

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

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the July 6, 2020 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

The 2019 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC was presented by Mr. Casey Ardoin. Mr. Ardoin reported the Police Jury did get an unmodified opinion on the financial statements as presented in the report, which means a clean audit report. Overall Mr. Ardoin stated that the Parish is in a strong position ending the year with a fund balance of \$14,119,208.00.

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

Corporal Jason Stagg with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, address the jury with an update on litter control. There are currently 50 pending cases open in Evangeline Parish which could result in well over 70 citations.

The new President of the Evangeline Chamber of Commerce, Gwen Fontenot, then introduced herself to the Jury. Mrs. Fontenot's main focus is the coronavirus issue and the impact it's having on our local businesses. Many small businesses are having trouble receiving financial assistance. The Chamber is putting together webinars and trainings to aid them in the right direction to apply for the assistance needed.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve setting the September 2020 meeting date for September 14, 2020, due to the Labor Day holiday. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to adopt a resolution requesting the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to resurface Hwy. 3247 to Hwy. 29 and Hwy. 29 to I-49. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to call a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La 70586, to hear comments and/or questions regarding the Jury adopting Orange St. located in Chataignier as a parish road. Motion carried.

Out of eighteen (18) applications received for the permit secretary position, seven (7) were interviewed and the following four (4) applicants were recommended to the Jury:

Sheila Thomas
Heidi Causey
Cecilia Miller
Candice Dominique

The floor was then opened to nominations for the Permit Secretary position.

On motion of Eric Soileau, Mrs. Cecilia Miller was nominated for the position.

On motion of Lamar Johnson, Mrs. Heidi Causey was nominated for the position.

On motion of Daniel Arvie, Mrs. Candice Dominique was nominated for the position.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to close all nominations. Motion carried.

Nominations were then called to a vote and went as follows:

Cecilia Miller	4
Heidi Causey	3
Candice Dominique	2

Nominations were then called to a vote for Mrs. Cecilia Miller and Mrs. Heidi Causey.

Cecilia Miller	5
Heidi Causey	4

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Mrs. Cecilia Miller as Permit Secretary in the Police Jury Office effective as soon as possible. Salary will be determined by Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron. Motion carried.

The following two (2) applicants were reviewed for the janitorial position at the Courthouse:

Michael Guillory
Jenny Vidrine

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the hiring of Mr. Michael Guillory for the janitorial position at the Courthouse. Salary will be determined by Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the appointment of Mrs. Hattie Johnson to represent Pine Prairie on the Tourism Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution calling for a special election on December 5, 2020 for Acadia-Evangeline Fire Protection District, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for reclaim material. Motion carried.

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

1. Appoint Casey Guillory as cemetery grounds keeper.
2. Approve three way stop sign at Berdine Street.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve Casey Guillory as cemetery groundkeeper to replace Johnny Fontenot. Motion carried.

Motion was Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve calling a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:50 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions on installing a three way stop sign at Berdine Street. Motion carried.

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Hire Litter Abatement employee.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the hiring of Tony Tremie for District #1 and District #7 Litter Abatement at \$10.00/hour. Motion carried.

- Vacant position for Litter Abatement in Region A

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the hiring of a litter abatement employee for Region-A at \$11.00/hr. Motion carried.

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

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Use Tax for the month of June 2020 was \$325,046.72.
- Cares Act funding has been received for the Police Jury along with sub applicants 911 Communications and Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Commission. These funds will help cover expenses related to the coronavirus. Mr. Bergeron is also requesting authorization from the Jury to submit Cares Act funds to 911 Communications and Solid Waste Commission.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to remit Cares Act funding in the amount of \$35,570.14 to the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to remit Cares Act funding in the amount of \$65,327.52 to 911 Communications. Motion carried.

- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has received hard 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 Lamar Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss legal matter. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to allow the Insurance Company to settle a claim for \$10,000 full and final settlement to end the litigation and close the claim for good. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer