

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 2nd, 2024
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Russell Wade, Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Nathan Pilgreen, Jeremy Hobbs, Andrew Ford, Jr., Jeff Maxwell and Cindy McGibboney.

Mr. Wade called the meeting to order. Mr. Bridges led the group in prayer.

Public Comments were held on agenda items. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding Section 8 travel.

Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding permits for poultry farms and other farm structures.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding a cell phone for the Road Department Mechanic. Currently the foremen, road superintendent and the road secretary have phones. **Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to change possession of the cell phone from the Road Department secretary to the mechanic. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to approve travel for the HUD Director to attend the Louisiana Housing Council 2024 Legislative Conference to be held April 29th – May 3rd, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the building permitting process for poultry farms. There is an exemption for agriculture development regarding the inspection process. An electrical inspection will still be needed, but the actual construction permit will not be required. The electrical inspection will cover where the meter connects to the house. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Holley to recommend to the full jury to issue building permits per meter set instead of each poultry house. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the March Revenue and Expenditure Report to the Finance Committee. The Revenue and Expenditure report shows a budget to actual comparison.

The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the General, Road Maintenance, Airport, Detention Center, Sales Tax and Collection funds.

- Blue Cross Health Insurance for the month was \$93,671.00
- Interest paid from LNB, LAMP and Origin accounts

- Overtime for Road/Landfill

The Landfill had a total of 8.00 hours of overtime:

Tommy Ates	1
Jean Branton	3.5
Justin Echols	3.0
Jeliana Nelson	.50

The Road had a total of 89.50 hours of overtime:

Stephen Barmore	4.0
Willie Burden	21.5
Carlos Oser	3.0
Lynde Scarborough	56.0
Richard Wheelington	5.0

- UPDC - \$192,245.55 for state funds. TWP revenue for February was \$36,143.35 and March was \$28,510.36. The Transitional Work Release program is still in the process of undergoing an audit and the program is still unable to put any additional inmates to work.
- Sales Tax 13 - .01 sales tax for the month generated \$268,596.79
Tipping Fees - \$144,599.46
Container Rental - \$4,405.00

The Committee also discussed the Health Unit and the financial situation. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that there is currently one (1) parish employee employed at the Health Unit.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of March. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Wade declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Moses and duly seconded by Mr. Holley on this the 2nd day of April, 2024.

Russell Wade, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer