

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the February 3, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the jail supply list as submitted. Motion carried.

The Police Jury also heard from Sheriff elect Charles Guillory and what improvements are needed for Evangeline Parish.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the week of April 13- April 18, 2020 has been designated as National Community Development Week. Evangeline Parish is/has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-six years of Community Development block Grant Program funding has developed a strong of relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2020, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress..

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously approved this 2nd day of March 2020.

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

WHEREAS, the 52nd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
In the State of Louisiana.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously approved this 2nd day of March 2020.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the reappointment of Felix Morein to the Te Mamou Water District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the appointment of Charles Blynn Rozas to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District #9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish to replace Hubert Belleau who has recently passed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve attendance to the 2020 LEMC Conference to be held May 4-7, 2020 in Lake Charles, La to Sherry Buller, Mona Nelson and Liz Hill. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve attendance to the LA. Floodplain Management Association Conference to be held April 15-17, 2020 in Houma for Shanameeka Frank and Donald Bergeron. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the fiscal year 2019 audit. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the resolution of February 3, 2020 the Police Jury published its intention to abandon the following property to wit:

A portion of Parish Road identified as Continental Ponds Place on the Parish E-911 maps. The section of road to be abandoned is approximately 170 ft. starting from right-of-way of railroad to end of said road, located in Section 045, Township 3 South, Range 2 East of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, there were no objections received to this abandonment

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury does hereby declare the above section of road as officially abandoned.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously adopted this 2nd day of March 2020.

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the hiring of Alexia Fontenot at Crooked Creek Recreational Park at \$8/hr. effective March 3, 2020. Motion carried.

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

- Parish wide drainage equipment is located in District 1
- Ward 1 drainage equipment is currently being used in District #8.
- Request a pay increase to Litter Abatement employee Monica Mahaffey.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving a \$1.00/hour pay increase to Monica Mahaffey, Litter Abatement employee for District 7, effective immediately. Motion carried.

- Caretaker has been released for Ceasar Cemetery, located in District #2 and requesting the Jury to hire employee, John Deshotel.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve John Deshotel as caretaker of Ceasar Cemetery. Motion carried.

- Railcar for Dove Crossing will be delivered next week for installation, contingent upon the weather.

Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, gave the following report:

- Notification has been received that the LGAP application applying for funding at Crooked Creek is no longer available for recreation projects. Mr. Landreneau is recommending the Jury to resend the rejection in stating funds are needed for infrastructure improvements.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to resend the rejection received from LGAP requesting to reconsider funding for Crooked Creek Recreational Park which are needed for infrastructure improvements. Motion carried.

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

- Recommend the jury to set open enrollment for health care.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to set open enrollment for employee's health care coverage on March 9-10, 2020 to be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building. Motion carried.

- Approve policy change for per diem meals.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve a policy change to coincide with per diem rates on US General Services Administration (GSA) website. Motion carried.

- Insurance coverage quote on vehicles and buildings have been received. Renewal date is March 15, 2020. This item will be discussed further at next month's meeting.
- Quotes have also been received on grass cutting services at Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Mr. Bergeron is recommending the Jury to accept the low received from Logan Fontenot in the amount of \$799.00/cut.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve and accept the low bid received from Logan Fontenot for grass cutting services at Crooked Creek Recreational Park in the amount of \$799.00 per cut. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt a resolution proclaiming March 28th of each year as "Blinded Veterans Day". Motion carried.

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Use Tax Collections for the month of January 2020, \$257,284.14.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed copies of the Parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and asked the Jury if there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer