

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the September 9, 2019 Public Hearings, Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Alex Strohman with T C Energy addressed the Jury. Mr. Strohman reported to the Jury that Evangeline Parish is included in a project to construct a national gas compressor station near Cleco and Chicot Park. It was also reported that the parish will receive \$1.5 million dollars in parish ad valorem taxes during the first year of operations and will bring in job opportunities.

Mrs. Anna Frank, Section 8 HUD Director, addressed the Jury on updates and approval of a 5 year PHA Plan. This plan includes a rental housing development program which provides loans for affordable housing development to build, buy or rehabilitate affordable housing and provide direct rental assistance to low income individuals.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the Evangeline Parish Section 8 HUD 5 Year PHA Plan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the Evangeline Parish Section 8 HUD 2020 Utility Allowance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the Evangeline Parish Section 8 HUD payment standard for the fiscal year 2020. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve an amendment to the Evangeline Parish Section 8 HUD Administrative Plan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the following replacement members on CCC/PEMAC/LEPC for the following agencies:

Lisa Derwin – Transportation
Tony Marks – Media
Jake Guillory- Sanitation Services.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve tricking or treating hours for the Evangeline Parish areas located outside of the municipalities from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Halloween night. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau authorizing the payment of bills on file in the Police Jury Office. Motion carried.

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

- Approval to hire for litter abatement in the Mamou area.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the hiring of Bubba Gradney part-time at \$10.50/hr. for litter abatement in the Mamou area, with a 90 day probationary period. Pay rate of \$11/hr. will take affect once the probationary period has been met. Motion carried.

- Parish wide Drainage Equipment is located in District 3 replacing rail cars.
- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is located in District 1 in the L'anse Meg area.
- Approval to hire CDL Driver.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve Public Works Director in hiring a CDL driver for Region A, to replace Mr. Charles Seria, at the same rate of pay. Motion carried.

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

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- The parish is starting to see a drop in sewer bill delinquency totals. Delinquent sewer bills totaling \$135,173 has been turned over to Louisiana Debt Recovery. As of last week current delinquent totals are \$103,663. The state agency has the ability to cease income tax returns, flag drivers and hunting licenses along with other procedures to force customers to pay their delinquent bills.
- A workers compensation rebate has been received from LWCC. Three years ago the premium was approaching \$300,000 per year. This year the renewal premium was \$111,300 and has received \$38,000 in rebates.
- Mr. Bryan Vidrine and Mr. Eric Soileau have been reappointed to the Louisiana Rural Action Committee with the National Association of Counties.
- 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 the has any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collected in September 2019 for August 2019, \$255,868.20.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer