

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 14th, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

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

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. Holley to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

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

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the following:

- Quotes received for key fob access point on the backdoor for OMV
- Reimbursement received for tractor/trailer rig in the amount of \$200,000
- LGAP Excavator funds have not been received
- Demo John Deere link
- Millage resolution on regular agenda
- Road Department Overtime – 15.5 hours
- Landfill Department Overtime – 8.65 hours
- Ad Valorem tax for funds
- Interest payments
- Coroners fee
- Court reporter for Judge Hampton
- Expenditures for various funds
- Juveniles
- Detention Center
- Library
- LNB Investment statements

Mrs. Strickland highlighted equipment repairs for the Road and Landfill departments in detail. Mrs. Strickland also detailed what has been spent out of Road Materials and Supplies.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to adopt the March Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning the Clear Branch Landing and the Lonnie King Landing. Mr. Hutto has been in communication with Brad Jones from Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Hutto is asking for jury approval to negotiate a price for both of these landings. Mr. Hutto stated that purchasing these landings would protect public access to our scenic waterways and ensure that future generations grow up with the ability to explore, navigate, and appreciate them. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to enter into negotiations with Weyerhaeuser regarding the purchase of the two landings. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding roof repairs needed at the Betty Street Community Center. Mr. Fields has reported that the roof is leaking at the BSCC. Mr. Fields is in the process of obtaining three (3) quotes for repair the roof. **No action taken.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a Courthouse HVAC Preventative Maintenance contract from Mechanical Systems. The new unit has a one (1) year warranty, but preventative maintenance is not included in the warranty. Mechanical Systems provided a proposal in the amount of \$6,570. This proposal would cover a year and would include furnishing and installing filters, coil cleaning, lubrication of the pump and motor and inspection/cleaning of the drain lines.

Mechanical Concepts had also submitted a proposal in the amount of \$14,448 which included annual and quarterly inspections. **No action taken on either proposal.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented two invoices for HVAC engineering from Aillet, Fenner, Jolly & McClelland, Inc. Consulting Engineers. The invoices were for mechanical and electrical design services for replacement of the HVAC system at the Union Parish Courthouse. Mr. Bridges asked for more information regarding these invoices. **No action taken.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding implementing procedures for the Road Policy. The procedures will apply for the in-lieu millage which is on the ballot in November. Mr. Wade discussed the following:

- when will transfers be made
- what will be covered under general road maintenance:
 - pothole patching
 - signs
 - side-boom
 - culverts
 - rock of any kind
 - hot mix
 - road grading

Mr. Wade also explained the formula that shows what each district will receive. Every district will see work done each year. Mr. Wade urged the jurors to think about the procedures. The procedures for using the funds should be decided before the funds are received. **No action taken.**

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 14th day of April, 2026.

Russell Wade, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer