

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

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin, seconded by Sidney Fontenot and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following agenda items moved from the Committee Meetings:

1. Discuss bridges needing replacements in the Parish.
2. Discuss speed bumps on Henry Cole Lane.
3. Update on HUD activity from Director Anna Frank.
4. Approve temporary hire for District 4.
5. Approve part time litter abatement hire for District 7.
6. Approve hire for front office.
7. Discuss hire for courthouse janitor.
8. Discuss lawn mower replacement for plants.
9. Update on park operations.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve funding for the bridge repairs and purchase of railcars to be paid out of Parish Transportation Fund. Motion carried.

Agenda addition #2 will be tabled until the next meeting.

An update was then given on HUD activity from Director, Anna Frank. Mrs. Frank stated that CARES Act funding's been received and has put together a care package for tenants. This package consists of hand sanitizer, Clorox, masks, and Lysol spray to help keep the health and safety of all families. Total funds dispensed to the Section 8 agency totaled \$15,104.00. Approval has also been given for the purchase of a new car for the Section 8 agency by HUD Financial Accountant, Amy Buchanan. These funds will come from the CARES Act and DHAP Funds. Mrs. Frank also mentioned that starting July 1, 2020 employee, Tremeka Leday will become full-time with Section 8.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve Director, Anna Frank, to utilize CARES Act and DHAP funding for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Section 8 HUD Agency. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the temporary hire of Eddie Clark at \$13.91/hr. for District 4. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot authorizing and approve Public Works Director, Chester Granger to hire a part time litter abatement employee at \$10/hr. (30 hrs./week) for District 7. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to advertise for a part-time secretary in the Police Jury Office at 25 hours per week. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to table the discussion of hiring a janitor for the courthouse at this time. Motion carried.

Quotes have been received for the purchase of a new mower for the sewer plants. The purchase of a new mower would cost around \$8,500.00 which funds are not present at this time. It was also mentioned that Crooked Creek has a mower not being used but will need repairing. Motion was made

by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to allow the sewer department to obtain the mower located at Crooked Creek which is not being utilized at this time. Motion carried.

The following updates on Crooked Creek Park operations were given by Park Manager, Kim Ortego:

- A Facebook page is now available to the public with events and activities happening throughout the year.
- During the month of May 2020 the park received \$46,000.00.
- Campers for the year (January – May 2020) totaled 1,200.
- Due to the increase in price to purchase bags for ice, Mr. Ortego is requesting the Jury to go up on the price per bag of ice from \$1.50/bag to \$2.00/bag.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to increase the price per bag of ice from \$1.50 to \$2.00 at Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Motion carried.

- Requesting select cutting of the trees outside the perimeter of the Crooked Creek Park. These funds could be utilized towards a security gate or park activities for the campers.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve Park Manager, Kim Ortego, to obtain pricing for select cutting of trees outside the perimeter of Crooked Creek. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the hiring of Jayden McCauley at \$8.00/hour for maintenance at Crooked Creek Recreational Park, retroactive to May 11, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the May 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to table agenda item #4 until a later date. Motion carried.

An offer has been received from a local business to purchase property at the Industrial Park. The 1.47 acres of property is located between the armory and Jeanmard, Inc. This business is going to maintain their current jobs in place and expand to create more jobs. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve and accept the sale of property (1.47 acres) located at the Industrial Park in the amount of \$18,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

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, Sooner's Auto Salvage, located at 2102 West Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 is available to be used as the new voting location for Precincts 01/1140, 01/1162, and 01/1060 contingent upon finding a more suitable location with valid parking space; 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 Sooner's Auto Salvage, located at 2102 West Main Street, Ville Platte, La 70586; and

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

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

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; and

WHEREAS, W.W. Steward Community Center located at 1035 Belton St., Basile, La 70515 is available to be used as the new 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 Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Voting Precincts 01/1081, 01/1090, and 01/1091 are currently located at the Village De Memorie, 1001 Reed Street, Ville Platte, La 70586

WHEREAS, this facility houses senior citizens and during this pandemic it is in the best interests not to introduce the COVID-19 virus from the voting public to this polling location; and

WHEREAS, The Evangeline Parish Voting Machine Warehouse located at 1208 Dardeau St., Ville Platte, La 70586 is available to be used as the new voting location for Precincts 01/1080, 01/1090, and 01/1091; 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 01/1080, 01/1090, and 01/1091 voting location from the Village De Memorie located at 1001 Reed Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 to the Evangeline Parish Voting Machine Warehouse located at 1208 Dardeau St., Ville Platte, La 70586.

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 to approve the reappointment of board members Tommy Jones, Cristal Messer, and Ray Foreman to the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the appointment of Roger Fontenot to replace Michelle Messer as board member on the Ward 4 Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve registration for the 2020 Flood Plain Manager's Virtual Conference, June 9-11, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the following member replacements on the Tourism Board:

<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>REPLACE</u>
Haley Ortego – Basile	Darryl Lejeune
Elizabeth West – Pine Prairie	Hattie Johnson

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the appointment of The Ville Platte Gazette as the Official Journal for Evangeline Parish for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine, seconded by Ryan Ardoin and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Articles of Incorporation

The Jury was updated that the Tourism Board has extended their term dates for returning board members which will begin in July 2020 and come up for reevaluation in June 2021. Approval has also been given to the board to amend their Articles of Incorporation.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the amendments made to the Articles of Incorporation for the Tourism Board as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the Jail Supply list as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Next bridge repairs will be in District 2, located on Percy Road and Hoot Nanny Road.
- Drainage crew is working in District 1
- Request of a resolution authorizing to sign Cooperative Endeavor for DOTD for reclaim material.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana does hereby authorize and approve Public Works Director, Chester Granger, to sign all documents related to business between the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Evangeline Parish Police Jury.

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

Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, gave the following report:

- Request for public assistance with FEMA due to the national impacts of COVID-19 has been approved.

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

- Acadian Ambulance report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- From January 1-May 28, 2020 over 457 permits were issued. Although impacted with COVID-19, business is still ongoing.
- 2% Sales Tax collections during the month of May 2020, \$236,336.23.
- 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 Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie to temporarily adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss pending legal settlement. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approve to make a counter offer in regards to a pending legal settlement. Motion carried.

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

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer