”

**Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,** “Where do you do your math Sir.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I do it with your intent Mr. Taylor and I am telling you now I am offering for \$30.00 per hour. I got a second and I have hollowed Questioned and we are not getting a vote.”

**Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,** “I know you lobbied and got the votes to do this but I would like for you to share it with the press. Why do you want to do this?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Just for the fun of it.”

**Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated,** “Just for the fun of it, oh okay. We have a question on the floor, let’s take a vote.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Just for clarification the motion is to send it to Full Council so it can be before 13 councilmembers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to the Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025** to approve giving the Council Clerk Sherell Jordan a pay increase of \$30.00 per hour.

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

**12. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 006-2025.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to approve **Resolution No. 006-2025.**

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehabilitate Fuel Apron; and



WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehabilitate Fuel Apron and reimburse the sponsor up to \$30,377.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-019-2023 and SPN H.016152, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.  
This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption

13. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 007-2025**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, March 19, 2025*** to approve **Resolution No. 007-2025.**

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the temls and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehab Runway 18/36, Txy A Markings, Rehab Txy C, Fencing, Rwy 18/36 Lighting and reimburse the sponsor up to \$169,911.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-020-2024 and SPN H.016372, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

14. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 008-2025.**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025*** to approve **Resolution No. 008-2025.**

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Landry Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Obstruction Removal - Phase I - Runway 18/36 and reimburse the sponsor up to \$20,114.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0043-021-2024 and SPN H.016389, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

**15. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Mr. Brown offered a motion. Are we going to take up Ms. Barlow at the next Committee Meeting? Are we going to put it on the agenda?”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated*, “That is the motion that I had made basically. But I would like to make a formal motion right now that we discuss her salary adjustment for Ms. Karen Barlow on our April Committee Meeting with the Administrative Finance.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to discuss the salary adjustment for the Assistant Council Clerk, Karen Barlow at the next Committee Meeting held on *Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*.

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

**16. 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:** Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, and Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivet. **ABSTAINED:** None.  
*Motion carried.*

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