

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 19th, day of August, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
Chairman Wayne Ardoin ask that all electronic devices be silenced.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** None.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The District Attorney’s Office is being represented by Attorney Tommy Dejean in the absence of Garrett Duplechain.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do we have to amend the agenda?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir. We are going to amend it. Just one second, I am coming to that Sir. The next item we need is to amend the agenda. We have two items. I will ask for item number one: The Parish President is requesting a plan to create a nonprofit for the Animal Shelter. Do I have a motion?”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to amend the agenda to add as line item no. 7 to authorize the council to allow the Parish President to create a nonprofit for the Animal Shelter.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to amend the agenda to add as line item no. 8 to authorize the council to appoint Merit Burleigh as the Official Representative for the St Landry E-911 Board of Commission nominated by Sheriff Bobby Guidroiz effective September 1st, 2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, I have another item, a Resolution. **Resolution No. 013-2026.** A Resolution accepting the donation of equipment from Solid Waste to St. Landry Parish Government.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to amend the agenda to add as line item no. 9 on the agenda to Adopt **Resolution No. 013-2026.** A Resolution accepting the donation of equipment from Solid Waste to the St. Landry Parish Government.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2026

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, *St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District* has offered to donate certain equipment to St. Landry Parish Government; and
WHEREAS, the Council of St. Landry Parish Government finds that accepting the equipment will serve a public purpose and benefit the residents of St. Landry Parish; and
WHEREAS, the donated equipment will be accepted in its present condition, subject to any applicable inspection, transfer, title, inventory, and administrative requirements.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of St. Landry Parish Government that St. Landry Parish Government hereby accepts the donation from *St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District* of the equipment listed below.

Donated Equipment

Asset No.	Equipment Description
479	Truck - 2009 In't 7400 Grabber; VIN: 1HTWGAAR99J076366
506	Loader/Bobcat S300 Skid Steer
508	JD 3520 Tractor with Loader/Backhoe
509	Bobcat Track Kit 12x16.5 with Wheel Spacer Imp attached to Asset 506
524	Cutters-Rotary (1) JD CX15
525	Mowers-Boom (2) Tiger Model TRB-50C-SS Hyd
531	2003 Tractor Day Cab Truck; VIN: 3HSCHAER63N063352
532	2003 Mate 30-foot Trailer; VIN: 1M9A303383H036877
633	2006 International Dump Truck; VIN: 1HSHXAHR26J248851
634	2006 International Dump Truck; VIN: 1HSHXAHR06J248864

Authorization

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President, together with any appropriate administrative officials, is authorized to execute documents and take actions reasonably necessary to complete the donation and place the equipment into the Parish Government's inventory.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adoption

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Council of St. Landry Parish Government held in Opelousas, Louisiana, on the 19th day of August, 2026, after a motion, second, and favorable vote.

IV. CONDOLENCES:

- Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:** Katelyn Adams LeBlanc, Quentin Francis Tyler, Herbert Lee Brown.
- Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:** Darrell James Thomas, Cephus Green Jr., Edward Thomas Sr., Esta Dominick Davis Collier, Joyce Guillory, Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Myers, Katelyn Adams LeBlanc, Jessline ‘Shorty’ Howard Soileau, Arthur Lee Keys, Herman Lee Kerry, Laura Jane Robertson, Germaine Ann Richard, Lacie Mae Andrus, Herbert Lee Brown, Dr. Gary Charles Simon, Flanoid Joubert, Tatum Monique Grace Johnson, Clarence John Gobert, Cindy Lynn Menard, Richard LaFleur.
- Councilman Harold Taylor:** Sue Soileau Brignac Durand.
- Councilman Ken Marks:** Donald Ray Richard, James Fontenot, Lester Lehn Bourque, Dolores K. Soileau.
- Councilwoman Vivian Olivier:** Paulette Olivier Sibille.
- Chairman Wayne Ardoin:** Michael Ray Cummings, Jude ‘Wayne’ Leger, Charles ‘Byrd’ Kenneth Inhern, Jessline ‘Shorty’ Howard Soileau, Katelyn Adams-LeBlanc, Lester Lehn Bourque, Shirley Marie Beaugh, Dolores K. Soileau, Mickey James Guillory,

Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Myers, Sue Soileau Brignac Durand, Carroll Lee Castille, Quentin Francis Tyler.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Herbert Lee Brown, Dr. Gary Charles Simon, Germaine Ann Richard.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Virginia Lee Moody, Mickey James Guillory

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.*

V. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director Solid Waste Disposal District Addressed the council. He stated, “Ladies and gentlemen of the Parish Council, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen in the audience I stand before you today to express my sincere appreciation for your service both past and present and respectfully ask for your support in the re-appointment of my two standing commissioners here with us this evening, Mr. Edward Brisco and Mr. Stephen Quebedeaux. The St. Landry Parish Council is entrusted with appointing four of the nine commissioners who service on the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission at a time when all governmental entities funded through sales tax revenue face increasing budgetary and operational challenges experience integrity and sound judgement have never been more important. Our nine-member commission is composed of individuals from diverse professional backgrounds and communities throughout St. Landry Parish. The diversity has brought representation and enables the commission to make informed decisions that reflect the interest of the citizens we serve. Mr. Ed Brisco has fatefully served on the Solid Waste Commission since 1986. As a retired educator he has devoted his career to shaping lives of countless young people in our parish and instilling knowledge, discipline and values that continue to benefit our community today. Throughout his many years of service on the commission, he has also played an instrumental role in guiding the St. Landry Parish Landfill and have become recognized as the model solid waste facility through his responsible oversight, sound decision-making unweaving commitment to Environmental Stewardship and Fiscal Responsibility. Mr. Stephen Quebedeaux has served on the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission since 2024 following the untimely passing of Dr. Jack Ortego. He is one of the newer members of the commission. He brings the knowledge, judgement and experience of a seasoned veteran. In addition to being a respected farm member Mr. Quebedeaux is a successful business owner. He serves on the St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau and is the Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Farm Agency. His extensive agriculture business and leadership experience provides valuable insight and perspective to the commission. These qualifications combined with his decision to public service make him and outstanding asset to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission. Again, thank you for your time, dedication and your service to the citizens of St. Landry Parish. With the upmost respect to the other applicants, I humbly ask for your support and favorable consideration in re-appointing Mr. Ed Brisco and Mr. Stephen Quebedeaux to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission. Their experience, dedication and unwavering commitment to serving the people of this parish have been valuable to the commission and I firmly believe that their continued service will ensure stability, leadership and stewardship necessary to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I thank you for your time.”

Mr. Jasper Artall Jr. addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Jasper Artall Jr. I go by Jay. I am here to discuss some issues that have come up with the pumping situation we have on Schexnayder Lane. It seems like a lot of mis-information has been handed to some of you and I think Mr. Bellard is still pursuing a study or something on our pump. The judge had ruled in court that that case is over and he still as far as I know is still wanting to pursue some other issues with our pump. If anybody have any questions about anything that we have done or have not done I am here to answer those questions. I would like to state as a common courtesy as the leader of our parish when all of this began if Mr. Jessie would have made a simple phone call to us and asked us if we were even pumping water, we may have given him an answer and we may have been able to work something out. We were never given that opportunity. I read in your minutes at the last meeting that Mr. Jessie said he is willing to compromise, okay. The issue with the compromise is this: When we get 3 or 4 inches of rain in an hour there of portions of Schexnayder Road that goes under

water. I can't turn my pump on if I have to follow that compromise which he has never by the way reached out to us to offer that compromise, but it is in your minutes, okay. I will assure you at no point that my pump ever flooded anybody's property. Our pump never, ever ran over Schexnayder Road, not even right at the pump. I read in your minutes that Soileau Road goes under water, and you suggested that farmers would put at 'T' on the end of their pipe or a 45 at the end of the pipe water would not go against the parish road. Mr. Jessie, you said that you have looked at my pump, what did my pump look like? What do I have at the end of my pump?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not discussing anything in an open meeting that is in litigation and so is this council."

Mr. Jasper Artall Jr. stated, "My pump has a 45, my pump also have a Plunge Pool. Does any know what a Plunge Pool is? A Plunge Pool is an area where the water discharges out of your pump it collects in a certain area so it does not create a current. If you want to see it come and look at it. Our pump was designed by the NRCS when we put it in the eighties. We don't need another study; a study was done before we did it. If the government said you could put the pump right here that is what we did, by the way the pump is in a natural drain, it is not a drain that we dug or created. About 20 years ago we dug a diversion canal, it cost almost one half of a million dollars to divert water away from Schexnayder Lane so that those people would not get the water that they are getting, okay, nobody said anything about that, okay. The levy was built because we use to get bath water, Tech Vermilion eliminated that problem, so we did have to pump occasionally. The only time that we ever turned that pump on might be once or twice a year, it depends on how much rain God give us. It was when Second Lake, when we were discharging the water in that direction crest. I have several gated systems on the farm to keep water from getting into us and when that water crest at Second Lake I had to pump to save my crops, okay. At no point have I ever put a drop of water in somebody's house, at no point, I will reemphasize, if we ever have our pump go over Schexnayder Road. When the water has already gone there before I turn my pump on, I guarantee you when I turn that pump on you would not see a rise. People sat up here and quoted my daddy last week, some man, Mr. Emile, I have been farming there for 65 years, if that man was sitting in this audience, I would not know him, I never saw him, I have never meet him and he has never spoken to me, my father or my uncle. Back in the day when Schexnayder Road was a gravel road and before District 6 raised the road, thank God they did, because we all use the road it did flood, you could ride on a boat. It was not because I was pumping water it was because God gave us more water than our drainage system could handle. I am here to ask if you all have any questions about the situation at hand, I am here to answer them."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Artell, tell me the property that the pump is on, it is the West Atchafalaya Flood Ways, is that correct?"

Mr. Jasper Artall stated, "That is correct."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "What did the United States Government buy whenever they led them to do that? They bought the rights to flood you and flood everybody that lives there. You get a letter every day as I do because I live in that flood ways. They have a right to flood me any time they want. I think it was ridiculous to do what was done but that is another matter. Thank you for being here today."

Mr. Jasper Artall stated, "I would like to say when the water went over the road in St. Landry Parish on HWY 10 in Palmetto, how many farmers were pumping water north of HWY 10, I bet you cannot count them. That water went over HWY 10. It was flooding people's homes. Did anybody there file a lawsuit against those farmers? No, all of that water came when God put thirty inches of rain on us in 12 hours. Sometimes we have to deal with things. When I have a million-dollar crop sitting in the field I am going to pump my water. If I tell you right now it was going to put a drop of water in your house, I would not turn that pump on. Not one single person got water in their house and not one single place on St. Landry Parish, Schexnayder Lane went under water because of my pump. It will flood in different places because there sinks in the road, that is how the road is built. Thank God that St. Landry Parish Road District 6 raised that road so that we can all use it. Dale Mott takes care of our property and does an excellent job. Every time Dale and them come there when they had to clean those ditches out, when they had trees, lawnmowers,

tires, you know how people dump stuff on every road, they did not have a place to go, you would have to come to the landfill. I gave them a place to dump it on my property, so they did not have to drive all the way to Opelousas to get rid of it. We have done things to help, not hurt. You can come and drive along that road and you look at that ditch along my property, it is clean, you don't have a weed in it. I help maintain it and keep it clean because I need to water the floor also, Dale Mott can attest to that if you ever question him."

Mr. Derrick Comeaux addressed the council. He stated, "Good evening, Parish Council I am Derrick Comeaux. I just wanted to come before you all tonight to thank you all for your public service. I think it takes special people to have a call to do Public Service. I wanted to come before you all tonight to announce that I am running for District 9 Parish School Board Seat which is term limited from Mr. Randy Wagley. It is an area that encompasses a big section of St. Landry Parish from HWY 182 and I-49 south into Ms. Vivian's and Mr. Stelly and a mirror image of Mr. Wayne's and Ms. Nancy's districts. I wanted to come and announce that tonight and I appreciate everything that you all do and I will get my feet wet in Public Service, hopefully pretty soon. I appreciate your prayers and support."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz addressed the council. He stated, "Thank you ladies and gentlemen. I have a few things I want to bring out to the public and to you all. Some confusion regarding State Inmates that we house in the parish jail. I am not here to fight I am here to give you all information. That is basically what we are going to do. There seems to be much confusion regarding State Inmates in our parish jail. We realize that your finances are not the best at this point. I will do everything I can, and I have including meeting with the Parish President on the cost of State Inmate food and services. People want to know the number of state inmates in our parish jail, as of today we have 59 State Inmates. That changes from day to day or week to week. Why does it change? Can anybody answer that? Why does it increase or decrease? I am here to tell you all why in case you all don't know. I will educate you on some of the jail protocol. When the District Attorney has a trial and the accused is found guilty of a felony that felon becomes a State Inmate. If he pleads guilty to a felony he or she becomes a State Inmate. By the end of the month, we might have 30, maybe 20 people that either pled guilty to a felony and became a State Inmate or were found guilty of a felony. So that increases our State Inmate Population. I never called State Corrections, I know the gentleman well, Mr. Wescott. He is the secretary of the Department of Public Safety. I have never called him and said: Warden send me 10 or 15 State Inmates, I need the money. I don't have to do that. I would never do that. Some of the other concerns are: What are State Inmate's job while they are incarcerated in our jail? You know what they do? Some of you have called me for help with state inmates. I can't put a pre-trial person that is not convicted on a work detail unless they volunteer, we don't have any volunteers. They don't want to go out there and work unless they have to. State Inmates provide a service. They provide a service to our churches, to our schools, to our public facilities, they do mechanic and maintenance work on all of our vehicles, all the sheriff departments vehicles, everything. They save us a lot of money. They save this parish a lot of money in salaries and related benefits. I like having State Inmates. When they dis-behave, they are gone, we don't pay. Either you are going to behave, or you are not staying here. Guess what? I have no authority, none whatsoever to call one of my transport vans and say take these 10 people to Angola. You know what they will do with those 10 inmates when they get over there, they will say turn that van around and get back to St. Landry Parish. I don't have no sheriff in this parish having the authority to send inmates back to Angola. You know why? That is not just in St. Landry Parish. You know why? The state law says I cannot send State Inmates to Angola at my whim. I cannot because they are scrambling for jail beds also. They have no room, they have none. Why or how does the State Inmates increase or decrease from week to week? I just answered that for you all. It was one of the first things that I said. When they plead guilty to a felony they become a state inmate. When they are found guilty of a felony they become a state inmate. We don't have to call the Secretary of the Department of Corrections to get inmates here. I am calling them daily to come and get them out and they are not doing it, and it is timely, it takes 6-8 weeks. We have 5 that are ready today to be shipped, and they will not take them until they are ready. We all have to bear the burden and the cost, unfortunately. I want to be a good steward for my department's finances. I think we have done that in the last 20 years. There are some things that I have to do to maintain a working environment with these inmates. If they don't want to work guess what they are going to

do? They are going to stay overcrowded in this jail and in the trustee dorm and do nothing, but they want to work. Those are the ones that are helping us to maintain vehicles, the complex, sometimes in the parish jail they will mop the floors, they will do things for the churches, again, I am repeating myself but those are the things that we need state inmates for. Why not just transport state inmates to the state facilities? Because I don't have the authority to pick up the phone and say Gary Wescott come and get these 70, 50 or 40 inmates of yours out. I don't have that authority, we do not have the power over the state department of corrections, no sheriff does. There are a few things that I would like to mention as well. As I mentioned today, we have 59 State Inmates in our jail. We have 54 ready to be gone within 7 days. We have 5 ready today to be shipped. That number can change daily if the Department of Corrections have the facility or the beds to place them. I wanted you all to understand that. If ever you assume later that the sheriff is keeping these state inmates or the sheriff is keeping state inmates because I get almost \$30.00 per day, I do from the state for every state inmate I have in my jail, everyone. Almost \$30.00 per day, I pay the sheriff does, I pay for their medicine, I pay for their uniform, I pay for transporting them and we have a lot of cost involved. I know that Parish Government does as well, I do know that. I am going to get to that in a minute. We have inmates doing mechanic work and preventive maintenance. We had inmates at one time working for Parish Government to save you money, we did. When I first became sheriff 20 years ago, we tried under Bill Fontenot, under Don Menard and I think Jessie Bellard as well, we tried giving them state inmates to work on the crews, the road crews. What happened? We have to make sure that they are properly supervised because guess what they are going to do? The inmates, anything they can. Whether they are going to drink on duty, whether they are going to run or they going to smoke drugs or commit a crime if they are not properly supervised, they are going to do it. If they don't have deputy sheriffs supervising them, which they did not, all they had was Parish Government Employees as their supervisors, I am not criticizing them, I am just saying, their eyes were not keen enough to catch them because they are slick and we had many problems. We had inmates coming back from work, from parish government, it not just parish government, it is not just you all business that we had inmates do that with, other areas of the parish will be assigned to do work, even under the supervision of a deputy, doing work at a church coming back intoxicated, preparing from somebody to drop drugs off at the church or next to a grave or in a culvert. The Liter Abatement Program, Richard LeBoeuf can tell you, we have to properly supervise these people. I think it was 4 or 5 chances I gave the parish presidents since Bill Fontenot, the chances, you all fix it, I want to give you all some help, but you have to make sure that your supervisor are on top, you have to be on top of them. I am not blaming just civilian employees; I am blaming some of my own deputies that did not have a grip on what they were dealing with. If you all have any questions stop me, I am almost done. Why do we have so many state inmates in our jail? I answered that already, but I want you all to be clear. If you have any concerns or questions I will repeat some of these questions to you so that I can give you all the answers so you can know. Our state inmate population increases weekly, sometimes daily depending on an inmate plea of guilt to a felony. When an inmate pleads guilty to a felony again he or she becomes a state inmate. Why are they not sent to the state prison? I have answered that one, but I want to repeat it. If you want to know why we can't send them, I think I have explained that but if you need me to do it again, please let me know, I will be happy too. The public and the parish council need to know that I do not call, and I will repeat myself again, the Department of Public Safety for State Inmates, I am not doing it. My staff is instructed to call daily, they have the number on their speed dial, call daily the Department of Public of Corrections and see how many we can send back this week because it is an extra burden on you, it is a financial burden on you. We have a jail that is old, we outgrew the system here in St. Landry Parish. The Criminal Justice System and the jail. We know that and it is nobody's fault; I want to tell you all that if I were in your shoes. We could not pass the tax to get a new jail. They won't let the parish get a nice big 200 bed jail, parish prison for 40,000,000.00 dollars, was it? No more than that, I think it was \$400,000,000.00 for a parish jail, we can't do that. On the last page, when you are given information regarding state inmate job duties and what we are doing with them and you are not sure about the answer you are getting either from my staff or anybody, call me, you all know my door is open. I will entertain whatever questions and give you all the answers that I know I can give you all that is true. I won't lie to you all. We all have this problem; we all have to address it together. It is not just me and it is not just you guys; we all have to fight it. About a year ago the Parish President made a request of me to increase payment to the parish government for DOC Inmate Expenses. Rightfully so, I think feeding a state inmate for \$3.50 is way to little and that is what the law requires. He had every right to

come to me and say Sheriff we need help. \$3.50 is not enough to feed a state inmate. That is what the law requires you to feed a parish inmate as well as a state inmate. I said, I have money Jessie, tell me what is it going to cost. He brought a number up, correct me if I am wrong, it is like \$17.00 more per day per inmate. I agreed, I agreed. \$17.00 more per state inmate plus the \$3.50 would have been a little over \$20.00 per day to feed state inmates. We have been ready; I have been ready to help you with your expenses here. At the Sheriff's Department our budget is stable because of good employees that took care of their responsibilities. I think it was 2 days later, correct me if I am wrong, Jessie came back and said, what are we going to do? I said yes but I need receipts. I have to have receipts for my Legislative Auditors and for my Department Auditor. I just can't come and write you a check every month for \$10,000.00 \$12,000.00 or \$40,000.00 and not have receipts to back it up, the expense. I don't do business that way and I don't think any of you do. We could not get the receipts, and I am sure that he tried. I really want to give him the benefit of the doubt; I think that they tried. Now I think that we have receipts from Parish Government on some of the food. An analysis that was done by Parish Government by an outsider said the cost of A State Inmate food is \$5.50 per day, increase. I was willing to give him \$17.00 but I wanted receipts to cover me. When the Legislative Auditor comes to me and say I have a complaint, you are cutting checks without receipts. My own auditor will be the one that is going to throw me under the bus, which is rightfully so, that is his job. It did not happen because we are not going to do it. I have to have receipts. I think that is the way you all would run your business if you had the option, receipts. I want to say this is not unique just in St. Landry Parish, it is all over the state. The state is having trouble incarcerating people because they have no beds. So, what are we going to do? We are going to have to follow the lead with the governor. We are going to have to ask for help from either the president or the governor, we need prisons. I am one of the ones that think that not all people are getting good treatment by going to jail. I think there is an alternative to jail, counseling. With the OPIOID Money that I get every year, which is substantial for the next 17 years I will put that money in the OPIOID Treatment for our inmates and for the public. I am in the process of buying property with OPIOID Money and we are going to build a Counseling Center. It will help inmates in jail if they want counseling and the public. They are not going to be treated together; they are going to be treated separately. That is one of the things that we can do with this OPIOID Money. I can't spend it on what I want, there is no way because I am going to get thrown under the bus, possibly in jail or indicted. I was told by the Attorney General you cannot do this and you cannot do that. It is dedicated money that I have to spend on solving the OPIOID or working on the OPIOID problem. I am sorry that I took so long. It was just a lot that I had to say and get it out there and let you know that I am not opposing you. I am with you. I want to help you. I want to help you get your things together. If I can help as I offered I will. Again, as I mentioned I needed receipts to do that. I was willing to do it, now we are going to court. Tomorrow is motions, Parish Government filed suit against the sheriff and tomorrow we are hearing motions in the courtroom and the suit is proceeding. Parish Government is suing the sheriff for more money. When I offered and all I wanted was receipts. So here we go. We are going to pay lawyers and people to do the job that we could have done ourselves. Do anyone have any questions?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Legal Advisor, can I ask any question?"

Legal Counsel, Tommy Dejean stated, "If he is going to be a witness, he is probably not going to answer you." If you are going to be a witness, I would advise you not to say anything."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "It is just the motions tomorrow. It is not for the trial to start."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I know that you said that you are willing to help us out and give us the money that we would need, you just need the receipts to balance everything out with the auditors."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "To show the cost."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Are you still willing to do that?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "Absolutely, yes. Not to the extent that I offered at first. Only to the extent of what your people discussed and found out that it would only cost \$5.50

per day. I would have to tell you that I would never offer \$17.00 again. I was doing that because we did not know until I got the receipts. We did not get receipt so I can't tell you that I am going to give you \$17.00 per inmate. That would not be a good thing for somebody to do, that is operating on a \$18,000,000.00 or \$19,000,000.00 budget without receipts. I can't."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "That is my question. If you get receipts is the offer still the same for the \$17.00."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "No, Ma'am. I don't want to go over. I have to be careful what I say. I want to pay the true cost. If it is \$5.50, if it is \$18.00 or \$12.00, I will pay it. It is in the judges' hands now. We are going to court."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Jessie."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not making no comments."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You have not heard the question yet. The question is pretty simple. Did the parish council approve this lawsuit?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Garett is not here. But yes."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You are saying this body voted to sue the sheriff? I must have not been here."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You were here."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I would have never done that but anyway I am sorry."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "How much are you all paying now per inmate per day?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "I think it is \$3.50 per day."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "You all are still paying \$3.50."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "What the law requires. That is what the law requires. The law does not require the sheriff to give more than \$3.50 per day because that is in the statute."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "I thought the law required \$5.50."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "No, that is the study that his counsel or his organization created. They went out and hired an independent analyst to say let's see how much it really cost to feed a state inmate. I think he was hoping it would come back to \$20.00 or maybe \$25.00 a day. It came back to only \$5.50 per day, the actual cost. I would be wrong if I offered you \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 or \$17.00 a day when the recommendation and the actual cost is only \$5.50. I can't give that money away like that. It is not mine."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "How many meals can you get for \$3.50 a day?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "Not many. I would starve like a rat if I had to eat on \$3.50 a day."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Is that one or two meals?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "In the morning they get a cup of coffee and a biscuit. So, what that cost? At noon they get peanut butter or an egg sandwich and at night they might get a hot meal at 3:00 p.m. I think it would cost more than \$3.50 a day. That needs to be addressed by the Legislature, that needs to be addressed. The State Inmates are a different item. The Pre-Trial Inmates, which are our local inmates, are regulated by State Law at

\$3.50 a day. I would like to see that raised because I feel for you all. It would cost more than \$3.50 per day in my mind.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Sheriff, I wrote a couple of thing down and one of them is Legislation Actions. Is there anything in the mill or any discussions going on between maybe your association and the Police Jury Association, even the governor? This is not unique to our parish; this is statewide that we are having this problem because of an old legislation that we have to abide by that law. It seems to me that it needs to be changed to a realistic number. We don’t have to continue to fight budgetary wise to pay for certain things. Is that going on?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “Not that I know of. The Sheriff’s get together every March and decide what Legislation we want to offer and bring up in the session. I would assume that the Parish President’s Association in this state or the Parish Government Association, I don’t know what they are called, but we get together and fight for more, fight to change that law. The sheriffs are not going to fight it for you because we would be cutting our own throat. I think it needs to be different. Your association have to do that work for you.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “What would be your recommendation to make that happen to get the two entities to negotiate on the table and lay out what your problems are to see if we can get a resolution.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “I think each and every parish sheriff and parish manage either the president or whatever they are called in their jurisdiction need to independently get together and say let’s work like grown men. Let’s fix this. If you don’t get as much as you want, you would have gotten something if we could just get together and say let’s fix this.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “I totally agree. My second question is this: You mentioned that you do not have the authority to transport state inmates.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “No I have the authority to transport them. I don’t have the authority to transfer them.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Correct. I am sorry. So, who does?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “The secretary of the Department of Corrections. He dictates.”

Councilman Ken Mark stated, “One person.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “Yes. He does that based on the regulations they have and the number of beds.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “It is back to Legislation. That seems to be the major problem.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “It is. I can tell you there are somethings I would like to see happen right here in St. Landry Parish. Not with Parish Government but with the judges, with the Defender Board and the District Attorney’s Office. There are some things that I want to make suggestions to them about. I have been in this business for 50 years. There are some things that I want to see them do differently that would help. The Defender Board, I will pick-on them for a little while, with respectfully so, there are lawyers on the Defender Board that are assigned cases and sometimes don’t bother, or they do not go and pull the case files from the District Attorney and read it. You have people stuck in jail because the Defender Lawyer is not working for them. Who is paying the price? The case does not get moved because the Defender Lawyer need to do a better job. I will have a private conversation with the judges, Judge Jason Meche, he is the head judge on things that I think that they might need to do.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “So you are saying they would be involved in the problem solving because there is a Judicial System the way that it is set up. If we do this as

a group as you recommend and maybe set the bar for whom ever else at least help us it behooves to at least take a look at trying to do that right?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “The judges have the total and complete authority when they hear the Defender Lawyer say I need more time. I have been having this case for 18 months, but I need more time. You know what happens? The Judge is not wanting to hurt the defendant, or the case so he extends the time and say okay we will give you more time. That needs to be tightened up. Look who is hurting. The criminal Justice System right here. In every parish that happens in, not just St. Landry, let me be clear, every parish have that.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Sheriff you think just by building a new jail, a 200-room jail, would that solve our problem? No, I don’t believe.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “If you built a 1500 Parish Jail it might work for about 10 years.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “When I went in the service they had Tent-City. We would live 10 in a tent. Why can’t that be done?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “I will answer that for you. I will tell you why. When I first got elected sheriff there was a sheriff called Joe Apayo in Arizona. I meet him at a National Sheriff’s Conference. I talked to him about how is it working? We were tight with jail space back then. How is that working out with Tent-City? He said it is great. We have military tents with floors, air conditioners and heaters in the wintertime, of course they did need heaters in Arizona. I did call the Department of Corrections to answer that concern. I called the Department of Corrections and asked the Parish Government, you all have land at the airport that I would want to set up about 15 military tents designed just like Sheriff Apayo did to help relieve some of the overcrowding. Twenty years ago, the Department of Corrections told me no. When I asked why it was because of the hurricanes. I did not have a place where I could quickly move 30 or 40 inmates to safety. We could not place them here because we were still overcrowded. He told me no that we could not do it. I thought that it would have been a great solution for a while.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In Lafayette, years ago, they used to have a farm. You would go and work on the farm. If you did not work on the you did not eat. Then they had to do away with that also.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “You have to be sentenced to hard labor or volunteer. If you are a pre-trial inmate. If you get arrested tomorrow and your court date is not for another 6 months, you call a pre-trial. If I need you to come and work or pick up trash or cut grass, I can’t force you, you can volunteer.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “You can’t force regular parish prisoners to work or pick up paper on the road.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “No sir. There are a lot of rules and regulations regarding humanity and jails and personnel.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “The inmates, I get them every year to come to the Festival in Sunset. They want to come. We are feeding them a full meal. I can understand why they would want to come in comparison to a peanut butter sandwich or a biscuit and a cup of coffee.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “I wish it was different. Especially if you have family or loved ones in jail. You would want them to be better cared for. I am not saying that it is anybody’s fault. It is just the budget. It is something that we all have to get together and work on. I don’t mind helping or doing anything that we need to do but I am not giving any of my \$18,000,000.00 away.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I will change the subject from the slavery days to the present day. Given tomorrow and after the court have decided if it is not in our favor are you willing to work with us? I am asking if you are willing to work with us to help us with some of this problem with the feeding of the inmates. I know that you can’t tell us how

much you will give us or how much you could help us with. I know that we are going to court and it is bad blood and it is going to be like I am not going to help you all at all. Would you commit to coming back to the table and negotiating with us if this does not work out?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “First we have to understand tomorrow is not going to trial and starting the process of a trial. It is to hear motions from both sides that filed to get these things out of the way before the trial even starts which may not be until September or October. I don’t have that court date, but a lawyer can better explain to you what the motions are doing and what they call for. It is not the decision making that starts tomorrow, no Ma’am.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You are willing to come back at any point if this can be delayed tomorrow. Are you willing to negotiate and come back so we can try to work something out?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “I would not be taking care of my Fiduciary Duties properly if I came to you and said yes, I will give you more than that \$5.50 that you found out is the cost. I can’t go beyond that cost unless I had receipts.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand Sheriff. I was just asking if you would be at any point still willing to negotiate with us, that is all.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I will make a quick statement. I don’t have a question I want to make a statement. In reference to everything we talked about, and we know that this could possibly lead to a lengthy litigation I just want to say this: The people in the audience and watching on the social media need to know this: There is a cost that we are paying for the inmates to eat now. A study found that it is a little bit more but I want you and your team along with Parish Government and the Parish Government’s team to keep in mind that during this potential litigation there are other factors that are really costly such as when one of those same inmates is taken to the hospital and that hospital gives us a \$10,000.00 bill. That \$5.50 a day does not help.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “I can tell you this: If it is a state inmate that is not on you. That is a pretrial inmate that you have to be responsible for. State Inmates, that is my baby to ride.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “Any other inmate, that is just an example, I just want to say that we want to keep extras in mind as well when you start to look at numbers.”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “If the Attorney General says: Sheriff you can pay what the appraiser says for the meals and I get it in writing from the Attorney General that says you can do it, yes I will, yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Who makes the decision on where they go to the hospital? There have been some discussion about that. Where are we at on that?”

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, “There is a story behind that as well that came out. I think, let me be careful because I don’t want to be ugly and embarrass anybody. You have a Parish Medical Director, Dr. Metoyer. His instructions to the nurses and to the president, if he wants to admit it, all parish inmates or state inmates if they have a medical emergency he or she have to go to the closest medical facility, Opelousas General, Not U. H. C, not University Medical Center where it is free, that is what was happening until we brought it to Dr. Metoyer’s attention. He was upset because they were sending inmates to UHC that needed immediate medical care instead of here and the nurses were dictating that through orders.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, let me just explain something to you all. I am not going to sit right here and let the Sheriff say untruths like this. Whenever an inmate goes to the hospital Dr. Metoyer is notified. His response to the nurses is what is happening at the time. I don’t know what the sheriff is trying to insinuate here but anytime an inmate has an emergency most of the time they go by ambulance, not by sheriff okay, if it is a true emergency. Dr. Metoyer is the one who dictates where they go. Up until the

time the inmate escape out of U. M. C over there in Lafayette, they would go there with no problems. Now nobody goes to U. M. C. no matter what the doctor says, they all go to Opelousas General Hospital because his deputies are not restraining the inmates at Lafayette General and Lafayette General really don't want them anymore because of the issues. All I am trying to say is this: All of the other stuff I am not going to say anything about because we go to court on that. This particular stuff right here there is one thing that I do know about that jail is the medical side of things and everything that goes on in that jail regardless of what people think. So, the nurses make the decision based off of what Dr. Metoyer tells them to do with the situation at hand, that I can tell you. So that is untrue. I think that it is time that we move on and have a meeting."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated: "Wait a minute, I want to address that."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Wait a minute Jessie, wait a minute. The sheriff asked to speak. He spoke his peace and we have questions to ask him."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "What happened to the five-minute rule? The five-minute rule, you all don't play that rule."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "Don't try to shut me up now. I will tell you if an inmate is sick at 2:00 o'clock in the morning, you think they are going to call Jessie or they are going to call Dr. Metoyer, no. The two nurses that walked out of Parish Government."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You have no idea of what you are saying sheriff, you have no idea."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Alright Mr. Bellard, you are going to hold it down, please. Maybe you just need to leave. Let us hear the real side of everything because he is the chief law enforcement officer in this parish."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "The two nurses that walked out at noon one day, when they walked out of that jail they came straight to my office on Prudhomme Street. They thanked me and my staff. They said how well they were treated by the deputies and the staff. They had quit because they can't take anymore, what can't they take, I don't know. They did not go into great detail, but I can assure you Dr. Metoyer got mad at him and upset at him. You can ask Dr. Metoyer. He is on the Board of Opelousas General Hospital. Why would he want you to send inmates to the University Medical? Why? Because he was not consulted. He was mad as hell when he found out I had the work sent to him, I want a ruling on this and he said no sir. He said that was not my decision, and it is still not. They are going to go to the closet facility."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "How much money do we owe Opelousas General at this time? Are you at liberty to tell us that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have no idea. Nobody really cares about what it cost the parish or anything. They just started sending people where they want to send them. At the end of the day I am telling you all right now that what the sheriff is saying about the doctor and the nurses and everything else, it is untrue."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "He can't handle the truth."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "You all will have your day in court."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is the problem, that is the problem."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "He can't handle the truth."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Sheriff thank you for coming."

Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council. She stated, "Good evening. For the record my name is Lena Charles. I thank you all and the Parish President and the Parish council men and women for allowing me to speak to you all. We are winding down and getting ready for Zydeco. The 44th Annual Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival. As a

sponsor I am coming back to tell you all that everything is falling in place. The city, parish and law enforcement, everyone is doing their part, especially our small and large vendors in this area. From Benny's Big Star to Super-One, everyone wants to do their part. The volunteers are getting ready as well. I am here to thank you and give you the line up as well as a couple of passes for appreciation for your sponsorship. Do you have any questions? I have everything in line from the insurance to the license and permits as well. I will tell you one concern of mine. It is security. We have a record and a history of no incidents. I am making a commitment to ensure that we have everything in place. We will not tolerate this and we want everyone to have a good time. We won't have time for incidents and enough security and hospitality. We will have a nice safe festival. Call your friends, call your loved ones and make them come down, it is time for zydeco. The 44th Annual Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Musica Festival."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Ms. Lena I just want to thank you again for all that you do. We appreciate you."

Mr. Brad Smith addressed the council. He stated, "My name is Brad Smith. I live at 1857 HWY 178, Opelousas. I just wanted to come by and ask for your consideration for my application for the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Drainage Board. I want to fill in for Mickey Mills. It is up for vote tonight and I just wanted to come and ask for your consideration."

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15th, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to approve **the Special Meeting Minutes from July 21st, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only thing that I have is a Resolution that I need passed in order for us to go to the Bond Commission in October for a line of credit for \$3,000,000.00 and an Ordinance to be introduced tonight for the same thing."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Bellard. What are you asking for again?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "A Resolution of the council to go to the Bond Commission for a line of credit for \$3,000,000.00 and an Ordinance to be introduced for the same thing."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Do you want to give us some background on that. We are using this for what?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The line of credit is for \$1,300,000.00 to pay off last year's loan, part of it, and \$1,400,000.00 of it for the remainder of the year."

Councilman Harold Taylro questioned, "We have to do some cuts."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have been cutting and I did some more cutting."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Can you give us an update on that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can give you something in writing, yes. I would rather give it to you in writing."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Before we approve this.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am asking the council for a Resolution. If the council decides not to it is up to them.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I know what you are asking for. We need a little more information. We have some real issues. Let’s get back to the Pilot Money. You said that we were not getting anything from the Next Era Project, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are not getting anything from Next Era this year.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “How much was that of the \$4,100,000.00 in the Pilot Program.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “About \$3,100,000.00, \$3,200,000.00.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “So of the \$4,100,000.00 we are not getting any of that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “You are really borrowing to replace that, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not the \$3,000,000.00, no. I am asking for a Resolution of the council Mr. Chairman. If the council so desires that if fine, if not I will get that information for you.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Taylor, go ahead, you still have the floor.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I answered that question at the last meeting.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “So do you have to pay \$3,300,000.00 back on bonds note?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, I do not.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “You don’t have to do that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Well what do you need the money for?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We paid back \$1,600,000.00 this year on the \$2,900,000.00 from last year. So, we are missing \$1,300,000.00 to finish the year plus another \$1,400,000.00 to finish the year this year with the normal operating budget.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “You don’t know how much you have made cuts and what it is going to amount to by the end of the year, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have cuts made already. I made cuts last year.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What is the number?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t know exactly how many cuts I made.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “And you want us to approve a loan.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not asking Harold Taylor to do anything. I am asking this council, that is who I am asking.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I am part of the council.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, I know.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “You are asking this council to approve \$3,300,000.00. You have been borrowing money since 2023. Jessie you realize that you went from \$3,300.000.00 in salaries beginning in 2020 to \$6,400,000.00 in salaries in 2025?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is what you are saying, is that good with you?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I don’t think, it is what in the Audit Report.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yeah well sometimes.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “You are saying the audit report did not correct it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No I am just saying that sometimes when you look at the entire picture you don’t see what you suppose to be seeing.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We just have to take a vote on this Resolution, is that what we have to do?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No one have made a motion for the Resolution. We need a motion for the Resolution so Mr. Bellard to go to the Bond Commission.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Therry to authorize the approval of **Resolution 014-2026**.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Can you repeat the Resolution. Word for word. Can you repeat the Resolution he is asking for.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “The Resolution is to go to the Bond Commission and ask for a loan, is it \$3,000,000.00 Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a Resolution to authorize me to go to the Bond Commission for up to \$3,000,000.00.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, roll call.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Therry to authorize the approval of **Resolution 014-2026**. A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Three Million Dollars of revenue notes of the Parish of St. Landry and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor and Ken Marks. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO.014-2026

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Revenue Notes of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the “**Parish**”), desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of its Revenue Notes (the “**Notes**”) in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the “**Act**”), for the purpose of (i) paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Notes and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Notes; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council (the "**Governing Authority**") of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

SECTION 1. **Preliminary Approval of Notes.** The Parish is hereby authorized to incur debt and issue the Notes, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed

\$3,000,000, at a rate or rates not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, and to mature no more than five (5) years from the date of issuance. The Notes shall be issued for the purpose of

(i) paying current expenses of the Parish during the term of the Notes and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Notes, and shall be secured by and payable from all revenues accruing to the Parish during the term of the Notes.

SECTION 2. **State Bond Commission.** Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for its consent and authority to issue and sell the aforesaid issue of Notes, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Parish, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of

applicant/Parish's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "*State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.*", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. **Employment.** The Parish finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Notes, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Notes. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceeding's incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Notes, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof, and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Notes. The fee of Bond

Counsel for each series of Notes shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Notes actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus ¹¹*'out-of-pocket'* expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Notes. The Parish President of the Parish is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond

Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Parish shall provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “What else do you have Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have an ordinance to be introduced for that same issuance. I just have to have a sponsor for that ordinance. You have to have a Resolution to start the process and an ordinance to go through the final process like we did last year.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Dejean, is that the steps that we have to take on that? Do we need an ordinance?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I don’t know. I don’t know the answer to that question. If Jessie says that is what he needs I guess that is what you all need.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Will your office prepare the ordinance?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have it already drafted. Foley and Judell did that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned “That is what I am asking. Did you have it drafted or will they draft it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Foley and Judell have it drafted. They will be submitting it to us.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “You all went through this procedure the last time, right Jessie?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Speak in your microphone Mr. Dejean so they can hear you for the record.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “The last time you went to the Bond Commission you all passed it by a Resolution and an Ordinance, correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct. The same process.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a motion to go on with the ordinance?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We only need a sponsor.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “At this time we only need a sponsor.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Who is the Sponsor?”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I will sponsor it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Faltery Jolivette is the sponsor of the Ordinance.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only other thing and Richard and I talked about this before the meeting. On the equipment list there was one item on there and I will send him an email tomorrow; I am not sure about item No. 725 on the list. We don’t have possession of it that I am aware of. It could have been years ago, I don’t know. I will send him an e-mail regarding that tomorrow. That is the only item on the list.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Is that the Solar Power Radar Speed Limit Sign?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “We don’t need that, do we. In Parish Government?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, we don’t need it. I don’t know where it is at.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I am going to ask, do I have to make a public records request, or can I ask for a list of all the employees and their salaries? Parish Government employees.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is not a problem.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Not a problem, okay. You will have it for next week.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes we can get it to you by next week, yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Will you have the cuts on there also? Will you have who you have gotten rid of since then?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, if you want a list of the employees that is on the roster that is what you are going to get and their salaries.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, thank you sir.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept **the Parish President’s Report.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Harold Taylor. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

- 1. Vote to approve the 2025 Audit findings provided by Mr. Steve Moosa with Darnall Sikes & Frederick.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, no action is needed for that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No action needed, okay. Our Clerk ask that we bring it up. I am going by what she asked for. Mr. Dejean would you horn in on this. Did we violate anything in reference to this?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I am here to make a presentation. Last week or whenever you had the last meeting Mr. Moosa made a comment. I Think it is was .94 of the Audit where he said money was taken out or removed or loaned from the Road District 1 Fund to the General Fund. He sort of implied; I think that you all implied that that was correct, you could do that. I talked to Mr. Pete about it and we of like minds, we don’t think that that was proper. I will explain why. Let’s start off with this. That Road District 1, unlike your General Fund, is a Special Tax. There are special rules that goes with that tax. Like in a General Fund you can put your Millage in there and your 4 Mills, the money that you get to run government, you can spend it like you want. The Racino money goes into that account; I don’t know what

goes into your General Fund Account. Things like occupational licenses and what not but when it is a special fund, a special tax you don't have that liberty like you have with the General Fund. I gave you all these two sheets of paper. We will read the law so we will all know what it is and I will give you all some court opinions and some AG opinions on what you can and cannot do with a special tax. On this first page it is only two lines. It says Proceeds of a Special Tax of which the Road District 1 is a special tax just like the Health Unit millage is a special millage. Your Road District is probably special tax districts. The proceeds of any special tax shall constitute a trust fund, that is important, it is a trust fund to be used exclusively for the objects and purposes for which the tax was levied. That is pretty clear, right? Let me just give you all some flavor on that. I have a couple of cases, and I am not going to bore you and I am not going to keep you up here for 30 minutes. To give some examples where Police Jury's and Parish Councils were deliberating because the money comes in and sometimes it generates more money than what you think you need and people want to get their hands on that money. I will start off with the one that I am familiar with because it dealt with Solid Waste in Acadia Parish. They passed a special tax to create a land field for Acadia Parish. As time went on Waste Management was running it at the time and they figured out that they could make a lot more money if we brought in garbage from out of the parish. That was not in the initial proposition and the courts said so and ruled that and it went through this procedure by saying a couple of things that should stick in your mind. **One:** The proceeds of any special tax and in that case was Acadia Parish passing a two-cent sales tax to create a landfill in Acadia Parish for Acadia Parish, it said that in the proposition for the objects and purposes for whichever use exclusively for the objects and purposes for which the tax was levied. They were not going out when they got this extra money to run an animal clinic. They were not taking this money and going to fix a road, they wanted to take in garbage from another parish which you might say why couldn't he do that? That was not in the proposition and they told them that. They said if you want to bring in garbage from another parish you have to redo your proposition and say that. If it is not in the proposition it does not work. There are a ton of Attorney General Opinions about this. There was a question about taxes approved in a small road district, I think you might have one. I am not insinuating that money have been I am just giving you all an example. They wanted to take money from that Sub-District and use it elsewhere in the parish, it sounds reasonable. They said you can't do that because that is not the point of the proposition. You have to look at the four corners of the proposition and see what the purpose are. That special tax shall constitute a trust fund to be used exclusively for the objects and purposes for which the tax was levied. This was another about our parish health unit. They had a tax that was dedicated to operation and maintenance of the parish health unit. They wanted to construct a new health unit or lease a building. The AG said: No, you can't do that, that is not what that proposition said, that proposition did not say you could go and build a health unit, it said you could operate, you could pay for the day-to-day expenses to operate. You should start getting the drift that it is pretty strictly construed as to what you can do with a dedicated sales tax. Sometimes you have excesses. There was a tax in Iberia Parish, a one cent Mosquito Abatement Tax. It was a special dedicated tax to eradicate mosquitoes. You could use it to maintain for maintenance, and you could use it for the eradication of the vehicles, whatever they had to use to get rid of the mosquitoes, you could use it for that whole program. At the end of the year what was left over from that one penny in the proposition would go to the parish and the municipalities, that is what theirs said. The mosquito board says that we will need \$500,000.00 to hold back for a contingency. AG says that you cannot do it. That is not what that tax says. That tax says at the end of the year you would divide the money that is left over and that goes over and over, over and over in this thing. Have you all read the proposition? That is on page 2 of Road District No. 1. Let's read it together. Shall Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry be authorized to levy and collect a tax beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 21, 2028 upon sale at retail, use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for us or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the district with the net proceeds of the tax after paying necessary cost and expenses of collecting the tax in accordance with Louisiana law and no additional fees or costs. Here it is: To be dedicated and used only and exclusively for constructing, improving roads, bridges and related drainage in the district in accordance with the Home Rule Carter and not to be excepted from Section 4-11 and shall the district be further authorized to fund the proceeds of the tax into bonds for such purposes in the manner by law. So, we know two things, right? That Road district was made to pave road, fix roads and related drainage and to issue bonds. It does not say anywhere in the four corners it was there to loan money to the General Fund. I see no difference in that action than these other prohibited actions that the AG said that you cannot do. I have discussed that with the District Attorney, that is our position and our recommendation is that going forward that no further monies be removed from a dedicated fund for non-dedicated purpose. Not access money, not a loan, nothing. It has to be

used for the purpose for which the tax was passed. If you do so from this point forward you do it at your own Parrell, all of you all. You all are put on notice. You can't say anything like: I didn't know that. I am telling you all right now that is our opinion. Mr. Moosa, maybe he has a loophole that we are not aware of, but it is pretty clear to me what this proposition is for and what it is not for. It is not for Animal Control; it is probably generating a lot more money than the bond payments. I would have to think so because sale taxes are going to the roof since COVID. So, there you are. The second recommendation is this: you all have to figure out a way to pay it back. That is the opinion of the District Attorney's Office. I yield to any questions."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Before I recognize anyone this is Mr. Moosa's statement that he made the other night here. Steve Moosa said: Yes the improper use of special revenue funds accounting standards recommend that revenue derived from dedicated sales tax such as those levied in your road district No. 1 are considered restricted resources when their use is limited by voters enabling legislation and parish ordinances. Those are the examples. The resource mentioned should be used solely for road related purposes in that fund and we noted from our audit procedure that road district sales tax were used as a short-term loan between the sales tax fund and the general fund to cover some of the cost in the General Fund. We have noticed this over the past 4 years that that balance, although it is short-term the balance have increased. It is a \$1,800,000.00 and we just need to bring to attention that we need to start making procedures or policies in place to help get that reduced and used those monies in the Sales Tax Fund and get the fund to be self-sufficient. My question to you Mr. Dejean: They waited 4 years to tell us this. They violated also where we may have violated as a council, am I correct?"

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, "Well I don't know. I am not perfect to any discussions with Mr. Moosa. He may be reliant on some accounting procedures to make a stretch that you can do this. I am just talking from a legal standpoint that you can't do it. If the courthouse walls were falling down you can't take it. If you want to take excess money out of a fund you have to rededicate it. You would have to pass another ordinance or another proposition saying let's take that money and give it another use. All I can say is this: Going forward prospectively, don't do it anymore, everyone here in Parrell of being exposed to something, something not good. Are we clear? Do we have a good understanding of what a Proposition says? What our proposition says? Are we clear that you can't take money? You can't lend money. You can't take money out of that account. It is a trust; it has to stay there. Let me tell you all one thing that I found out about reading through all of those AG opinions. What we have that other parishes don't have and what other parishes have and we don't. They have little taxes, millages for all of these little things like misquote abatement, health units, road districts, they have all of that, we don't have that. It puts everybody in a financial bind but you have to resist the temptation to take money out of those restricted funds, they are not for that purpose. I will go back in time. I will date myself. How many of you all remember the Health Unit in the 1980, 1985 and the 1990 period of time? Probably good natured but they saw that pile of money that the health unit was generating for health unit issues. They took that money and spent it somewhere else. They got in trouble for it. We are heading down that same road by doing this."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "So you are the attorney, you know the law verses Mr. Moosa which we asked him a lot of questions. If Mr. Moosa still insist on this being legal do we get an Attorney General Opinion which we already got. Because the council seems to be leaning towards lending more money out and we don't know if we are going to have the money to pay that fund back so is part of that money that is going to be borrowed going to be used to pay the fund back? We have just one year and a little bit to pay this back and to put it back in the proper fund. Are we just going to wait or is that some of the money that we are borrowing or that is going to be borrowed?"

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I think she is asking you that Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not going to answer any questions. Whenever the attorney tells you that type of information I am not going to answer any questions related to that issue. It is just that simple."

Councilwoman Nancy Carrier stated, "We have a debt, we have a deficit. He is about to make another loan, and we don't have the money back in that funding. If we don't get it back in, I am not sure if we will be able to make enough cuts to satisfy."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can answer that. Oh, I can answer that question. The cuts are going to come very easy. Mr. Dejean and what he is saying right there, the cuts will come first thing in the morning, and we won’t have any choice, okay. It is not just going to be to Parish Government the cuts will be made too. When you have no money you have to make cuts. Even mandates are going to have to get cut. Somebody made a comment the other night that we are not paying mandates, let me explain to everyone what a mandate is. Every payroll we pay the judge’s secretaries, the district attorney’s salaries and all of their stuff over there, we pay that every two weeks. Their salaries over there are more than our salaries over here. That is mandated expenses. Every mandate is getting paid regardless of what a couple of council members think. So, if you all want to make cuts we are going to make the cuts and people are not going to like the cuts, but we are going to make the cuts.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, I understand that we have to make cuts and I don’t how to take that if it is a threat because mandates are mandates and they have to be paid. I don’t know if you will be able to cut that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No it is just a cut. Whenever you have no money how do you pay?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I will go back to the road tax. Mr. Dejean, what is the consequences in your opinion if that money is not put back. What is the consequences.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I don’t know. I think the Legislative Auditor would come down here and do whatever they have to do and say that you have to pay it back. It is going to have to be paid back, historically when this have occurred it has been paid back. Let me be clear about this. I am speaking only of a dedicated sales tax. The only one I know that had money remove from outside of what we perceive the 4 corners of the proposition is the road taxes. We heard it from Mr. Moosa. Mr. Moosa may have an adequate explanation, I just don’t know where it is coming from, maybe Chad and I missed it, who knows but I don’t think he did.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank you. I did not get any answers, but you are okay. You can only do so much. I understand. I am good.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Mr. Dejean, this maybe a little research for you but would you see with the mandates are? They come from the state. Is that priority over everything else that we do?”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I would think so. A mandated expense is something you got to have.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “If we fail to pay the mandates then the state comes back on us. Can you research that please sir before we get in a shouting match with the state on these mandates.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “You have to pay the District Attorney, you have to pay the sheriff, you have to pay all of the mandated expenses you have. Let’s go back in time. Look at the budget maybe when Bill Fontenot first took over. It was probably about \$4,000,000.00 or \$5,000,000.00 million dollars back then. He barely got enough. He did not have the COVID money coming in and he did not have these grants coming in. The racino was the big thing and that was going to be the savior for everyone, well it is not. It has always been a struggle. I am not speaking as a lawyer; I am just speaking as a citizen here. It has always been a struggle for parish government to pay these mandated expenses. It has always been a fight. You have the clerk maybe not taking what they normally take just to help out, that is just the nature of the beast, it is a difficult deal. When you pass a tax, and you campaigned on the tax that you are going to fix roads, and you take the money out of that road district, you are going to catch hell trying to get it renewed.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “And that is what Wayne wants.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I will make a statement here for Mr. Dejean. In the Louisiana Government and Fund Accounting due to and due fund accounts applied to special taxes tracked withing special revenue or agency funds they record short term and a fund loan unremitted tax collections between a collecting agency and a specific fund or cross sharing. Now when

handling special tax funds there are accounting mechanisms that are specific. Upon borrowing tax collections and remittance and reimbursement. I think you are correct in reference to the reimbursement side. We have to figure out how to put it back there.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I don’t know if you are getting a text from Moosa or not.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I am not getting a text. I have a computer in front of me. I do my own homework.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “Well I shouldn’t have said that. What I am say is this: You are doing something, taking the money as a loan is outside the purpose.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “Wait, I am not disagreeing with you. I am saying that in a sense what has happened and what Mr. Moosa said and now what you are saying, yes we have to figure out how to put this money back. I am making a statement. More or less a question I am stating. I wanted the council to know that the due to due fund is something that happens. It doesn’t mean we like it, but it happens.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “It is spilt milk now, so you have to put it back.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “No disrespect to anyone but we have spent quite a bit of time discussing the problem. We know where the problem is and we know what it is. I think we need to focus right now on a plan of action going forward of putting the money back on time.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In other words this paper can be thrown in the trash can. It says on this paper what you can use it for and we are not following the rules, so this paper does not mean anything.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “No, not at all. I don’t think this is going to stay in a vacuum. I don’t think it will stay in this building.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “When Mr. Moosa comes here and tells us it is legal and then you come. I believe more of what you are saying because it is all on paper right here.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “I would ask Moose to give you all his authority.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “He needs to come back here.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean stated, “He needs to come back and say maybe I am wrong; I will apologize if you all think I am wrong.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “We need to get an Attorney General’s but not an opinion. We need to get a ruling on this. Because everyone have an opinion.”

Legal Counsel Tommy Dejean questioned, “Does it stand a reason that you could take money out of a special fund. You pass a tax, you tell the public this is what you are going to vote and this is what it is going to go for, and the law says it is a public trust, and you take the money out. Do you all think that you can do that?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “I have a question for Mr. Bellard. Mr. Bellard, can you hear me? Do you intend to pay that fund back? Yes or No.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Of Course.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “So you did not take the money and not with the intent to put it back where it goes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct. Some of that money was used to fund the DA’s office. Some of that money was used to fund the 27 JDC. Some of that money was used to see about those inmates across the street. Unlike what people think all of this money that parish government spends is within Parish Government. It is in nobody’s pockets. At the end of the day, we have to make sure like what Mr. Dejean said, that mandates are taken care of. The problem is we can’t control the mandates. They control what we are going to be doing every

single day. They don't follow a budget; they don't have to follow a budget. They can spend the money that they want to spend and at the end of the year send us a bill saying this is what we spent and this is what we want. It is impossible for us to do that. The jail across the street, let me take that back, the budget itself is being ran by every inmate that walks in that door. Every inmate that walks in that door decides whether or not they are going to be sent to the hospital, whether they will need a dentist or whatever. People have no idea what we do on a day-to-day basis in this government every single day with inmates. So, again the council does what it needs to do, I have to do what I have to do but at the end of the day I have to make sure that the Government operates. I don't just sit behind a desk and say I am not going to do it because I don't have the money. I have to go and find it somewhere to make sure that things get done. So, if we really want to start pushing the blame on people and everybody else, just look around and I promise you there is plenty to push. In going forward since I was given my warning tonight the cuts will be made tomorrow morning. Without DA's telling me, well he did not tell me that, but it is coming from his Assistant DA that we can't spend that money. I am not doing that anymore. Guess what? I have to make cuts. If I don't have the money, again, General Fund collect \$2,600,000.00 in taxes. Our mandates are \$4,600,000.00. So guess what, I have \$2,600,000.00 of money to spend in General Fund for mandates. The other \$2,000,000.00, the mandated funds, the DA, the Judges and everybody else is going to have \$2,600,000.00 to give to themselves. Let them fight it out. I am tired of fighting that battle. I am not looking for \$2,000,000.00 anymore."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Did we accept the audit finds from Mr. Moosa Madam Clerk?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan sated, "The last thing is that you all accepted the Prish President's Report."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We need a motion to vote to accept the 2025 Audit finding provided by Mr. Steve Moosa. Do I have a motion."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated during roll call, "I don't know. How can I accept something that one man is saying it is okay and another person is saying that it is not. I don't know or maybe I don't have enough knowledge or enough sense to understand."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Do you want to pass sir?"

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "I will pass."

Councilman Clerk Sherell Jordan questioned, "Is it a 'No' Mr. Jolivette?"

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "I guess so Ms. Clerk."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated during roll call: "Like Mr. Jolivette, I will ABSTAIN."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Will you vote 'No.'"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You can't abstain. You have to have the council authorize for you to abstain."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I don't understand what I am doing. How about that. Do you like that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard state, "It is for the council to decide not me. So if the council decide that is okay it is up to you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is a 'Yes' or 'No' vote Mr. Taylor."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Let me give you a little background. The report was done the best they could, but I am really offended by them holding back from telling us this 4 years later and I can't accept that. So that is my excuse."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I will accept his Abstaining."

Parish President jessie Bellard stated, “You all have to take a vote on that. You all know the rules.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard would you let us go ahead and continue. You are not going to run our meeting for us, please. I will get to that. Just wait for one second. Mr. Taylor you have abstained.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I have and I have given my reason for it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a motion to accept Mr. Taylor abstaining.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I move.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Yes, I move.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Roll call for Mr. Taylor’s Abstaining.”

A motion was made by councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to approve Mr. Harold Taylor to Abstain from voting on accepting the 2025 Audit Findings provided by Mr. Steve Moosa with Darnall Sikes & Fredrick.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Jody White. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Harold Taylor. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the 2025 Audit Findings provided by Mr. Steve Moosa with Darnall Sikes & Fredrick.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks and Alvin Stelly **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Harold Taylor. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

2. Vote to appoint Bradford Smith for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remaining of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to appoint Bradford Smith for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remaining of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

3. Vote to appoint two appointments to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2030. Applicants are: Edward Briscoe Jr., Stephen Quebedeaux, Charles Rue Jr., and Craig Gailles.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jody White to appoint Edward Brisco Jr., and Stephen Quebedeaux to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2030.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Faltery Jolivette. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I will abstain from voting due to the fact that I am employed with St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District.”

The votes were as follows:

<i>Councilmembers</i>	<i>Applicants</i>	
<i>Councilman Jody White</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>

<i>Councilmembers</i>	<i>Applicants</i>	
<i>Councilman Faltory Jolivette</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Ken Marks</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>
<i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i>	<i>Edward Brisco Jr.</i>	<i>Stephen Quebedeaux</i>

4. **Authorize the council clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year and two-year term. (09-19-2026 - 09-19-2027) and (09-19-2026 – 09-19-2028).**
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to authorize the council clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year and two-year term. (09-19-2026 - 09-19-2027) and (09-19-2026 – 09-19-2028).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026
5. **Authorize the council clerk to advertise for one appointment to Acadia- St. Landry Hospital Service for a six-year term. (10-01-2026 – 10-01-2032).**
- A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the council clerk to advertise for one appointment to Acadia- St. Landry Hospital Service for a six-year term. (10-01-2026 – 10-01-2032).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026
6. **Authorize permission for Mr. Logan Lawson to get a permit for a variance to move his mobile home trailer on his property.**
- Councilman Jody White questioned*, “ Is that the paperwork that was passed out to us?”
- Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, “Oh no, look at the pictures.”
- Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “This was handed to us this evening. These are photos of the inspection of the mobile home that is in question. They want to move it on this gentleman’s property. He was here the other night. He and his wife. Mr. Bellard is that the same one?”
- Councilman Jody White stated*, “Are you sure that is them?”
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “That is the one that they ask that we go inspect and they agreed to pay for the inspection and that is the results of the inspection.”
- Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “That is the one with the farm hands. The farm hands who will have the laborers living in it.”
- Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned*, “Mr. Bellard, that husband and wife or mother and son that was here.”
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Correct.”
- Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, “This is their mobile home? Are you sure?”
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “That is what I am being told, yes.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That is not the same mobile home.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriers stated “This is in Carencro. This is not the same one Mr. Lejeune. The mother and the son, they were from around Palmetto I think or something. This is in Carencro he said.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I am trying to establish a picture from the last meeting. I don’t believe that is the same trailer. I will not grant a Variance on this picture until we can prove anything different. I don’t know how we can vote on that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Can we get a motion that they come back to the next committee meeting with the pictures so we can compare with what parish government gave us tonight before the meeting.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would ask for one minute to push it down the line. I would ask the clerk, do you have a copy that they brought? Those people obviously want to move forward on the property that they have.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That mobile home was a good-looking mobile home that we had the other night. It is not the same mobile home.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Ms. Sherell, do you have a copy of that from the previous meeting? Can we move that item further down the line. Then we will come back and vote.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Let’s go ahead, we will move to item No. 7 on the agenda.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Do they fix the issues before we have to vote to give them a variance to move? That would make sense. I think you would need to get them back in and make sure we have the right pictures with the right people.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I just wanted to ask Mr. Bellard, can the future paperwork place an address and a name of the potential owner?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So here is the problem. The council pass ordinances to do certain things. This is not one of them. Remember correctly this is something that was introduced last month and we are trying to get it done after this. We don’t normally do this. It was asked for us to go do it on this one particular home because they came to the council meeting that very night and that is when we submitted the ordinance for introduction. They went and take pictures, and they did this right here because I asked them to go and do it. For future reference I will have an inspection sheet.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “that is what I thought you were going to do anyway. They can ask for a variance, but we have to have someone to check it out before we can actually allow it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask you all if you all have any information bring it forward so we will know. Having another conversation, we don’t need that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “None of this have passed through you all. You all did not give a permit?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No we don’t have a permit. That is one of our inspectors that went and do this and took pictures of the house where it stands now. From my understanding it is in Carencro. He is not saying that it passed the inspection. That is for the council to decide whether or not they want to let this house come in the parish. It is 28 years old if I am not mistaken. It is over 25 years old. This is why the council needs to look at what it look like before letting it come into the parish.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “So Mr. Bellard, that is just to see if we want to let this trailer come into our parish?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “It does not have nothing to do with that couple that came the other night.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If it is not the same structure, no sir. This is for the structure that is in this picture.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “That is not the one that we are going to vote on tonight. The picture that you have here tonight. This needs to come to another meeting, the pictures that we have here, am I correct? Is that Lawson’s Mobile Home?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Logan Lawson. This is what Logan Lawson structure looks like. That is what I am being told.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would like to make a motion that Item No. 6 be tabled and brought back to our September Committee Meeting to get more clarity on this situation.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune **Table** the authorization for Mr. Logan Lawson to get a permit for a variance to move his mobile home trailer on his property until we get more clarity on the situation.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

7. **Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “This is one that we amended the agenda for. The Parish President is requesting a non-profit to take over the Animal Shelter or discuss the possibility.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, No. This was started probably 4-5 years ago. Garrett Duplechain talked about creating a non-profit within the Government so we can get donations. It could count towards their taxes. That is all this is. Nothing about non-profit taking over the shelter. It is just creating a non-profit within our government so we can accept donations and give credit on the taxes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The way she has it written here it is a plan to create a non-profit for the Animal Shelter, am I correct by reading it that way?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is strictly for the Animal Shelter but not a non-profit to take over operations. It is just a non-profit within the government.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “So the motion that we need is to authorize the organization of a non-profit, is that what you want?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “With in our government..”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Once we get all of the documents we will approve it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct. This is just the beginning of it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This is just the beginning phase.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I remember when we had the animal director before and she had a non-profit status where she received donations so why is this any different?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Because she was a non-profit on her own. It was nothing to do with the government.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I thought because she worked for Parish Government, she was the director. But okay, that is fine.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Now we have permission to go ahead and start the process. I will ask for a motion.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to approve the Parish President to authorize the organization of a non-profit for the Animal Shelter within the government to accept donations and give credit on taxes.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

8. Authorize to ratify and appoint Merit Burleigh as the Official Representative for the St. Landry E-911 Board of Commission nominated by Sheriff Bobby Guidroz. Effective September 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the council to ratify and appoint Merit Burleigh as the Official Representative for the St Landry E-911 Board of Commission nominated by Sheriff Bobby Guidroz effective September 1st, 2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

**IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:
NONE.**

X. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-025
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-025**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-025
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0300098500 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that *Zelma Elizabeth Besson* is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, *Zelma Elizabeth Besson* may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to *Zelma Elizabeth Besson*, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

Property Description

**2 LOTS W/2 of 2 (26 X 137.7) & PART OF LOT 3 (24.94 X 137.63) BLK 48 MARTIN SUB
DIV 420066 1244192**

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number **0300098500** in the St. Landry Parish land records, which adjoins the property bearing parcel number **0300019550**.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-026
(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-026**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-026
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

**AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER
0402457700 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS
PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that *Leroy Randall Jr.* is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, *Leroy Randall Jr.* may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to *Leroy Randall Jr.*, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

**1 LOT 31 SMITH ADD BEING PORTION OF A LARGER 13.56 AC TRACT IN SEC
23 T-3S-R-4E N LOT 32 S LOT 30 NE COOK ST SE FELTON 749786 (V-32-703)
1141827 1244192**

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number **0402457700** in the St. Landry Parish land records, which adjoins the property bearing parcel number **0402451515**.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027
(Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune , seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-027**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027
(Sponsored by: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER
0101772480 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS
PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that *Christian Bryant* is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, *Christian Bryant* may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to *Christian Bryant*, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

Property Description

**1 LOT 50 (50 X 100) VINCENT BOAGNI ESTATE PLAT N LOT 49 S BLOCH ST E
LOT 51 W LOTS 45 & 46 FRONTING 50' ON BLOCH ST 1006451**

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0101772480 in the St. Landry Parish land records, which adjoins the property bearing parcel number 0102563800.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-028
(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-028**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-028
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 32 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS
ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH
GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2201, 47:2202, 47:2203 and 47:2204 provide that a political subdivision may provide by ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property as follows.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated properties shall be offered for sale at public sale and there shall be a minimum bid of \$500.00 and/or any specified amount due to St. Landry Parish Government in reference to any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each of the following adjudicated properties:

Adjudicated Properties

Item	Parcel	Ward	Physical Address	Property Owner	Starting Bid	Legal Description and References
01	8602770918	WD-6-OUT	LOT #5 - SOILEAU RD	TROY BREWER	\$500.00	1 LOT 5 (80X160) IN SEC 39 T-6S R-1E 761738 (O-33-291) 857552 (TAX 12-949)
02	8602770940	WD-6-EUN	S. ST. GEORGE ST	LEOLA ASHLEY	\$500.00	1 LOT 10 (50X142) BLK 10 NACOL & BOUTTE ADD 660362 (T-23-557) 892087 (TAX 13-1046)
03	0402289800	WD-4-OUT	128 FOSTER LN	CANDI DAWN HARPER, ETALS	\$500.00	1 LOT IMP N ST LOWREY S FOSTER E REED W FISHER 826700 (U-36-91) 1244192
04	0402335500	WD-4-OUT	JOHN RD	ROBERT CLIFTON BRACKINS	\$500.00	1 LOT (150X75) IMP N S GIN E CHURCH ST W MORROW IN SEC 5 T-3S R-4E 540373-A (A-17-53) 1244192
05	0402457700	WD-4-OUT	121 COOK RD	LAWRENCE RICARD	\$500.00	1 LOT 31 SMITH ADD BEING PORTION OF A LARGER 13.56 AC TRACT IN SEC 23 T-3S R-4E N LOT 32 S LOT 30 NE COOK ST SE FELTON 749786 (V-32-703) 1141827 1244192
06	0103352600	WD-1-OPL	1302 TRUMAN STREET	PEGGY SUE VORIES	\$500.00	1 LOT 1 (50X103) BLK J PAM MELANCON ADD N TRUMAN ST S BALLARDS LN E BALLARD LN W GABRIEL ST 881584 (Y-38-391)
07	0102997100	WD-1-OPL	MONTREAL (Part of Lot 3 & 4)	PETER SINEGAL	\$500.00	1 LOT PART LOTS 3 (19X103) & 4 (17X103) BLK 22 LAWLER & CALDWELL ADD 879826 (X-38-201)

Item	Parcel	Ward	Physical Address	Property Owner	Starting Bid	Legal Description and References
08	0102099000	WD-1-OPL	907 EMMA ST	NELI MANUEL	\$500.00	1 LOT 2 (50X70) BLK 12 MARY BURR ADD N CASTILLE S & E GARRET W EMMA ST 1220547
09	0102079000	WD-1-OPL	1230 W. SOUTH STREET	LEMENIA LEMON	\$500.00	1 LOT 16 (50X70) BLK 1 MARY BURR ADD
10	0102042500	WD-1-OPL	TBD/ PUJO AVE	WALTER LEE	\$500.00	1 LOT 3 (50X150) & W 16 2/3' LOT 4 (16 2/3X150) BLK 11 COLO SOU ADD 649009 (D-23-129)
11	0101716100	WD-1-OPL	TBD/ PULFORD ST	JOSEPH JOHNSON, ETALS	\$500.00	2 LOTS 48 49 (50X300 EACH) PLANTERS SUB DIV N CORPORATION LINE OF OPELOUSAS S PULFORD ST E LOT 50 W LOT 47 FRONTING 100' ON PULFORD ST 804785 (U-35-220)
12	0101040000	WD-1-OPL	924 HARPER STREET	ALMA DURIO	\$500.00	1 LOT (50X100) N WALLIOR S WALLIOR E ADAMS W DURIO WALLIOR SUB DIV; 1 LOT (50X100) OF PLAT REMY WALLIOR 223887
13	0100726090	WD-1-OPL	734 W. GROLEE STREET	ARTHUR HARRIS	\$500.00	1 LOT 26 (53.3X120) (IRREGULAR IN SHAPE) HOMESTEAD SUB DIV N LOTS 18 & 19 S GROLEE ST E T & P RAILROAD W LOT 25 FRONTING 53.3' ON GROLEE ST 991346 (L-43-749)
14	8104190000	WD-1-OUT	AUDREY STREET (LOT 52)	CLARENCE CLARK	\$500.00	1 LOT 52 (50X105) PRESTON STELLY SUB DIV 328242 967422 (K-42-54)

Item	Parcel	Ward	Physical Address	Property Owner	Starting Bid	Legal Description and References
15	8101790090	WD-1-OPL	1048 HARPER STREET	JAMES JOUBERT	\$11,420.00	1 LOT (50X100) N S E W WALLIOR 907734 (TAX 15-3) (LOT 14 BLK 10 HARPER ST
16	8102730500	WD-1-OPL	1052 HARPER STREET	ROBERT RICHARD & WIFE	\$11,420.00	1 LOT (50X100) N E WALLIOR S JACKSON W DEJEAN 238396 (G-8-490) (LOT 18 BLK 10 HARPER ST
17	0601683500	WD-6-EUN	111 PRAIRIE AVE	MARISSA FRUGE	\$5,400.00	1 LOT 5 (50X150) BLK 21 HAAS ADD FRONTING 50' ON PRAIRIE AVE 1165159
18	8102326075	WD-1-OPL	619 HALL STREET	RISMAN JENKINS, III	\$2,672.00	1 LOT 7 (51X150) BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD N HALL ST S LOT 18 BLK 2 E LOT 6 BLK 2 W LOT 8 BLK 2 FRONTING 51' ON HALL ST 953986 (R-41-438) 1001477
19	8601236500	WD-6-EUN	750 E. MAPLE STREET	LEE JOHN & HELEN REED	\$500.00	CITY OF EUNICE. 1 LOT 50' FRONT ON MAPLE AVE BY A DEPTH OF 150' RUNNING N BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 1106581
20	0601972500F	WD-6-EUN	1651 SCOTT STREET	CHRISTOPHER BROWN	\$500.00	1 LOT 14 (65X120) BLK D GLENDALE WEST SUBDIV N SCOTT ST S MISSOURI PACIFIC RR E LOT 15 W LOT 13 FRONTING 65' ON SCOTT ST IN SECS 25 & 26 T-6S R-1W 968628 (L-42-799) PLAT
21	8601148975	WD-6-EUN	130 DULLES STREET	JOSEPH JOHNSON JR	\$500.00	1 LOT S 80' OF LOT 1 & 2 (50X80 EACH) BLK C ELOI GUILLORY SUBDIV N FRUGE S PUBLIC ALLEY E PART OF LOT 3 W DULLES ST FRONTING 80' ON DULLES ST 852754 (W-37-451)

Item	Parcel	Ward	Physical Address	Property Owner	Starting Bid	Legal Description and References
22	8601252150	WD-6-EUN	450 MCARTHUR ST	JOSEPH & GENORA LAWRENCE	\$500.00	2 LOTS 4 & 5 (50X145 EACH) BLK E MAPLE ADD (450 MC ARTHUR ST) 909022 (T-39-811)
23	8601410100	WD-6-EUN	660 N. 4TH STREET	MICHAEL BRENNEN MANUEL	\$500.00	1 LOT 1 (44X142) BLK 8 BACCI ADD FRONTING 44' ON N 4TH ST 1056328
24	8601660200	WD-6-EUN	640 FARIS AVE	MAXINE GUILLORY, ETALS	\$500.00	1 LOT 11 (50X142) BLK 11 N AND B ADD 959712 (Z-41-636) 973105 (R-42-163) 1065065
25	8601761500	WD-6-EUN	241 JULIA STREET	JAMES BELLARD & LOLA PITRE	\$500.00	1 LOT 19 BROWN ADD N LOT 18 S JULIA ST E PUBLIC ALLEY W JULIA ST FRONTING 159.7' ON JULIA ST 1052169
26	0100020800	WD-1-OPL	510 S. OAK STREET	EVELENA AGGISON	\$719.52	CITY OF OPELOUSAS. 1 LOT (50X100) N GIRON S MARTIN E OAK ST W MARTIN FRONTING 50' ON OAK ST 866755 (M-38-37) (LOT 4 BLK 5 S OAK ST
27	0100107500	WD-1-OPL	1015 RICE LANE	CRAIG BLAIR BATISTE	\$554.79	1 LOT 9 (50X100) BEN STRICKNEY ADD 1153362
28	0100162800	WD-1-OPL	723 HALL STREET	DARREL ANTHONY BABINO	\$540.55	1 LOT 30 (50X100) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON TENNIS ST 744225 (N-32-190) (MH 1979 HOMMETTE 14X80 VIN 03530636M); 1 LOT 29 (50X100) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON TENNIS ST 851091 (U-37-785) *
29	0100515500	WD-1-OPL	831 W. HIRAM STREET	GUSTAVIA THIERRY CAMERON	\$500.00	1 LOT BEING THE EAST PART OF LOT 24 (TRIANGULAR IN SHAPE) (70X30) MARY BURR ADD 366588 (S-10-492)

Item	Parcel	Ward	Physical Address	Property Owner	Starting Bid	Legal Description and References
30	0102441500	WD-1-OPL	105 S. RAILROAD AVE	SHIRLEY JO NORRIS	\$500.00	1 LOT (90X47) N BELLEVUE ST S BAGESSE E H & B HOMEBUILDERS W RAILROAD AVE 668916 (E-24-301) (LOT 1 BLK 1 S RAILROAD AVE
31	0102488500	WD-1-OPL	PLAISANCE STREET	NARCISSE PAIN	\$500.00	1 LOT 2 N S LEWIS E PLAISANCE ST W BY TESSON FRONTING 46.5' ON PLAISANCE ST 695900 (T-25-253)
32	0101236000	WD-1-OPL	518 CONGRESS STREET	DAVID FORSYTHE	\$503.14	1 LOT (50X90) N SANDOZ ST S BROWN E CARRIERE W DEJEAN FRONTING 50' ON CONGRESS ST 538867 (W-16-552) (LOT 2 BLK 5 CONGRESS ST

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adopt **Resolution No. 012-2026**.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, of August, 2026.

Resolution No. 012-2026

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 Antidisplacement 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.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, August 5th, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, August 5th, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Before we go to item 13, I want to make a statement here as Chairman. I know we were long winded tonight, and I know some tempers flared. I try to keep order in these meeting. I would appreciate it if some of you all would go ahead and try and follow and keep in an orderly manner. So, please next time we have a meeting let’s try to hold back some of your tempers.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I know that Mr. Stelly asked for an Attorney General’s Ruling. I did not hear if we voted on that? Was it just a discussion?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We did not vote on it. I think as for our policy he will have to bring it up at the next committee meeting. I am in favor for what he asked for but I think that we need to follow the procedures.”

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivet to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of August, 2026.

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