

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

No comments from the public were reported regarding the agenda items.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the February 4, 2019 public hearing, committee's and regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Phil Lemoine addressed the jury to announce his candidacy for State Representative District 38, serving St. Landry and Evangeline Parish.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Prairie Heritage, Inc. to assist with manpower/equipment during the week of May 3-10, 2019 and allow the sale of alcohol during this event. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to adopt the following proclamation:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and the Jury of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing body of said Parish:

WHEREAS; the Parish of Evangeline declares the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in the spirit of promoting Fair Housing throughout the Community.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote was unanimously approved this 4th day of March 2019.

Motion was made by Rocky Rider and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving the purchase of a used vehicle for District 7 Litter Abatement Program. Motion carried.

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

- Requesting to hire Litter Abatement workers for Region B.
- Requesting to hire Litter Abatement workers for District 7.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Kelly Allison at \$10/hr. and Bryan Robertson at \$9/hr. for the Region B Litter Abatement Program. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Wyatt Fontenot at \$10/hr. and Cameron Fontenot at \$10/hr. for District 7 Litter Abatement Program. Motion carried.

- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is working in District 1 and will be moving to demolition of homes.
- 2% Sales Tax Drainage Equipment is working in District 3 then will be moving to District 6.

No Parish Engineer reports were given at this time.

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

1. Adopt the 2020/2021 Citizens Participation Plan.
2. Discuss request for Justice of the Peace and Constable increase for annual trainings.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Rocky Rider approving to adopt the 2020/2021 Citizens Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Rocky Rider approving an increase for Justice of the Peace and Constables to attend annual trainings. A dollar amount will be discussed further at next month's meeting. Motion carried.

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

- Mr. Bergeron confirmed with the Jury the total abandoned/blighted properties inside the City limits of Ville Platte. A total of 48 properties were reported according to the Tax Assessors tax roll. Inspection on 30 homes has been done reporting 11 empty lots, 11 good homes, and 8 condemned homes. Certified letters have been mailed out to each of the last known owners of these 8 condemned properties notifying of being demolished.
- An estimate of \$3,618.00 was received for the updating, redesign, and hosting of the Parish's website.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the estimate received from Invision Technical Solutions for the upgrading, redesign and hosting for one year of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury's website with the understanding of the Parish receiving rights and passwords for the website. Motion carried.

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the Ordinance.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been e-mailed copies of the Parish budget to actual comparison report for each fund and asked the Jury if they had any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.
- 2% Sales Use tax for the month of January 2019 totaled \$264,065.34.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer