

**{SECOND MEETING}
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
6 O’CLOCK PM
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

AGENDA

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

1. Call To Order.
2. Roll Call
3. Persons to Address the Committee

Mr. Milton Batiste, Superintendent to address the council regarding: The upcoming Tax Millage Election for the St. Landry Parish School Board.

Mr. Eric LaFleur – Walmart Payment In Lieu of Taxes.

4. Parish President & Finance Reports:
5. Forward all applications received for one appointment for a five-year term to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (03-17-2021 – 03-17-2026).
Mr. Lonnie J. Carriere has resigned.
6. Discuss moving Precinct 24 and Precinct 25 from the Yambilee Building to Opelousas Junior High. Precincts to be placed in the newest building north of the Cafeteria. (Councilman Dexter Brown).
7. Forward to full council **RESOLUTION NO. 002-2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2026

A RESOLUTION TO REASSIGN THE POLLING LOCATION FOR PRECINCTS 24 and 25

WHEREAS, The current polling location for Precincts 24 and 25 is the Yambilee Building located at 1939 W. Landry St., Opelousas, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the St. Landry Parish Council to reassign Precincts 24 and 25 to a newer facility, and

WHEREAS The St. Landry Parish Council wishes to assign the polling location for Precincts 24 and 25 to the new building located north of the cafeteria on the Opelousas Junior High campus, located at 730 S. Market St., Opelousas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the St. Landry Parish Council, in Regular Session assembled, does hereby reassign the following polling location for Precincts 24 and 25 as follows:

From: Yambilee Building at 1939 W. Landry St., Opelousas

To: Opelousas Junior High new building at 730 S. Market St., Opelousas, and with said Opelousas Junior High School polling location being used currently as the polling location for Precincts 26 and 26-A and thus qualifies as a consolidated polling location for Precincts 24 and 25 under applicable State statutes.:

8. Forward to full council **RESOLUTION NO. 003-2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2026

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on March 3, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 7.84 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$210,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the Gravity Drainage Works in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

9. Forward to full council **RESOLUTION NO. 004-2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2026

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on March 10, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.16 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$198,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintaining and operating fire protection facilities, purchasing firefighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82, said millage to represent a 0.64 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 4.52 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on November 21, 2015?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

10. Forward to full council **RESOLUTION NO. 005-2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2026

WHEREAS, there are documents and requests that St. Landry Parish Government needs to sign regarding any and all contracts on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development involving the following projects: State Project No. H.015505 (Solid Waste Road over Bayou Boeuf) and State Project No. H.015510 (Phillip Street over Bayou Yarbor).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish President, Jessie Bellard, is authorized to sign any and all documents and requests on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development involving the following projects: State Project No. H.015505 (Solid Waste Road over Bayou Boeuf) and State Project No. H.015510 (Phillip Street over Bayou Yarbor).

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

12. Adjourn.