

**Ascension Parish Assessor's Office
2025 Amended Budget and 2026 Proposed Budget Meeting
(Minutes of December 17, 2025 Meeting)**

A public hearing for the amended 2025 budget and proposed 2026 budget of the Ascension Parish Assessor's office was held in the Assessor's Office in Gonzales, LA at 8:00 AM on December 17, 2025.

M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr., Assessor of Ascension Parish, started the meeting making sure that information on the amended budget and proposed budget was available to all interested citizens.

The public comment period was opened and a signup sheet was provided for anyone wishing to comment or give their input. Each interested citizen would be allowed 3 minutes to speak.

Recognizing that there were no citizens in attendance, Mr. Smiley closed the public comment period, voted to adopt the amended 2025 budget, voted to adopt the proposed 2026 budget, and called for an adjournment of the 2025 Amended Budget and 2026 Proposed budget meeting at 8:15 AM.

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	<u>2025</u>			<u>2026</u>
Beginning Fund Balance			\$4,997,634	\$5,054,634
Revenues:	Projected	Amended	Budget	Projected
Local sources:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000	\$3,850,000
Interest Income	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
Other Income	\$15,000	\$200,000	\$215,000	\$20,000
Special Assessments	-			-
Proceeds from Sale Capital Assets	-			-
State sources:				
State Revenue Sharing Funds	\$110,000		\$110,000	\$100,000
State Grant	-			\$100,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$3,635,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$3,835,000</u>	<u>\$4,080,000</u>
Expenditures:				
Payroll & Benefits	\$2,723,000		\$2,723,000	\$2,894,000
Authorized Allowance	\$16,000		\$16,000	\$16,250
Capital Outlay	\$250,000		\$250,000	\$200,000
Agency Insurance & Bond	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$41,000
Required Publication & Announcement	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$1,200
Vehicle, Fuel & Repair	\$10,500		\$10,500	\$10,000
Bank Charges & Misc Fees	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Education, Conference & Seminar	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$61,000
Office Supplies & Copiers	\$31,000		\$31,000	\$31,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$16,000
Postage & Mailing	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$15,000
Misc Office Services	\$14,000		\$14,000	\$14,000
Mileage & Meals for Executives	\$29,000		\$29,000	\$29,000
Professional Service Contracts	\$315,000		\$315,000	\$340,000
Misc Services	-	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Telecommunications & Internet	\$52,000		\$52,000	\$72,000
Rent & Utilities	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$33,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,578,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$3,778,000</u>	<u>\$3,874,450</u>
Estimated Ending Fund Balance			\$5,054,634	\$5,260,184

M.J. Smiley Jr.
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 Ascension Parish Assessor