

The Police Jury met in Regular Session assembled with the following members present: Ryan Williams, Sidney Fontenot, Eric Soileau, Ryan Ardoin, Lamar Johnson, Kevin Veillon, Daniel Arvie, Rocky Rider, and Bryan Vidrine. All members were present.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the August 5, 2019 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution making application to the State Bond Commission to finance repairs to the Industrial Park Rail Spur. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Evangeline, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2019, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Parish Alimony – Outside	3.660 mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.830 mills
Health Unit Fund	2.070 mills
Library	5.110 mills
Elderly Services Center	1.000 mills
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.630 mills
Fire Protection District Pine Prairie	10.180 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 4	2.000 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 5	0.970 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 1	0.830 mills
Cemetery District No. 6	1.120 mills
Road District No. 1	5.260 mills
Road District No. 2	15.280 mills
Road District No. 3	10.300 mills
Road District No. 5	4.920 mills
Cemetery District No. 2	0.910 mills
Cemetery District No. 3	1.120 mills
Cemetery District No. 7	0.900 mills
Road District No. 4	14.630 mills
Communications District 911	1.000 mills
Road District No. 5	10.000 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 1	1.120 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 5	1.000 mills
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.630 mills
Lone Pine Fire Protection District	19.410 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Evangeline shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2019 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ryan Williams, Sidney Fontenot, Eric Soileau, Lamar Johnson, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Bryan Vidrine, Rocky Rider, Daniel Arvie.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was hereby adopted on this 9th day of September 2019.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Rocky Rider approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Evangeline, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2019, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2019 Levy</u>
General Parish Alimony	3.660 mills	3.730 mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.830 mills	1.860 mills
Health Unit Fund	2.070 mills	2.070 mills
Library	5.110 mills	5.210 mills
Elderly Services Center	1.000 mills	1.020 mills
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.630 mills	5.630 mills
Fire Protection District Pine Prairie	10.180 mills	10.180 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 4	2.000 mills	2.000 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 5	0.970 mills	1.000 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 1	0.830 mills	0.840 mills
Cemetery District No. 6	1.120 mills	1.120 mills
Road District No. 1	5.260 mills	5.260 mills
Road District No. 2	15.280 mills	15.280 mills
Road District No. 3	10.300 mills	10.300 mills
Road District No. 5	4.920 mills	5.070 mills
Cemetery District No. 2	0.910 mills	1.050 mills
Cemetery District No. 3	1.120 mills	1.140 mills
Cemetery District No. 7	0.900 mills	1.030 mills
Road District No. 4	14.630 mills	14.630 mills
Communications District 911	1.000 mills	1.020 mills
Road District No. 5	10.000 mills	10.000 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 1	1.120 mills	1.120 mills
Cemeteries, Ward No. 5	1.000 mills	1.000 mills
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.630 mills	5.630 mills
Lone Pine Fire Protection District	19.410 mills	20.000 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Evangeline shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2019 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Ryan Williams, Sidney Fontenot, Lamar Johnson, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Bryan Vidrine, Rocky Rider, Daniel Arvie
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Eric Soileau
ABSENT: None

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was hereby adopted on this 9th day of September 2019.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving the adoption of an ordinance to create prospective precincts by the split and/or merger of precinct geography in accordance with LA Revised Statutes 18:532 and 18:532.1. Motion carried.

Agenda item #6 will be tabled at this time.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving the adoption of an ordinance granting Atmos Energy Corporation the franchise and rights to conduct a gas system within and beyond the boundaries of Evangeline Parish. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve a letter of support endorsing the Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) as applicant for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 5 Regional Capacity Building Grant Program and endorse APC's Phase I Letter of Interest. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the reappointment of Tony Rozas for another two year term on the Evangeline Parish 911 Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Rocky Rider approving the reappointment of Pat Derouselle for another two year term on the Evangeline Parish 911 Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving Ronnie Broussard for another two year term on the Evangeline Parish 911 Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Johnson addressed the Jury to announce his candidacy for State Senate for District 38.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin, seconded by Rocky Rider and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items:

1. Board of Review
2. Discuss a change in Cemetery Caretaker for District 3
3. Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with City of Ville Platte and Village of Chataignier
4. Discuss and approve the hiring of Right of Way Agent/Compliance Agent

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to adjourn the regular meeting and convene as a Board of Review. Motion carried.

As advertised, the Police Jury, as a whole, met as a Board of Review to hear and/or review complaints received on the 2019 assessed valuations set by the Evangeline Parish Assessor. Appeals were made from Perdido Energy Louisiana, LLC and S2 Energy regarding the assessments set by the Evangeline Parish Tax Assessors evaluation.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Rocky Rider to accept and approve the 2019 assessed values as prepared by the Evangeline Parish Tax Assessor and allow the protests to be submitted to the State Tax Commission.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the Board of Review and reconvene the regular scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to reconvene the regular scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Rocky Rider to approve the hiring of Victor Manuel as Cemetery Caretaker for District 3. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Chataignier to assist with the grading of Rosa Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Ville Platte to assist with drainage work located on Progressive

Road. District Seven Juror, Bryan Vidrine, questioned if the City of Ville Platte was contact to assist with this work, being this is located inside the city limits. District Five Juror, Kevin Veillon, replied in stating that he has spoken with a constituent and the drainage work is very much needed. Motion was called to a vote and one opposition was made by District

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Seven Police Juror, Bryan Vidrine. Motion carried.

The Jury then discussed the hiring a Right of Way/Compliance Agent. Two applicants have applied for the position, Mr. Dale Reed and Mr. Raymond Guillory.

Nominations were then opened for the hiring of a Right Of Way/Compliance Agent.

On motion of Kevin Veillon, Dale Reed was nominated for the position.

Being there were no other nominations, motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Dale Reed for the position of Right of Way/Compliance Agent at \$18/hr. up to 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the payment of bills on file in the Police Jury Office. Motion carried.

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

- Requesting payroll and maintenance adjustments for road funds.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the change in funds for the payment of payroll and maintenance for Region-C from Road District Five Fund to Road District Four Fund for the remainder of this fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the change in funds for the payment of payroll and maintenance for Region-B, District Six, from Road District Four Fund to Road District Three Fund for the remainder of this fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the change in funds for the payment of payroll and maintenance for Region-A, District Seven, from Road District One Fund to Road District Five Fund for the remainder of this fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the payroll change for Skyler Frank from the Chip Seal Crew to Litter Abatement Crew for Region B at \$11/hr., effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Charlie Hiltz at \$8/hr. for the Crooked Creek Maintenance Crew. Motion carried.

- Requesting the approval to purchase a railcar for District 3.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the purchase of a rail car for District 3 to replace a bridge on Pin Oak Lane. Motion carried.

- Parish wide Drainage Equipment is currently working on Lamar Road then will move on to Zenon Road.
- Ward One Drainage Equipment is working in District 5 off of Theophile Sub.
- District One and District Four is in the process of working with DOTD to take over some of the state roads within Evangeline Parish. Meeting will be held on September 17, 2019 in Lafayette to discuss options.

Parish Engineer Report was given by Mr. Todd Deville:

- Authorize to go to bids for the Industrial Park Railroad Spur.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Rocky Rider authorizing Ronnie Landreneau & Associates to proceed with accepting bids for the Railroad Spur Project. Motion carried.

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

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collected in August for the month of July, \$276,442.09.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been presented with the Parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and asked the Jury if they had any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer