

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Ryan Williams, Eric Soileau, Ryan Ardoin, Rocky Rider, Daniel Arvie, Lamar Johnson, Bryan Vidrine, and Kevin Veillon. Absent and excused was Sidney Fontenot. A quorum was present.

There were no comments from the public regarding the agenda items.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Rocky Rider approving the January 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Kevin Veillon authorizing the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

Blake Steiner and Matt Johns with Rapides Area Planning Commission address the jury with an update on permit activity in Evangeline Parish. Total permits issued for the fiscal year 2018 was 1,377 with total revenues received in the amount of \$125,073.79.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving the reappointment of Wilbur Thompson to the Te Mamou Water Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the appointment of Mike Fontenot with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office to the Acadiana Area Human Services District. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving Rachel West and Shanameeka Frank to attend the Flood Plain Management Training on February 22, 2019 in Alexandria, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the reappointment of cemetery workers for the fiscal year 2019 beginning March 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019. Also included in the motion is approval of one (1) cut during the month of February 2019 for district #3 cemeteries. Motion carried.

Anna Frank, Section 8 Director, addressed the Jury to discuss HAP payments and authorization for Section 8 to submit ACH payments to landlords.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of Evangeline Parish, State of Louisiana, does hereby authorize and approve Anna Frank, Section 8 Director, to submit ACH HAP payments from the Evangeline Parish Section 8 Account to landlords.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously approved this 4th day of February 2019.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving an amendment to the Section 8 Administrative Plan to include changing the payment standards for one (1) and two (2) bedrooms to 110% and keeping three (3) and four (4) bedrooms at 100% of the fair market. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving the Section 8 Housing Administrative Plan to include the following:

Household shall be denied admission for five years after the date of their most recent conviction, if any household member is convicted of drug related criminal activity, violent criminal activity and other criminal activity which will threaten the health safety of right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises.

Motion carried.

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer, discussed the needs to clear blighted property throughout the Parish. Mr. Bergeron stated that \$60,000 has been budgeted for the cleanup of properties. The process will need to start with the most dangerous houses which pose a public risk. This assessment will be done by the local building official. Some homes may be privately owned and some owned by the Police Jury. Mr. Bergeron is looking for direction from the Jury on how to go about taking care of these properties.

City of Ville Platte Mayor, Jennifer Vidrine, addressed the jury in stating that the city is also trying to clean up and has a process in place however the city is getting calls for blighted properties which do not belong to the City. Mayor Vidrine would like a plan on how the City and the Police Jury can work together.

Mr. Bergeron stated that at least 95% of these properties did not come to the parish in great shape. Blighted properties have to go through a process, which these properties have not yet been identified and condemned by a building official. Once condemned the Parish can then set up for demolition.

Moving forward the Police Jury will provide the City of Ville Platte with a quarterly report on the amount of blighted properties demolished.

Mayor Vidrine is also requesting assistance from the Police Jury in cleaning up drainage canals within the City Limits. It was mentioned by the Jury that the equipment the parish uses for drainage work has to be scheduled and takes some time circulating to the different districts throughout the Parish. Moving forward if any projects are needed within the City Limits, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will need to be brought before the Jury for approval. Once approved, the project can be put on the waiting list.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve attendance to the LEMC Conference May 13-16, 2019 in Lake Charles, La for Liz Hill, Mona Nelson, and Sherry Buller. Motion carried.

Public Works Director, Chester Granger, gave the following report:

- Request clarification from the Jury on how to handle drainage work within the City Limits of Ville Platte.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving all work related projects requested from a municipality to be brought before the Jury for authorization along with approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Motion is contingent upon the opinion of the Attorney General. Motion carried.

- Request hiring for Litter Abatement Program.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Rocky Rider to approve the hiring of Bryan Clark for District 4 Litter Abatement Program at \$10/hr., effective 2/1/19. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the hiring of two (2) part time workers for Region-B Litter Abatement at \$10/hour. Motion carried.

- 2% Drainage Equipment will be moving to District 3 for drainage work.
- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is working in District 9.

Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, gave the following report:

- Requesting the Jury to adopt a resolution to move forward with advertising for the changing of the chiller lines located on the Courthouse grounds.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to move forward with advertising to accept bids for the changing of the chiller lines located at the Courthouse Building. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Tax collections for December 2018, \$276,728.22.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been e-mailed copies of the Parish budget to actual comparison report for each fund and asked the Jury if they had any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Rocky Rider approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer