

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 5th, 2024
2:30 P.M.**

Present: Russell Wade, Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Glenn Hutto, Nathan Pilgreen, Brenda Abercrombie, A.J. Ford, Jr., Johnny Creed, Cindy McGibboney, Danielle Harkins, Terry Dumas, James Wicker, Tina Fuller, Chris Strickland, Beth Green, Bobby Green, Huey Rhodes, Tim Clement, Shane Abercrombie, Steve Auger, and Lynn Ramsey.

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

Public Comments were held on agenda items. Tim Clement, Spearsville Fire Chief, spoke in favor of the First Responders Exemption.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the October 1st, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to approve the First Responders Exemption as allowed by Act 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed finance report for the month of October. The Secretary/Treasurer also updated the committee on the following items:

- Courthouse – HVAC Plan
- Betty Street Community Center
- Garbage Truck
- Two Public Records Requests

The Road Department had 705.25 hours of overtime for the month. The overtime is directly related to the chip seal program and the maintenance of roads. The overtime hours are as follows:

James Ates	39 – He received comp time, not overtime
Steve Barmore	34
Willie Burden	83.5 – TWP Inmate
Bruce Carpenter	4
Billy Deron	18.5
Felix Elliott	6
Phillip Farris	43
Jory Hudson	35

Greg McDonald	25.5
Brian Nyegaard	54.5
Wayne Oser	17
Ronald Raye	59
Roger Reeves	36.5
Odis Riley	17.5
Danny Rockett	24.75
Richard Scarborough	27.5
Andrew Simpson	16.5
Rondal Stripling	33.5
Nicky Tettleton	24.5
Zachary Warner	56
Richard Wheelington	12.5
Scott Williams	30.5

The total amount of Road Maintenance salaries for the month was \$87,616.13. This amount does not include benefits.

The Landfill has 1 hour of overtime for the month.

Justin Echols	1.00
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The total amount Landfill (Fund 13 and Fund 19 salaries for the month was \$56,157.76.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the following items:

- Interest received from Origin for the Master Account and the percentage rate
- Interest received for the Landfill Assurance Account and the percentage rate
- Juveniles housed
- Funds received for Road Maintenance
- Equipment Repairs - \$23,350.11
- Road materials – \$513,283.54. This is an increase from last month. The total amount spent on road materials and supplies for the year is \$1,193,520.
- Equipment – Two (2) tandem axle trucks were purchased from Kenworth in the amount of \$331,050
- UPDC inmate count
- UPDC revenue
- Transfer of the excess commissary profit – The UPDC Commission authorized a transfer from commissary profits in the amount of \$320,890.53. This will go in the Union Parish Detention Center Operating Fund.
- Medical expenses
- Fund 13 Sales Tax revenue
- Fund 13 tipping fees
- Blue Cross Health Insurance - \$85,725.72. The Insurance Committee met last week and approved the 3.5% increase for the Blue Cross premiums. Employee insurance is still 100% paid by the jury.

- One (1) interfund transfer (\$400,000 to Landfill Collections)
- Road Construction received a large payment for the Alabama Landing Road project.

Mr. Creed commented on the commissary transfer, parish inmate count and overtime at the Detention Center. Mr. Creed stated that the staffing issue needs to be corrected at the Detention Center.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Holley to recommend to the full jury to accept the Revenue and Expense report for the month of October as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer. 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. Bridges on this the 5th day of November, 2024.

Russell Wade, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer