

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 1st, 2025
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Russell Wade, Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Nathan Pilgreen, Glenn Hutto, Andrew Ford, Jr., Danielle Harkins and Chris Strickland.

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

No Public Comments were made on agenda items.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses 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 March 4th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the grant appropriation money received from the state. The Union Parish Police Jury was awarded \$150,000 to be used on road repairs. The funds have to be spent by June 30th, 2025. The Secretary/Treasurer will have to submit documentation to the state showing how the funds were spent. **Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to distribute the grant monies evenly between the districts. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed financial report for the month of March. The expense reports, overtime reports and Origin Investment statements were emailed to the jurors.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented updates on several upcoming projects.

- Alcohol Sunday Sales - Mrs. Abercrombie inquired about Sunday beer/alcohol sales in Spencer/Sterlington. Legal has been asked to look into this.
- 2026 Election Dates for the Road Renewal - April 18th, 2026 – Begin process in September of 2025; May 30, 2026 – Begin process in December 2025; November 3rd, 2026 - Begin process in April 2026; or December 12th, 2026 – Begin process in June 2026
- Courthouse HVAC – Waiting on plans and specs from Guth and Associates
- Asbestos – Courthouse will be inspected on Thursday for asbestos at the request of Guth and Associates
- Termites – Clerk of Court Civil Division having issues with termites
- Courthouse Roof
- Bond Commission update
- All Police Jury offices will be closed on April 18th for Good Friday
- Status of new Road Department equipment
- Status of Oil Distributor Truck

Most of the Ad Valorem tax collections have been collected and distributed to the respective funds. The following amounts were collected for the month:

- General - \$10,941.16
- Council on Aging - \$6,391.40
- Road Maintenance - \$24,116.89
- Road Construction - \$20,118.40
- Library - \$13,328.36

The Road Department had 64 hours of overtime for the month of March.

Stephen Barmore	2.5
Joseph Bryan	5.0
Willie Burden	6.0 – TWP Inmate
Bruce Carpenter	2.0
Jason Colvin	1.0
Carroll Cook	3.0
Greg Edwards	6.0
Phillip Farris	3.0
Brian Nyegaard	13.0
Zachary Warner	5.5
Scott Williams	17.0

The Landfill is showing 19.6 hours of overtime for the month of March.

Tommy Ates	4.66
Jonathan Ates	2.41
Glynda Branton	2.60
Sidney Caughman	2.61
Justin Echols	3.26
Harvey Ellis	3.40
Greg Hand	.66

General Fund

The General Fund received \$30,123.37 in interest from Origin.

There is approximately 2.384 million dollars invested with Origin. That amount was recently moved from LNB.

The cost to house juveniles for the month was \$12,535.

Road Maintenance

State Appropriation	\$25,451.91
Equipment Repair	\$28,920.02
Road Materials/Supplies	\$40,900.86
Equipment - Trucks/Equip	\$99,895 – Roller Purchased

Airport

Fuel Purchase	\$9,690.40
Fuel Sold	\$2,432.27

Sales Tax Fund 13

Sales Tax - .01	\$255,673.31
Tipping Fees	\$173,968.99
Financial Assurance Interest	\$40,652.98

Collections

Equipment Repair	\$41,961.54
Equipment - Trucks	\$45,381.00

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to accept the Revenue and Expense report for the month of March, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Wade declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges and duly seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 1st day of April, 2025.

Russell Wade, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer