

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Ryan Ardoin, Sidney Fontenot, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Eric Soileau, Daniel Arvie, Lamar Johnson, and Bryan Vidrine. Absent and excused was Rocky Rider. 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 approving the 2020 employee rehire list as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving a \$1.00/hour pay increase for Shanameek Frank and Trameka Leday, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to reappoint the following fiscal agents for the ensuing year:

Evangeline Bank
Investar Bank
Jeff Davis Bank
Whitney Bank
Basile State Bank.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the 2020 Holiday list as follows:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2020
President's Day	February 17, 2020
Mardi Gras	February 25, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Memorial Day	May 25, 2020
Independence Day	July 3, 2020
Labor Day	September 7, 2020
Columbus Day	October 12, 2020
Veterans Day	November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	November 26-27, 2020
Christmas Day	December 24-25, 2020
New Year's Day	December 31-January 1, 2020
(2) Personnel Days	To be used during 2020 calendar year.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving jurors to take Oath of Office on February 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Square. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to endorse Jerry Reed from St. Landry Parish and Sean McGlothlin from Rapides Parish for Executive Board Member at Large on the Police Jury Association Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to endorse John Marceaux from Jeff Davis Parish for 3rd Vice President on the Police Jury Association Board. Motion carried.

The Jury then introduced the new Tourism/Chamber Director, Ms. Erin Hoffpauir.

Industrial Park Property was then discussed. A committee was formed to discuss potential development of Industrial Park land and consider development of the vacant land to open up to businesses for purchase. Once the committee meets more information will be brought back before the Jury for further discussion. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the appraisal of property between Jeanmard, Inc. and the National Guard buildings located at Industrial Park. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving Eric Soileau and Bryan Vidrine to attend NACo's Rural Action Caucus Annual Legislative Conference to be held February 29-March 4, 2020 for. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving ground transportation and meals for Donald Bergeron to attend White House Round Table event and Economic Development luncheon on January 22-26, 2020 in Washington DC. Flights and rooms will be paid by Acadiana Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Some issues came about last year with the ground maintenance at the Mamou Library and Health Unit. New quotes have been received and are as follows:

Landscape Creations	\$100/month
AAA Landscaping	\$95/month

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the low quote received for ground maintenance at the Mamou Library and Health Unit, from AAA Landscaping, contingent upon licensing and insurance. Motion carried.

Port Arthur Pipeline LLC is running a pipeline from Port Arthur Texas through Louisiana and is requesting a letter of no objection for the pipeline activity located in Evangeline Parish. Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to issue a letter of no objection to Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC. Motion carried.

An update was given on adjudicated properties. Twelve (12) properties are listed for sale by Civic Source. The Parish has been successful in selling two (2) properties.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving to call a public hearing on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Square, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La 70586 to hear public comments and/or questions regarding an increase in Police Jury salaries. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the December 18, 2019 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

1. Approval of cemetery maintenance in District 6.
2. Acadia Parish Resolution.
3. Discuss IRS Mileage Rates for FY2020.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving the maintenance in cemeteries located in District 6. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to support application for the lower Mermentau Basin inundation relief project. Motion carried.

The 2020 standard mileage rate, as issued by the Internal Revenue Service, beginning January 1, 2020 will decrease from .58 cents per mile to 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the 2020 mileage rate change as issued by the IRS. Motion carried.

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

- Request to replace a mechanic for Region-A.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving Darryl Shephard III as mechanic and operator for Region-A with \$1.00/hour pay increase. Motion carried.

- Request salary adjustment for Region-A Operator.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving a salary adjustment for Region-A Operator, Wyatt Duplechain, from \$12.36/hr. to \$13.50/hr. Motion carried.

- Request a grant of \$3,500 to assist with the replacement of a utility pole at Crooked Creek Recreational Park.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve General Fund granting \$3,500 to Crooked Creek Recreational Park to assist with the replacement of a utility pole which collapsed at Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Motion carried.

- Parish Wide drainage equipment is currently located on Theophile Road.
- Ward 1 drainage equipment is located on Zenon Road located in District 5. Equipment has been down due to a broken hydraulic pump. Cost to of repairs will be approximately \$7,000.

Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, gave the following report:

- Rail spur project has been completed.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the rail spur project as substantially complete as recommended by Parish Engineer. Motion carried.

- A request has been made to amend the LGAP Grant to use these funds for water/sewer hook ups along with additional sites located at Crooked Creek Recreational Park.

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

- Paperwork was signed for the purchase of property for an animal facility. This property is a public/private partnership. The Police Jury is purchasing the property however; Evangeline Parish Animal Rescue (EPAR) will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the shelter and will control the animals coming in and all of the operations.
- Approval from the Jury to negotiate rates for the renewal of Certificate of Deposits.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau authorizing Donald Bergeron to negotiate rates for upcoming renewal of CD's. Motion carried.

- An updated report on building permits for the month of December has been received from Rapides Area Planning Commission. A total of 98 permits were issued with fees collected in the amount of \$13,290.00. Total development estimated to be \$1,599,000 in the Parish.
- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collections for the month of November 2019 was \$235,321.95.
- 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 Lamar Johnson and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer