

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the March 1, 2021 Committee and Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve adopting a resolution of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury District providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held (I) voting district No. 2 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, (II) voting district no. 3 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, and (III) voting district No. 7 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, to authorize the collection of the special tax renewals authorized therein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the reappointment of Ted Mamou Water District Board Member, Felix Morein to a 5 year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the reappointment of Sandra Salazar to a five year term on the Library Board of Control. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon to table agenda item #7 for the reappointment of Fire District #2 Board Members until more information is obtained. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve calling a special meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss further Cabot Corporation Industrial Tax Exemption request. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Eric Soileau 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 Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, to sign all documents related with the Louisiana Department of Revenues as pertaining to Crooked Creek electrical upgrades.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 5th day of April 2021.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to designate April 11-17 as National Telecommuter Week. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 53rd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Evangeline Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
 In the State of Louisiana.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously approved this 5th day of April 2021.

Agenda item #12, action on bids for Candy Lane property will be tabled at this time.

Agenda item to discuss permitting process will also be tabled until further notice.

A petition to remove speed bumps that were installed on Water Shed Road was received. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve removing the speed bumps on Water Shed Road as requested. Motion carried.

Security gate at Crooked Creek was discussed. Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, stated to the Jury that it was questioned if a gate that would allow a kiosk for collecting fees after hours along with online reservations could be done. The technician advised that in order to do this a lever arm type gate would need to be installed. Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Keith Saucier to adjust the gate quoted to accommodate a kiosk and camera system. Motion carried.

Notification was received from Louisiana Dept of Treasury that grants funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be received for electrical upgrades at Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Requests will also be made to receive proposals for the upgrades. Funds for upgrades will need to spent by June 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve 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.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Approve hiring of Litter Abatement employee, Maintenance at Crooked Creek and Region C part-time employee.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the hiring of the following:

- I. Carrolton Rideau, Litter Abatement for Region B & D at \$10.50/Hr. After 90 day probationary period at \$.50/hr. pay increase will be issued.
- II. Boyd Meels, Crooked Creek Maintenance at \$8.00/hr.
- III. Eddie Clark, Region C Part-time to replace Nolan Soileau while out on sick leave.

Motion carried.

- The State has not condemned the bridge on Shuff Road but will need to be replaced with rail cars.
- Parish Wide Drainage equipment is located in District 4.
- Ward One Drainage equipment is located at Cameron being used for a main water line break.

No Engineer reports were given at this time.

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

- Requesting to introduce an ordinance and call for a public hearing for the levy within the voting District No. 2, No. 3 and No. 7 of Evangeline Parish, effective 2021, of Ad Valorem Property Taxes (10 year/1.09 Mills Property Tax Continuation in Cemetery District No. 2, 10 Year/1.14 Mills Property Tax Continuation in Cemetery District No. 3, and a 10 Year/1.04 Mills Property Tax Continuation in Cemetery District No. 7.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve calling a public hearing on Monday May 3, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions regarding the levy within the Voting District No. 2 (10 year/1.09 Mills Property Tax Continuation), Voting District. No 3 (10 Year/1.14 Mills Property Tax Continuation), and Voting District No. 7 (10 Year/1.04 Mills Property Tax Continuation), of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, effective 2021, for the purpose of maintaining and up keeping cemeteries located therein. Motion carried.

- Recommending the Jury in looking to refinance the 2% Sales Tax Road Bond to a lower rate.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving and authorizing Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Bergeron, to move forward with the refinancing of the Parish 2% Sales Tax Road Bond. Motion carried.

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Tax Collections, collected in the month of March 2021 for February 2021, \$261,352.86.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed the parish budget and 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 Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Ryan Williams, President



Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer

