

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the June 1, 2020 Committee's and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Tourism President Jay Gielow addressed the Jury to briefly discuss some ongoing maintenance and improvements throughout the parish and is requesting assistance from agencies with the grounds keeping.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Voting Precincts 01/1140, 01/1162, and 01/1060 are currently located at the Veterans Home located at 1612 W. Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential sale of the facility there is no electrical and water use at this time; and

WHEREAS, Evangeline Parish Library, located at 916 West Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 is available to be used as the permanent voting location for Precincts 01/1140, 01/1162, and 01/1060; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, does hereby move voting precincts 01/1140, 01/1162 and 01/1060 from the Veterans Home, located at 1612 W. Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 to Evangeline Parish Library, located at 916 West Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586; and

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 6th day of July 2020.

WHEREAS, Voting Precincts 02/2020, 02/2030, and 02/2040 are currently located at the Basile Community Center located at 1316 South Ryan Ave., Basile, La 70515; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor of Basile is requesting to move said voting precincts to another location due to broken water line in the slab foundation and water cut off; along with no longer meeting states statutes for the requirements of a polling place; and

WHEREAS, W.W. Steward Community Center located at 1035 Belton St., Basile, La 70515 is available to be used as the permanent voting location for Precincts 02/2020, 02/2030, and 02/2040; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, does hereby change Precincts 02/2020, 02/2030, and 02/2040 voting location from the Basile Community Center located at 1316 South Ryan Ave., Basile, La 70515 to The W.W. Steward Community Center located at 1035 Belton St. Basile, La 70515.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 1st day of June 2020.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to renew the Rural Action Caucus membership for Eric Soileau and Bryan Vidrine. Motion carried.

Motion was Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve calling for renewal of millage tax for Cemetery District No. 2 (1.060 mills), Cemetery District No. 3 (1.150 mills), Lone Pine Fire Protection District (19.880 mills), and Cemetery District No. 7 (1.040 mills). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve an Interagency Agreement for State Homeland Security Grants between the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office, Ward 4 Fire Dept., Acadia Evangeline Fire Dist., Ville Platte Fire Dept., Ward 5 Fire Dept., Pine Prairie Police Dept., Lone Pine Fire Dept., Mamou Dire District, Mamou Police Dept., Chataignier Police Dept., Ville Platte Police Dept., Basile Police Dept., Turkey Creek Police Dept., and Evangeline Parish Communications District. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to accept the resignation of Elizabeth West from the Evangeline Parish Tourism Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot, seconded by Keith Saucier and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with LSU Ag Center.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LSU Ag Center for another five (5) years starting July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. The MOU also includes a change in annual contributions made to the Ag Center from \$27,476 to \$21,702. Motion carried.

The Ag Center is also requesting the Jury in providing a more secure space for the receptionist and office staff. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the maintenance and/or repairs for the installing of a window in the receptionist area of the LSU AG Center, which will enable more privacy from the public entering the Lobby. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine authorizing the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- A ditch behind Po Boy Subdivision has been closed in by a private company. A concern is restrictions in the ditch flooding nearby residents. No road use permits have been issued for this work.
- Another situation similar to this is on Colt Avenue. A contractor has been performing work on the Platin Road and is destroying the parish road. The engineer has been contacted notifying that the parish will require them to repair.
- Requesting the purchase of a tilt deck trailer for District #1, #8 and #9.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the purchasing of a tilt deck trailer for District #1, #8, and #9 to be paid out of Parish Transportation Funds. Motion carried.

- Parish Wide Drainage Equipment is currently located in the Chataignier area and moving on to a project in Point Blue.
- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is located in District #1 then moving on to District #9.

- Speed bumps are being requested by residents located on Horace Leger Road.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the installing of speed bumps on Horace Leger Road, located in District #4. Motion carried.

- Requesting from the Jury if Chip Seal will be done this year.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to move forward with the planning of the Chip Seal Project for parish roads. Motion carried.

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

- 2% Fire Insurance rebate has been received and funds have been distributed to the various Fire Districts.
- Regional Project Inventory Call has been voted on to start up. The website will be open to the public on July 8, 2020 to define and enter any needed drainage project into the database. This will help coordinate different drainage projects across the state to find funding.
- Request was made to have the Health Unit Building and sidewalks washed. Price quotes will be solicited in the next couple of weeks.
- Mr. Bergeron state the 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.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collected in the month of June 2020, \$271,368.51.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer