

Parish President Jessie Bellard was absent for this meeting. He was attending the National Hurricane Conference, Orlando, FL.

**(FIRST MEETING)
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry said the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. **Ex-Officio** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown
4. **Person to address the Committee.**

Mr. John Lewis addressed the council. He stated, “My name is John Lewis. I live at 218 Carrington Place, Opelousas, LA. We were told that they are doing the north side. When we bought our side we bought half of the road also but they are just doing the north side. I was wondering while the machines are there and we all signed over our half of the road, you all would take it over while the machines are already there.”

Public Works Director Barry Soileau stated, “Mr. Bellard is looking at the legalities about doing that. Right now it is illegal for us to do it. We can do the part that we are on now. He is trying to figure out how we can do all of it, that is our intentions but we can only do what we are doing now. As soon as we get clarity we will move on to your section.”

Mr. John Lewis stated, “They think if we just would sign it over, you all will take it over.”

Public Works Director Barry Soileau stated, “It is not as easy as that.”

Mr. John Lewis stated, “Okay, I understand. I hope you all can help us soon because this week the ambulance went to try and pick up a lady and they could not get to her house because the road was damaged and it is full of water. I may look healthy but I am not. I have had a double by-pass, I have congestive heart failure, I have a pace maker, a defibrillator and my heart does not pump more than about 25 percent and the ambulance cannot get to the sick because of this road. We were lied to when we brought the property but that is a different story but it would be nice if you all could please help us. The ambulance could not help that lady because of the situation and I figured I would speak on it tonight because the machines are already out there and we were informed if we would sign it over you all would help us. Like you said it is not that easy but if someone would die because the ambulance could not get to them then it is a different story. I think we could get a little help, some kind of way or another. Everyone down that road on the south side will sign the paper right away because we need help. I am by myself a lot of times at my home and if the ambulance cannot get to me it not good.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “The last thing I remembered and I am the councilmember for that district at the Carrington Place, from what I understand Mr. Bellard told me they were advised that we could not do it at this time and that was from the District Attorney’s Office because of the legality of it. I know that they are working through that but how long it is going to take, I do not know. I know it looks like a third world country down there and we are working on trying to help you

all because I know the situation, I have been dealing with it for quite some time. I wish we could have a quicker fix, unfortunately we can't but we are working on it. I know that it is a slow process but please bear with us. I hope to God that nothing happens that you can't get the service that you rightfully need."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Is that a private road?"

Mr. John Lewis stated, "Yes, Ma'am."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I think that is one of the big issues because we were trying and we all had agreed that we would not do private roads but like he said the District Attorney said it was not legal. I hope that things could change because we have a lot of other private roads. Mr. Ardoin has one that the ambulance could not get through and I think that Mr. Faltery has a road that someone died."

Mr. John Lewis stated, "Yes, more than once that has happened where the ambulance cannot get to you. Just like the mail, we cannot get mail. I am disable and I miss out on appointments because of the mail. I cannot go to the post office every day because we can't get mail there."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I hope that it can be resolved. Mr. Barry did say that they were working on it. Let's just keep praying."

Mr. John Lewis stated, "Thank you all and I really appreciate it."

5. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Mrs. Candace Miles, HR Director stated, "There is nothing to report."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Chairman, would you please, on tomorrow look and see, we get a monthly report on the expenses in our road district. The expenses I had in my district is for \$2,000.00 for some limestone on Jack Fox Road. That is not in my road taxing district. Would you look and see about correcting that and putting it back in Ms. Vivian District and let her pay for it out of her road tax district."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to accept the Parish President & Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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

None.

7. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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