

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**3:00 P.M.**

Present: Russell Wade, Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Brenda Abercrombie, Danielle Harkins and Linda Hammett.

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

No Public Comments were made on agenda items.

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the Union Parish Airport T-Hangars. Union Parish was recently awarded a state and federal grant to build the T-Hangars. The T-Hangers will be an added source of revenue for the airport. Area airports charge the following for their T-Hangers:

- Minden - \$200
- Tallulah - \$175
- Springhill - \$180
- Natchitoches - \$209
- Ruston - \$375

The airports listed above are city or parish owned. **Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses, to recommend to the full jury to charge a monthly rental fee of \$250 for T-Hangars at the Union Parish Airport. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed financial report for the month of July. The July expense reports, overtime reports and Origin Investment statements were emailed to the jurors. Jurors also have a copy in their packet.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented updates on various items.

- 2026 Election Dates for the Road Renewal - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Begin process in September of 2025; May 30, 2026 – Begin process in December 2025; November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 - Begin process in April 2026; or December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Begin process in June 2026.
- Courthouse HVAC Timeline
- Court
- Key fobs
- Retaining Wall Project

- Betty Street Community Center – Chairs

July Overtime reports were included with the Revenue and Expense Reports. The Road Department had 83.5 hours of overtime for the month of July. Employees having over five hours:

- Bruce Carpenter 6.5
- Greg Edwards 6.0
- Greg Burden 6.5
- Brian Nyegaard 15
- Andy Raye 18
- Scott Williams 17.5

The Landfill is showing 27.76 hours of overtime for the month of July. Employees having over five hours:

- Justin Echols 14.34
- Willie Huey 6.76

#### General Fund - Revenues

- Occupational License \$60,649.73
- Interest \$32,062.55

#### General Fund – Expenditures

The line item for Coroners Fee & Autopsy shows an increase. The total amount spent in July was \$9,315. There were three autopsies performed during the month of July. The autopsies contributed to the increase.

A large payment was made in the amount of \$25,790 to pay for the parts for the retaining wall at the Annex. The payment came out of Building/Grounds.

#### **Road Maintenance**

A \$400,000 transfer was made from the Landfill Fund to the Road Maintenance Fund. This transfer is part of the 2025 Budget Appropriation.

A check was received from the State of Louisiana in the amount of \$49,561.68. It is coded as state appropriation and this money is based on the miles and population in Union Parish.

There were several expenses during the month of July for Road Maintenance. The larger expenses are listed below:

- \$22,142.44 Equipment rental (three graders, two Bruckner trucks; two dump trucks and one water truck)
- \$22,274.17 Equipment repair
- \$24,592.11 Fuel
- \$81,196.20 Road materials/Supplies
- \$342,878.55 Equipment/Trucks (Oil truck from Covington \$339,200 and \$3,678 Drag Broom Solutions)

### **Road Construction**

Road Construction received a payment in the amount of \$38,489.73. This is a payment that was for the 2016 severe flooding event.

There has been \$90,427.65 spent on road materials/supplies out of Road Construction. This is for the 2025 Priority Roads. Neither labor nor equipment costs have been transferred. Both will be transferred from Road Maintenance to Road Construction once the road program is finalized.

### **Airport**

The airport received \$4,268.67 in fuel income for the month.

### **Sales Tax Fund**

The one cent sales tax for the Landfill generated \$325,913.26 for the month of July. The Landfill collected \$393,681.27 in tipping fees.

There were several expenses during the month of July for the Landfill. The larger expenses are listed below:

- \$23,951.25 Equipment Repair
- \$16,520.07 Equipment Fuel
- \$63,696.00 Engineering Fees for the North Expansion Geo technical Investigation and Preliminary Design.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to accept the Revenue and Expense report for the month of July 2025. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.**

Russell Wade, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer