

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 2nd, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

Present: Russell Wade, Ben Bridges, Curtis Moses and Mike Holley. Absent: None. Also present: Glenn Hutto, A.J. Ford, Jr., and Danielle Harkins.

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

No Public Comments were made on agenda items.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the minutes of the August 5th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented three (3) quotes for the Courthouse Abatement Project.

PAC Environmental Specialists, LLC	\$65,400
1 Priority Environmental Services	\$57,074
Abatement Services, Inc.	\$48,360

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to accept the lowest quote from Abatement Services, Inc., issue a Notice to Proceed and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Brady Henderson with Newman Marchive presented a quote of \$38,810 for project management and air monitoring. The project administration would include a full-time on-site project observation and abatement air monitoring. Air samples would be taken on a daily basis. If the abatement was being done at a school, then it would be necessary to hire a project manager. **No action taken on the project management quote.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding fuel tanks for the Road Department and Landfill. The Secretary/Treasurer provided a weekly invoice from Rela Dyne. The invoice shows the fuel consumed for one (1) week and the drivers that got fuel.

The Secretary/Treasurer also included an estimate from Philip Bryan to get the fuel tanks back in operation. The estimates are broken down for each department. The quotes include a box that will be able to generate information to the cloud. The total installation for Philip Bryan would cost \$27,000. This would allow the same type of reports that Rela Dyne generates. An estimate was also provided by Perry & Sons, but was not as detailed as Philip Bryan.

Mr. Bridges stated one reason for using the bulk plant was fuel theft and the lack of reconciliation. There is no price difference in using the bulk plant. The price that the jury is currently paying is the same price as if it were being delivered to our tanks. Mr. Bridges further stated that there is now accountability on who is getting the fuel. Mr. Bridges stated that it is a lack of supervision on the supervisor's part. The employees are not filling up in the afternoon. All of the employees are waiting until the morning and that is creating a delay in the employees work day. Mr. Holley stated it is about management. **No action taken.**

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

August overtime reports were included with the Revenue and Expense Reports. The Road Department had 212.5 hours of overtime for the month of August. Most of the overtime is attributed to the Road Priority list for 2025. Employees having over five hours:

- Vontrenez Adams 7.5
- James Alan Ates 8.5
- Max Aycock 8.5
- Steve Barmore 4.5
- Bruce Carpenter 10
- Jason Colvin 5
- Larry Davis 6.5
- Greg Edwards 20.5
- Greg Eppinette 6
- Phillip Farris 13.5
- Barrett Gwin 5.5
- Chad Higginbotham 9
- Greg McDonald 13
- Brian Nyegaard 22
- Wayne Oser 7.5
- Andy Raye 9
- Roger Reeves 6
- Odis Riley 6.5
- Nicky Tettleton 6
- Zachary Warner 6
- Richard Wheelington 12.5
- Scott Williams 9

The Landfill is showing 35.51 hours of overtime for the month of August. Employees having over four hours:

- Sid Caughman 4.35
- Justin Echols 11.80
- Willie Huey 10.12
- Elvis Nyegaard 5.67

The Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief update on all funds. At this point in the year, 66.7% of the budget should be expended.

The Secretary/Treasurer also highlighted the Road Maintenance Budget and what an impact it will have on the Road Department if the tax renewal does not pass. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that in 2024, the Road Maintenance fund collected a total of \$1,310,770.44. The revenue for 2024 in Road Maintenance includes the following:

- Ad Valorem Tax - \$800,996.59
- Lieu of Taxes – Federal (one-time payment) - \$5,016.37
- FEMA Reimbursement (one-time payment) - \$8,135.77
- State Revenue Sharing - \$70,912.00
- State Appropriation - \$312,699.16 – Received from State of Louisiana
- Grants - \$103,916.50
- Interest – \$9,044.13
- Road Royalty - \$49.92 – Received from State of Louisiana

The Secretary/Treasurer then went over the expenditures for 2024. The expenditures totaled \$4,690,998.98. The expenditures for 2024 in Road Maintenance include the following:

- Salaries with benefits - \$1,305,465.61
- Equipment Rental - \$132,537.78
- Insurance - \$180,614.00
- Equipment Repair - \$215,242.53
- Equipment Fuel - \$217,552.83
- Road Materials/Supplies - \$1,521,933.44 (culverts, hot mix, cold mix, crushed concrete, various rock etc.)
- Heavy Equipment Purchases - \$846,895.82
- Beaver Control - \$18,000
- Engineer/Professional - \$32,324.51
- Phone - \$8,479.19
- Maintenance – Building/Grounds - \$42,288.98
- Medical - \$5,988.00
- Computers, Office Equipment, Hyper Web - \$24,752.46
- Enterprise Fleet Services - \$126,770.44
- Various other expenses - \$12,153.39

The Road Department received \$3,475,000.00 from the Landfill Tipping fees. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the Road Maintenance tax really only covers the salaries and benefits for the Road Department and nothing else.

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

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Wade declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Holley and duly seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 2nd day of September, 2025.

Russell Wade, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer