

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Sidney Fontenot, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Ryan Williams, Keith Saucier, Bryan Vidrine and Daniel Arvie. Absent and excused was Eric Soileau and Lamar Johnson. 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 March 2, 2020 public hearing, committee's and regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve and accept the Louisiana Public Service Commission Energy Efficiency Grant and award contract to Bob's Electrical Services in the amount of \$63,390.66 for lighting upgrades to Courthouse parking lot, Ville Platte Health Unit and Police Jury outside lighting and Chauncey Pitre Barn, contingent upon review of grant contract. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve payments for COVID-19 swab test from the Coroner's Office as of May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$50.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve adopting a resolution requesting state aid for expenses and loss of revenue due to COVID-19. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding criteria to reopen the parish. It was questioned whether the governing body of a parish can override state orders and reopen businesses throughout the parish. Legal Counsel stated to the Jury that executive orders have been issued by our Governor and the Parish does not have the authority to override those orders. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to inform business owners that any business in the parish may open if they are not listed specifically in the executive orders handed down by the state governor. 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 Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve and authorize payment of bills on file for the months of April and May 2020. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Reclass Crooked Creek employee's pay from District 4 to Crooked Creek funds.
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Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to reclass payroll for crooked creek employees, John Clark and Curtlynn Saucier, from District Four Fund to Crooked Creek Fund. Motion carried.

- Hire replacement for maintenance at Crooked Creek.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to hire Daniel Holsomback at \$8.00/hour for maintenance at Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Motion carried.

- Approve pay increase for Crooked Creek Park Manager.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and Keith Saucier approving a \$1.00/hour pay increase to Crooked Creek Park Manager, Kim Ortego. Motion carried.

- Bridge Inspections were performed by DOTD and reported bridges which need immediate attention throughout the parish.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving Parish Engineer to obtain a list of bridges throughout the parish with essential needs and authorizing to submit application for grant funding.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving Huval & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$4,000.00 to perform and prepare the DOTD bridge inspection report and perform the load rating and analysis for a bridge located on Evangeline Street. Motion carried.

No Engineer Reports were given at this time.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve notifying all Police Jury employees to resume full staff and normal scheduled working hours effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Police Jury Office will still remain closed to the public at this time. Motion carried.

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

- The Department of Corrections is not allowing the transferring of prisoners during this time. Total current inmates as of April 28, 2020 are 111.
- Received approval of a Community Water Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$23,834.00. Funds are designated to repair and/or replace water well controls and the chlorination system at the Industrial Park.
- Dividend funds have been received from Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation (LWCC) to assist businesses and government agencies during this time. The Parish received a refund of 23,151.06.
- 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.
- Sales Tax collections in March 2020 for the month of February 2020, \$231,881.46.
- Sales Tax collections in April 2020 for the month of March 2020, \$335,775.56.

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

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer