

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
1:30 P.M.**

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

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 to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the interest rates on all Police Jury accounts. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit proposals from local banks regarding interest rates for all Police Jury Accounts. Banks will be asked to provide a fixed and a variable rate. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the proposals received for pest control. Three proposals were submitted. Pest Guard (Farmerville), American Exterminating (West Monroe) and Bullseye Exterminating (Farmerville). All three proposals were scored for price, location, number of years in business and services offered. Mr. Wade stated that the base price between Pest Guard and American Exterminating were the lowest prices, but, American Exterminating offered a bed bug service that was significantly higher than Pest Guard. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Holley to recommend to the full jury to accept the proposal from Pest Guard for exterminating services. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Revenue and Expense report for the month of November to the Finance Committee.

The Secretary/Treasurer mentioned noteworthy happenings in the Parish.

- Ethics and Sexual Harassment class – Landfill and Road have completed

The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted multiple funds.

- One intra fund transfer for the month - \$25,000 Bridge Fund
- Road and Landfill Overtime
- Interest payments
- Equipment/Furniture expenditures

- Unemployment claim
- Juveniles
- Front Load Garbage Truck update
- Airport income
- Detention Center – Excessive number of pretrial inmates – 142
- Sales Tax – One cent sales tax
- Tipping Fees
- Equipment repairs for Road and Landfill Departments

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the November Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented each Finance Committee member with a copy of the proposed 2025 amended budget and the proposed 2026 budget. Budget binders were also given out to each juror. The Secretary/Treasurer explained the budget binders and how to find items in the budget. The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted items listed in the Budget Message. Jurors and Committee members were able to follow along on the screens in the conference room.

The Secretary/Treasurer also referred to certain Louisiana statutes pointing out why the jury has to contribute support to other entities. This support is known as unfunded mandates. The Secretary/Treasurer announced that the Detention Center Commission will approve their Operating Budget for the Detention Center at some point during the month of December. The Detention Center Fund was discussed at length due to the high costs of maintenance and food costs. E-911 Commission will approve their operating budget during a meeting in December.

A Finance meeting will be held on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. A public hearing will be held on December 30, 2025 @ 10:00 AM followed by a Special Meeting to adopt the budgets. The budget is available for public inspection at the Annex and on the Union Parish Police Jury website (UPPJ.ORG). **No action taken.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2025.**

Russell Wade, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer