FIRST MEETING
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LA

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. **Councilwoman Mildred Thierry** said the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.

3. **Roll Call**: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune. **Ex-Officio**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT**: Dexter Brown.

4. Person to Address the Committee.

   Mr. Craig Stephen Gailes addressed the council. He stated, "My name is Craig Stephen Gailes. I am from Opelousas, LA. I reside at 8553 HWY 182. I am here tonight because I placed an application for the Solid Waste Commission Board."

   Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, "Why sir? Why Mr. Gailes would you be interested?""

   Mr. Craig Stephen Gailes stated, "I love people. I love government and I like to see things ran properly and in the right order. If I can be a strength to the committee then I would love to be an appointed."

   Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Thank you for your interest."

   Ms. Lena Charles Addressed the council. She stated, "Good afternoon. My name is Lena Charles. I want to thank the Parish President and the Parish Council men and women for allowing me to come before you. You all have gotten a formal invitation in your box that we have our kick off for Zydeco season tomorrow at the Opelousas Interpretive Center on Main Street. It is between the hours of 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. It is for the business folks like yourself to come out that have supported the festival all of these years. We will be unveiling what 2026 Zydeco season is all about. At the next meeting I will also have another presentation and bring your whack cards and your tokens. I also want you all to know that we want you all to try and come out and support us. We know that we could not get to be a parish festival until we have the support of the parish council. You gave us that years ago and I think that we have lived up to it. I can stand before you to tell you and the parish president we have not had an incident at our festivals because of the planning and the security, everything that is in place will be in place as usual. For 44 years we have been doing The Original South West Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival. Thank you."

   Ms. Kimberly Culotta addressed the council. She stated, "I am scheduled to come tomorrow. Thank you for letting me speak to the parish council. Thank you all for your support for our management plan, I am with the Atchafalaya Basin Keeper. Tomorrow we are having a community meeting open to the public and we hope that all of you will join us so we can speak with the parish residence about the Atchafalaya Basin and the issue of sedimentation and how that affects drainage and we know that drainage is a big issue for all of us right now. I do have some flyers that I will leave in the back. I am here to thank you all for letting us use the space and remind you all about the event tomorrow and inform everybody else who are here. It will start at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow in this room."

   Councilman Ken Marks stated, "It will be held here in our Chambers at 5:30 p.m."

2025 Audit Report with Steve Moosa of Darnall Sikes & Frederick

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated*, "**Next item is our 2025 Audit Report with Mr. Steve Moosa of Darnall Sikes & Frederick. I think one week ago a letter was sent to your office asking you to return and give us an update. We had two major questions: Improper use of Special Revenue Funds beginning at page 94 of the financial report year ending December 31, 2025. Your report states that Road District 1 Sales Tax Fund were used to finance expenditures in the General Fund that were not clearly related to construction maintenance and improvements of road within the Road District No. 1. We would like a written itemization of the funds used in this manner including documentation, dates and purposes of the use of these funds removed. We would request any written documentation that was provided to the parish council that such funds were used for these purposes. Additionally we would like to know if Louisiana Revised Statue 39704, a copy of which is attached was discussed at any time with our Parish President regarding the improper use of Special Revenue Funds. ***Question No. 2: Details of other dedicated funds where similar withdrawals were made by the parish president. We would like to know how much funding the St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter was paid using funds from St. Landry Parish Health Unit for the Fiscal Year ending December 31st, 2025. Mr. Moosa you have the floor."

***Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor addressed the council. He stated*, "**Good evening council, president. To address those questions those are not part of the audit per say that we would look at the detail records that you are asking for, the actual per transaction transfer and what the use was. That would be outside of the scope of the financial audit. We would have to conduct what is called an Agreed upon Procedure and get the Legislative Auditor's approval for us to conduct that for you and then we could issue a report on that basis for that detail. As far as the totals what we are reporting on the audit is the balances at year end and where the funds were reported for the fiscal year and that is what we have, just the year and we don't look at every record, every detail but if you would like that information we could definitely perform those procedures for you all."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Mr. Moosa, this agreed upon procedure you mentioned, how is that done? Do we request that?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I would put together an Engagement Letter based on the criteria you are asking for with just letters presenting. Then I would present it to you. If you all would agree that we have the same interpretation of what you are asking for then we would have you sign it and I would sign it and we would send it to the Legislature Auditor. They would review it to make sure that it is a good use of tax payer's dollars to have that work done. If they approve it we could perform those procedures and come back and give you a separate report."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "When you say they approve it who do you mean?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "The Legislative Auditors."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "So if they don't approve it we won't get the procedure discussed?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Right that is correct. We have to get their approval before we can come in and do that***."***

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Moosa I have a few questions. When you did the audit did you see anything that was criminal on Mr. Bellard? If there is anything criminal then we need to take action. In your opinion or in your profession do you think there were anything illegally done?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "From my procedures performed as part of the audit engagement at the level that the county standards require we did not report any illegal matters in the Audit Report."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "So the funding that was used from one fund to another is that legal?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is used by government agencies yes on a regular basis. The reason we put a finding on the report is that after discussion is a plan to repay or return the money through your budget process was in evident. We wanted to bring it to your attention and the management council and president that going forward a plan needs to be made whether you have increased revenues or you had to cut services to get your expenses in line to the revenue levels you have available for your General Fund and for the Health Unit and the Jail Maintenance, all programs. That is where we needed to bring attention and that is what we have done."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "So you can move funds around from one to another if you intend to pay it back or do pay it back? Is that what you are telling me?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is correct, yes."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "The proposition says one thing and you still have that right to move funds around, legally as long as it is not the intent of spending on something without paying it back."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is right. In accounting terms it is called Accounting Transfers. When you transfer money from one program to another without expectations to have it paid back. In this case it is due to do funds**.** It is an asset liability, short term borrowings between the funds with the understanding that we anticipate some revenue coming in, we need this to continue with their services provided and the intent is to pay it back. That is how it was accounted for. We are seeing in the process over a few years that it kept increasing so we just wanted to bring it to the attention so that on this year's upcoming budget and process plans would be made to start reducing that balance."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "I have two questions: One you said the audit have to be approved by the Legislative Auditor. How long do you think that process is going to take for the approval and make that request?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "For the agreed upon procedures we discussed earlier."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Yes, usually how long?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I would say a few weeks."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "My second question is this: I know that you said that this is legal and you have something in writing that this is legal to do these procedures? We have been paying it back every year for the last couple of years, right you said that we have been doing this."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is our process of borrowing and the new revenue that come in we pay it back but when we see the balance increasing we feel like it is getting to a point where it may not be able to be paid back so we want to protect the parish."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Is this the first time that you have noticed that it have increased?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "To this level, yes. Ms. Nancy I would like to follow up. In combination you can't look at it as just a silo one item. When we saw the General Fund Balance in total revenue shrinking that was also part of my concern to bring it to your attention."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I don't think this was ever brought to our attention. Last year you did not mention that did you?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Right, but the balance was not at $1,800,000.00 it was at $1,200,000.00 and the general fund had a fund balance of $600,000.00. It was presentable and talking with management there were some anticipated revenues to come in so we felt comfortable that the plan was there to pay it back."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Because it was an audit when you presented everything just to let us know that had happen and we would know what to expect the following years especially if we were falling short. If we knew last year that this money was taken from the General Fund, I mean from the Smooth Ride Home and used in the General Fund it would not be such a surprise I think."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I apologize. It was presented in the Audit Report all the due to do funds are in there. We had our meeting."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That was not mention. You and I had extensive talks and I asked you a lot of questions and that was never brought up. I was not aware of that."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "My question is this: Special Revenue Funds as Revised Statue 39704 specifically for Road District 1 Sales Tax Fund. I understand other funds within multi funds that we have in our parish that you can borrow from them and pay them back within the year. Is here a law that decides that we can borrow from a dedicated fund? I may ask Legal Counsel on that?"

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley stated, "I am thinking that his answers are all related to accepted accounting and auditing procedures. What you all are asking is basically criminal type legal questions. I think that is why he can't answer them."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is correct."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Does the statue allow that?"

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley stated, "I think it is allowed within an agency. Whether or not it is some kind of a criminal act is a whole different thing."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Moosa at our meeting last week you said that it was okay to transfer money for a short term is that correct?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is correct."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "You also said in your audit report that you have been knowing that they have been transferring money for four years, is that correct? The first year, $200,000.00, the second year $500,000.00, the third year $900,000.00 and the fourth year $1,800,000.00 is that correct? Is that what you said? Is that short term to you?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "To answer your question if that is short term my answer is: Yes."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Four years is short term, okay. Thank you."

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley questioned, "What statue is he relying on to answer your questions?"

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "We have a dedicated road fund that these constituents voted for. It is called the Smooth Ride Home and that is what that is. It is dedicated for roads only."

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley stated, "Right but you are asking if the statue allow that."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Allows us to borrow money from that fund to balance your budget."

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley stated, "Which statue are you talking about?"

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "39704. Do you want me to read what it says?"

Legal Counsel Randy Wagley stated, "Yes."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Proceeds of the Special Tax Fund. The proceeds of any special tax shall constitute a trust fund to be used exclusively for the objects and purposes for which the tax were levied. The records, the taxing authority shall clearly reflect the objects and purpose for which the proceeds of the tax are used. We have that documentation of how it was used and when it was used and how much was used? I have never seen anything."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "The revenues that go into the sales tax fund there is a separate special revenue fund that accounts for the revenues and the expenses paid out of that fund and or transferred to debt service because part of that statue says it can be used for debt service payments for roads projects. It is a separate fund, it is accounted for in their revenue and expense schedule to reflect that. What we are reporting here is monies reported as a due to do fund taken out of the account not spent and will come back, that is the intent."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "It have to come back within the given year or there is no specifications on that."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "The best practice of standards tell you that it should be paid back within a reasonable period of time. It is not meant to be long term. When we come in to do our audit usually in April or May we have a few months after year end and we can follow up and ask if this money have been paid back. Most years we have seen some amounts have been paid back. When we went back and started seeing a trend of increases and reflecting the General Fund-Fund Balance not being very robust, it was negative this year we felt if we continue this process, this trend will it be paid back so I am bringing it to your attention. Before it gets really bad let's start addressing it and that is what we are trying to do now. That is why I brought it to your attention in the audit. I was asked at the last report what recommendation do I have to bring it back. I am not part of management but what I did do during my process, and I handed you all a sheet of paper, loose leaf, showing what monies does the parish receives for prisoner maintenance and expenses? The Parish receives an Ad Valorem Tax that the tax payers passed for Jail Maintenance. The parish received $850,000.00 per year for Jail Maintenance. The parish also receives inmate revenue for housing inmates, we get reimburse so much. The parish received $172,000.00. That part is highlighted in green. There is a special revenue fund called Jail Maintenance. It is for maintaining the jail prisoners. The parish spent just over $1,400,000.00 dollars this past year so we have about $1,000,000.00 of revenue coming in and we have $1,400,000.00 being spent so the parish is short $370,000.00. We have to do something as a parish. You are the council working with the parish president on either raising revenues but I don't know how you can cut cost because as a prisoner you can't control who comes and if they get sick while they are in your jail. I do know that for the last several years the parish president have been speaking to you all about speaking to the other agencies in the parish to try and help to cover some of those cost and that is an idea working with your other agencies as a group. You all are working for the same people. The same people that voted for each one of you voted for Parish President and you all are all working together so let's work together to see if we can come up with a way to help cover these cost in the jail and you can continue doing other services. This is just one example and I just wanted to bring it to your attention which I know that you are aware of."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “I did not finish my question and you jumped over to this. My point is this: We know your audit report is to identify deficiencies but not making recommendations accordingly is that correct? You don’t make recommendations on how to fix it or could you? Will we have to ask you that?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “If we come in and start analyzing it and detailing it yes.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Yes we would like to have it in detail.”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “What I was able to do was point out one small item but I can’t act upon it. The parish have a millage, this ad Valorem tax for the jail and it raises $850,000.00. I think that is a one mill so the question is this: do you want to raise the mill to two mills and raise another $800,000.00 and you will have revenue covered jails.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “While you are on the jail Maintenance Fund 24 the adopted 2025 budget shows a transfer out of Fund 24 which is the Jail Maintenance Fund to the General Fund, Fund 11 for $82,823.00. Were you able to reconcile that transfer?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “The transfer what we do is part of the audit. We verify that the transfer was matched on the other side. We know that one side have the revenue and one side have the expense.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “But you did not reconcile that?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “As part of the audit procedures when you say reconcile what are you asking?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, “In other words it is a dedicated tax for jail maintenance why would we be allowed to transfer it to the General Fund?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “Because the General Fund may have paid for expenses related to the jail that they were reimbursing so it is transferred over to cover those cost. That is what happened.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Mr. Moosa, back to the Smooth Ride Home Project. When funds were transferred from this program to the General Fund was it being done with the intention of expecting other funds to come in to repay it? Do you know this?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “That is based on the accounting, yes and based on our discussion with management.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Do you know if those funds ever came in?”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “Were repaid?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “The funds they were expecting to utilize to put it back.”

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, “Additional revenue no there have been some delays in additional revenues. That have put a hindrance on repaying those amounts. In prior years some amounts have been repaid and the process was applied properly but under this year’s circumstances it is a snapshot. We come in and look at your December 2025 financial situation and we see that the General Fund was almost out of money, the Fund Balance is negative. It is a deficit and it owes money to the other funds so we needed to bring that too your attention and speak with the president. In the process of this year's budget he spoke with the Legislative Auditors or his team did and they recommended that everything is looking good for this year but before year end when you do your budget process you need to address this amount of money and start showing a plan to pay it back. It is the plan that needs to be identified. The Legislative Auditors did not say five days, ten days or six months they just said to start a plan. If we can see that when your yearend closes next year then we are in the right direction."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "So the funds that they were expecting on utilizing to replace this is it possible that they will receive those funds later on?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Yes there is."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Moosa, I alluded the other night about this situation with this tax situation. The school board is going through so big changes right now. How are we going to look to bring this tax up for renewal in 2029, that is when it will come up if I am not mistaken, how are we going to look where you still have monies that are owed to Parish Government to these other funds out of that Smooth Ride Home. How are we going to look to try and renew that tax?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I think if you can explain it and show your constituents that you are working with them and heading in the right direction. It is not like the money was used and missing it was used for services that the citizens want to continue seeing. Right after the last meeting what was one of the suggestions to end? Animal Control. It is costing the parish $600,000.00 per year. With the citizens talking the parish will get some donations to help cover that. That is another way of helping out the parish. That is why bringing it up and talking about it and if you all work together you all can get some more money coming into the parish to help cover the existing services being provide, that is the goal to continue providing services. We have to bring it to your attention that the monies is needed to be used for the intended purposes and borrowing a little bit and using it to help cover some of the short falls is fine but you all need to have a plan to pay it back. You don't want to use the money and say okay I am just going to forget about it but it is to continue with a plan to improve operations and raise revenues and cut services, it is easy for me to say. It comes back to everyone here for you to speak with your constituents and say we are trying to work with the money that we have with priorities. You have 10 priorities buy we can't work on all of them there have to be some give and take. That is the way that government have to run."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "My next question is this: "Whenever the Health Unit Tax was renewed it was on the ballot that certain monies was going to be use within that fund to fund the Animal Shelter."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is correct."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "So we ran out of money in the Health Unit where we have to close the Animal Shelter."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Hold on Mr. Ardoin. It was never in the Referendum."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "It was never in the Referendum."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No sir."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "If I am not mistaken I have copy of it here."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you read the Referendum you will see that it does not say anything about Animal Control. Not the bottom age, look at the actual white section."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The white section, okay. It was always said that we were going to use it for the Animal Shelter better for the health of the people with the Animal Shelter being funded."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Whenever we got here in 2004 the Police Jury was using it for the Animal Control Shelter."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "In this deal what does it say at the bottom, Animal Control."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you look at the white section which is what is on the ballot it does not say anything about Animal Control."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Why was this on here?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have no idea. I did not put that together so I don't know."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is what perturb some people. They say that you all had it on the ballot."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "From the accounting side of managing your finances you might raise $1,000,000.00 with sales tax for the Health Unit but you have to run your clinics and you have 3 or 4 health units in the parish. Do you have to close some of those? You try to do both, you try to balance it and that is what you all have done."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We need to know that. Are we getting a report saying that we have some deficiencies? No we are not getting any reports. My next question is this: You said the Smooth Ride Home borrowed some money over a four year period. Are there any other road districts? I have a road district, Mr. Alvin Stelly have a road district and Ms. Vivian Olivier have a road district. We still have some road districts that comes into parish government. Have those been tapped into?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "First I would like to back up. You are talking about borrowings. These are not borrowings in terms where you have interest back and forth, advances were made from one fund to another with anticipation of paying it back. We have in the report disclosed yes every fund either have a do to due fund from itself and it is reported on the balance sheet of each fund to reflect those balances."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Are you going to bring that to our attention?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "It is in the Audit Report."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I know what you are stating but I am asking if you are at liberty to tell me that they all are alright. Those three road districts that I am naming to you?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "If I recall a couple of the road districts do have monies that are due from other funds. I am not sure which funds at this point but it could be the road and bridge or it could be another one. But yes there is some funds. It is in the disclosure the total of all balance owed and advanced from each fund and which fund owes which fund."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I find it very peculiar. I don't want to lean on him but I have asked for some roads to be overlaid in the district. The people just renewed the tax in District 9 which is Fund 42. No roads are being overlaid. You have that money there if it is right and those numbers are correct. Why is it that some of these roads are not getting overlaid? We just got it renewed. When it will come up again they will say that we did not do anything with overlaying some roads. That is my concern."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can answer that question."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Well answer it Mr. Bellard please because you have to answer somethings here tonight."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well I don't have to answer nothing. I am just going to tell you. Here is the thing. Whenever you ask me to do some roads what I do is this: I go back and look at the entire district, not just the handpicked roads that you take care of and nobody else."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Well I am looking at the worst ones Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have the floor, I have the floor. Whenever I make a decision and I am overlaying roads I will let you know which roads we will be doing. Just because you make that recommendation doesn't mean we are going to do those roads, I done told you that before. They had roads in your district that never saw a piece of blacktop before because they had trailer houses living on that property so that is why I am looking at everything as a whole and not just the ones that you want to do. The roads are going to get overlaid it just not going to be the ones that you want all the time."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, out of all due respect you overlaid Tom Schexnayder Road and now it is tore up because the cane farmers tore it up and you know that. You just mentioned the ones with the mobile homes. They have 40 mobile homes down there but with the cane farmers we have to spend some more money repair it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "And we addressed that issue when passing that ordinance about the cane farmers."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I am concerned if our money is accounted for in those 3 road districts, that is what I am concerned about. Thank you."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, "Getting back to the Animal Shelter the 2025 adopted budget all of the animal expenses are paid out of the health care unit, $553,000.00 or 25% of the budget okay. Additionally the adopted 2026 budget in Fund 23 the Health Unit Fund shows a total revenue of $2,300,000.00 with expenditures of $528,000.00 or 23% for animal control. This is Mr. Bellard's budget that was adopted by the council. Additional the 2025 Audit shows a surplus of $790,000.00, your figures shows that. So why are we closing the Animal Shelter? I will tell you why: Because if you take the Ad Valorem Tax which is the large portion of the $2,300,000.00 and divide it by 12 months but at 7 months we had to close it down we spent 7 times 200 thousand is $1,400,000.00. We are out of money because the Ad Valorem Tax don't come in until the end of the year so I am think it was bogus to say that we had to close it down to pay off the General Fund because we could not use that money anyway."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Mr. Taylor, on page 14 is the Health Unit Maintenance Fund. It is the third column from the left. Total revenue for 2025 is $2,400,000.00 and the total expenses is $2,500,000.00 so they have a shortfall of $116,000.00 and you said they had a Surplus of $700,000.00 that is the budget I believe."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "If you look on the pages that I just mentioned that is what it shows. Page 11."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "On page 11 that is the balance sheet. That is their Fund Balance that they have available for future years, yes. They do still have money available."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Reconcile that for me."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Let's go back to page 14."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Well on page 11 under the General Fund you showed $1,600,000.00 and that is correct, that is what you said it was then you said $874,000.00 for the Road and Bridge Fund and $790,000.00 Surplus in the Health Unit Fund and in the Airport Fund we have a negative $274,000.00 so why are we changing pages on this? That is no correct?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "A surplus is not on the balance sheet. That is a Cumulative Balance since the existence of the health unit."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Okay so go back to page 15 and tell me how much money we have in the Health Unit Fund***?"***

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "To know how much money you have available in the Health Unit?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "At the end of the year, December 31st, 2025 what did we have?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Your fund balance was $790,000.00. But let's go back. You said you had a surplus for that year but it is not for the year it is cumulative."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "At the end of 2025 we had $790,000.00 is that correct?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "And cash in the bank was $28,000.000 and receivables was $1,700,000.00. So it was not like the money was available."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "So why did you say that we were negative on that one too. Listen I am not an accountant but I can tell bull when I see it."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Sir, I am trying to explain to you. Revenues less expenses gives you a profit or loss, surplus or shortfall."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Moosa, I told you last time if my accountant treated me like you are treating us I would have fired him a long time ago. Thank you for your time. Does anyone else have something they want to ask?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I appreciate it."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I have a question for Mr. Bellard. I know, I hear and I see. Do you have a plan in place to take care of this business that is all confusing, corrupt?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is no confusing, there is corruption there is no nothing. That is the whole thing. There is only two councilmembers that is trying to portray that and it is not. The difference between a balance sheet and the cash he should know what that is but evidently he doesn't. At the end of the day we have our plan and it is called the budget. The budget is coming back in front of the council in October and at that time I will sit down with the councilmembers and I will explain to them what we will be doing and how we will be doing it and by that time we will have everything in place and we will answer the questions at that point."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Bellard, isn't it a fact that maybe one of your people over in your administration is saying that you all are having trouble to meet payroll?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, it is not a fact. It is just you that is saying that, yes it is you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "No, no, oh no, it is not me. It was brought to our attention."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can only imagine. Between you and Harold you all spread so many lies it is ridiculous. At least I know the difference between a balance sheet and a budget."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "On the Annual Audit Report that you provided to us there are findings in that report at the closing of the report. Who is responsible, besides administration, who is responsible for making the corrective actions of the findings in an audit? How do we know if they have been done or not?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "It would be the everyday management's responsibility because they are handling it every day and bring it to you all's attention."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Okay that is fine. The other thing is the Special Funds. We spoke about Road District 1. We also have a fund called Opioid Settlement that you are familiar with, right Opioid. That is specifically to be used for certain things right from what it is stated."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is right, that is Federal Grants, Federal Dollars that is correct."

Councilman Ken Marks continued, "So for the General Fund purpose how is that compliant with the restrictions that are supplied for their funding? How are we allowing this to be used elsewhere? Transferred to another fund."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "There are certain expenditures that can be reimburse."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Certain, so identify certain expenditures."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "I don't have the Opioid Program in front of me but if they qualify under the Opioid Purpose, whether it is mental health or anything to do with drug additions and so forth."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "That is right, we read that but if it is not going to that and it is going to something else?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "It is not spent necessarily in the Opioid Fund. That is a catch where the revenue comes in. Just like you get an invoice if they turn in support that supports the use of those funds it can be taken and transferred and paid in the other fund."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Okay, my last question is this: We know that you had the annual report, do you have snapshots during the year that you come back and tell us your findings after a quarter or six months or three-quarters of the year so that we can have your expertise knowledge of knowing where we are from a snapshot standpoint."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "Right again that would be an addition."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "A request from us."

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is right.

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Are we requesting for you to show up one a year and give us an Audit Report?"

Mr. Steve Moosa, Auditor stated, "That is correct."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Anyone else? Thank you Mr. Moosa."

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only report that I have is the update on the Nap Lane Project. Hopefully within the next week or so we are going to be able to start the utility easements and the plans to be finalized. This is a long process for Nap Lane. This has been going on for almost two years. The State have to approve a lot of these plans because Nap Lane is going to both state roads so they have to approve them. They are doing their study and they are doing traffic studies but as of right now we are looking at utilities and the easements on the side of the road. The other thing is our Clearance Program. We started out doing then and we only have 26 of them that is approved by the state. We got two of them done. We will have extra money to spend on demolishing these houses so we are going to submit more houses at a later date. This is costing us about $4,500.00 per house right now to tear them down. It was estimated with the contractor at over $20,000.00 per house so that is why they only approve 26 homes to be torn down. Once we get to the end of that we will be able to submit some more homes to be demolished."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "The problem with the jail maintenance and elevation of expenditures. Is there any way that we can get some clarity because there are so many things going on out there and we don't know what is true and what is not true. Can we get the Sheriff to come over here and let him tell us what is going on and what he expect?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "At the end of the day this is the issue with the jail. A lot of people would say I can't believe this is true but everything at that jail across the street and everybody should know this the sheriff only pays the deputies."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "I know that."

Parish President Jessie Bellard continued, "Whenever the deputies' transport an inmate that bill is brought to us and we pay the deputy. Hospital bills, we pay all of those hospital bills. Everything dealing with the inmate is us. The sheriff really don't have to much control on these inmates because they bring them into the jail and we are stuck with them. He has to take them into the jail and once he takes them in they become our issue no matter how sick they are or whatever the case may be. The criminals are actually dictating to us what our budget is going to allow and not allow."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "My last question is this: The Charter that was established many years ago have never been amended, never been approached, never been looked at for clarification in today's cost of everything then 50% or 60% increase. You had mentioned something about Legislative Action that you were thinking about or talking about, look this is a state problem, this is not just our problem. We need to get some teeth to this thing pretty soon."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is correct. So the 5 year average of housing an inmate in our jail is $18.38 per day per inmate. It is going up every year as everybody knows. It is not because the system is not moving, so the system is moving but today we have 71 state inmates across the street, okay. That brings in a total of about $2,300.00 per day that goes to the sheriff's office, it does not come to us."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Again, that is Legislation."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Exactly."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Do we have an action time to get that looked at?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will be honest with you all. Last year we asked the Sheriff's Association for one thing. The Parish Presidents and the Police Jury Association asked the Sheriff's Association for one thing. Instead of shipping an inmate out at their own whelm we ask them to let us know when they are doing it. Not for them to pay it but just let us know that I am shipping out five inmates, they did not want to do that. We know that we will be having a fight at the Capital if we even try that and try to find a Legislation that is going to do it. I am just being honest with you all."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "It probably will remain the same."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't see a change happening anytime soon."

Councilman Ken marks stated, "That is a shame."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "I have two questions. I know you talked about making cuts in Code Enforcement and you mentioned about tearing down more house. What about the grass cutting and the other part of Code Enforcement."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So Code Enforcement as it stands now is pretty much self-sufficient because of the adjudicated properties and everything that is happening. When we cut some grass and do some things we put liens on properties so the money is coming into to be self-sufficient. As long as it can stay like it is we are going to continue doing this because believe it or not that is an everyday deal right now. People don't take care of their properties and we have to go and handle it for them if we had to cut that service out. My only problem is this: The services that we would have to cut as a government is really ridiculous. We get $2,600,000.00 a year in Ad Valorem Taxes for General Fund. We got $4,600.000.00 in Mandates Expenses. Every year we are behind the gun by $2,000,000.00. It is nobody's fault, honestly it is not, it is the system but the people who are paying taxes in this parish are not going to be getting services because of other mandates that we have no choice but to pay. What I am saying is this: I don't want to cut out anything that the people are getting now because that is all that we have left. The next round of cuts we will be cutting some services that I don't want to have to cut. There are a couple of options that is going to be on the table and the council to decide what they want to do with it if they want to or not and I will bring that to the council. The law allows us a couple of things and I am not in favor of either one of them but it will be a council decision and whatever you all decide I am good with it."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Since you are bring up cuts, I have one suggestion, I don't know if the law allows it, is it any way possible with the Indian Hills, is there any way possible if the law allows it that we get rid of it and that would save us some money?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The state gave us that money to buy it."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That is why I say the law allows it. I know they gave us the grant and I was just wondering. We are paying to remodel and to upgrade and to maintain it but they gave us the money to buy it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They gave us a little extra money to do some renovations."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "If it is going to be expensive for us to maintain it is that an option? Or can we discuss this later?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can get with the appropriations in Baton Rouge and see how that is done. I imagine there is a way to do it. I don't know if there is any language that says so many years but I can check on that."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Mr. Bellard, where are we at on going to court with Bobby Guidroz about getting more money for the jail and inmates?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This is what I did day before yesterday. I talked to our attorney and I will be honest with everybody. I don't have no confidence in the system. Not so much the Judicial System just the overall system. I was at a function this weekend and the Legislatures were there. I don't care what we do and going back to Mr. Marks's comments, we don't have a chance to change anything in the statues that is going to benefit the government. I don't see it happening. What I asked Lance to do was to contact his attorney and come with some type of figure that would be suitable for all of us. It is costing us $18.38 per day right now to have an inmate in there and he is getting $29.39 per inmate per day, for state inmates. All I am saying is this: Pay what it cost us and that would be about $340,000.00 plus per year on an average. That would fill the gap. At least we would get some of our money back because that is our expense."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Will you have to go to court?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As far as for going to court it is going to be two years, it is a game. It is a slow process and I am just giving up on the process. Anyhow if we go to Baton Rouge we won't get anything done. So we try and negotiate and try to get some of this state money coming in or then go to court but I think negotiations could happen. Do we get the whole $18.38, probably not but we should get something more than $350.00 per day."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "I know that Tangipahoa Parish got it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Tangipahoa Parish won their case but it got into the Appellate Court now, no telling how long it is going to take. Other parishes that did the same thing we are going they have won their cases against the sheriff's office. It is going to take years for it to come out of the Appellate Courts. Again the state inmate problem across the street is not going away. It is not the Sheriff's fault, I am telling you all. The system is working and they become adjudicated to the state. The ADA and everybody is doing their work in court. Whenever they get adjudicated to the state the state is full. I called the state and I talked to the secretary. He told me they don't have no room for them. They have to put them here, so what do we do? If we could get our cost back I would be happy."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Bellard in the 2026 final budget, Fund 21, the Road and Bridge Fund, the budget shows that we transferred in from Fund 21 which is the Smooth Ride Home the Sales Tax Fund in the amount of $1,200,000.00, have you drawn down into that yet in 2026?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am pretty sure we did, yes."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "You do realize that you are taking it out of this $1,800,000.00."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes and let me tell you all."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Can you quit taking any."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can tell you all right now. Whenever you look at the Referendum that was put on the ballot there was one word in that Referendum that me and Timmy fought."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "My point is this: We have already been written up about it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you will let me finish I will explain it to you Harold. Timmy and I fought this one word. It is called: Road Improvements that was put in that Referendum. Whenever you improve a road you can put limestone on the road and you are improving that road. That was not the intent of the tax. It legally can be done. I don't agree with it but it legally can be done. It is a road improvement. Timmy and I fought that word because that is what we are worried about."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "On the $4,100,000.00 you have in Lieu of Taxes. Do you have any of that money yet?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We got some money but not from the Solar Farms."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "How much is some?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We did not get the money from the Solar Farms."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "What do you expect out of the $4,100,000.00?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will have to wait until the end of the year. I can tell you at the end of the year."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Do you realize every dollar that you don't get is that much more in debt that we are? Do you realize that? Out of a $10,000,000.00 budget 40% of it is tied up in promise money that we are not going to get one portion of it. How much was that for NextEra? Roughly."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "All together it was $6,000,000.00 from NextEra."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "How much are we going to get out of it?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't remember how much we put in for this year. But if you realize it and you are talking about 40% but look on the Expense side, it is a wash. If we don't get it we don't spend it. Just look at the budget."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "No, that is part of the $10,000,000.00 Jessie."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is also part of the $10,000,000.00 on the Expense side too."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "No wonder we are in trouble."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you look at your revenue and look at your expenses you have to pay back the debt and that is what it is for."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Then we owe $4,000,000.00 on those bonds. Did you pay those back yet?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We paid $1,600,000.00 this year."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "That is what they rolled over from the year before that we did not pay is that correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is $1,300,000.00 left."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "$1,300,000.00 out of the $4,000,000.00?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There was no $4,000,000.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Well it was $2,900,000.00 that you borrowed from the bank and they rolled $1,300,000.00 over because you did not have the money to pay for it last year is that correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "$2,900,000.00 last year. We paid $1,600,000.00 this year on that $2,900,000.00. There is no $4,000,000.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Jessie, you had $1,300,000.00 you did not pay last year and the bank rolled it forward for you. I guess you reported that to the proper authorities, I am sure that you did it properly. You should have informed us that you did that but you did not. Then the bank loaned you $2,900,000.00."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, I just got finish telling you Harold. $2,900,000.00 is the total dollar amount. The Bond Commission authorized $4,000,000.00 and we did not use $4,000,000.00 we used $2,900,000.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "I got you but you still owe the $1,300,000.00 don't you?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is what is left this year."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Have you paid the $2,900,000.00 back already?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Oh my God."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "I am just asking a question."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am finished, I am finish answering those questions?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "No you are not telling it straight. You haven't paid any of that back."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Harold, $2,900,000.00 is what was borrowed last year. We have paid back $1,600,000.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "What about the $1,300,000.00 that they rolled over from the year before."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Take me Jesus, I am done. I can't explain it to you no better than that."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "I am done too."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "A few years back we had a meeting with the Sheriff where we kind of negotiated some things with the ankle bracelets and trying to help us with the cost. Is it any way possible that we could meet with sheriff again and see where we could get some assistance? He was very willing to help us when we had that meeting and you were involved in it. Whatever we can get."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So the ankle bracelets is not an option because they had an issue with a person that was going to a murder trial and they did not report that the actual ankle bracelet guy had cut it off. So now they don't want to do ankle bracelets at all."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I was just using that as an example of negotiations and try to come to something with the Sheriff that maybe he could help us out even if it is in the littlest way."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Let me explain that to you. I sat down with the Sheriff. This was two years ago and I asked him if he would at least pay the $17.00 a day for the state inmates, that is the cost it was at that time and he agreed to do that. Only for less than a month later to say no we are not doing that."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That is why I said a meeting with the sheriff and the council members and yourself."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all are welcome to call the Sheriff anytime you all want however we do have counsel on this case. We have a lawsuit against the sheriff and Lance is talking to his counsel at this time. If you all want to call the sheriff and meet with him that is on you all but I advise not to."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That is fine since it is in litigation that is fine. I was just trying to come up with a solution that may help. Have the agreement with NextEra been signed?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, "What agreement?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "The NextEra Agreement."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Everything is signed with NextEra. I did get some clarification today that I cannot discuss in front of anybody until it actually happens. That will be done within the next month or so after they do what they have to do then I can come back and do something publically with it."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Mr. President I understand the situation with the Police Jury Association and the Sheriff's Association. Are you telling me they actually gather around the table and the have some discussions in reference to this? If not it would behoove us that they do but where is the Governor involved in this? Is he aware of the state problem? Does he have any recommendations?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We did meet with the governor. We meet with him last year in reference to a lot of these mandated expenses and he does have the list of mandated expenses. We have not sat down with him since then but the Police Jury Association and the Parish President's Association did meet with the Sheriff's Association and ask for that one thing to let us know whenever you are shipping an inmate out and they did not want to do that. That is where we stand on those issues. Again these laws were put in place in the 70 and the 80 whenever the sheriff's association or the sheriff did not have a tax."

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "So it is null and void right now."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yeah, I will just tell you. Not the interaction that I have been having with them."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "The Juvenile Facility how is that going. It was the 8 parishes that was getting together to build a facility. What is going on with that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So the Juveniles are being housed at Jackson Parish. We have a contract with them. The contract is going up to $275.00 per day per Juvenile. There is nothing that we can do about the juveniles, I will be honest with you all and it is just ridiculous."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "So the facility there?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is a Juvenile Justice District Board. I got off of it because nobody wants to pay a tax, nobody wants to do anything and to be honest with you all we had an option on the table for the state to help us with something and they just refused. I am not going to sit on the board if we are not going to make some kind of progress. It takes too long to do anything and most of these parishes want to get out of that district. Right now it is in the Governor's hands of what they are going to do with that district and what is going to happen with juveniles."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "You gave us a list of the houses that you are going to demolish. Have you given us a list?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Okay, would you revise that list."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, we are going to send you another one. It is just houses that was taken off of it but yes."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Okay at the next council meeting you will have it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will just e-mail it to Sherell."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Okay, thank you."

Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor stated, "Do we have a motion and a second to send the report up."

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT**: Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED**: None.
Motion carried.

6. **Forward to Regular Meeting**: **Resolution No. 012-2026**.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will just be the pass thru agent for them. It does not cost the parish anything. We filed on their behalf last year so it is going to get to us and it will go to them so they can better their water system."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to forward to Regular Meeting held on ***Wednesday, August 19, 2026*** to adopt ***Resolution No. 012-2026***.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT**: Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED**: None.
Motion forwarded.

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) 2026 PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM – PLAISANCE WATER SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government previously adopted certain policies and procedures in connection with the administration of the 2025 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Clearance Program Grant and the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that these policies and procedures remain current, appropriate, and consistent with applicable federal and state requirements governing Community Development Block Grant-funded activities; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government desires to formally adopt and utilize these policies and procedures for the administration of the LCDBG 2026 Public Facilities Grant for the Plaisance Water System Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government that the following policies and procedures are hereby adopted and shall govern the administration of the LCDBG 2026 Public Facilities Grant for the Plaisance Water System Project:

Section 504 Communication Policy;
Grievance Procedure;
Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; and
Procurement Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Candace Leday is hereby designated to serve as the Section 504 Coordinator and Fair Housing Coordinator for the St. Landry Parish Government for purposes of the LCDBG 2026 Public Facilities Grant, as well as other active LCDBG & CDBG-DR Grants.

The contact information for the Section 504 and Fair Housing Coordinator is as follows:

Candace Leday
Section 504 and Fair Housing Coordinator
St. Landry Parish Government
Phone: (337) 948-3688

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President and all appropriate Parish officials are authorized to implement and administer these policies and procedures and to take all actions necessary to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and program requirements associated with the LCDBG 2026 Public Facilities Grant.

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

   Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "The McNeese Project, how is it looking? We were going to assist the drainage board."

   Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will. I will check with the contractor and see where he is at with it. I did not talk to him but I will talk to him tomorrow."

8. **Adjourn**.

   A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.
   On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks and Timmy Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED**: None.
   Motion carried

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