

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

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

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the June 7, 2021 Committee and Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Agenda item No. 5 will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Casey Ardoin presented the Jury with the 2020 audit report and briefly went over some highlights.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for the term beginning January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022. Contributions in the amount of \$15,954 to the Veterans Affairs to be paid annually. Motion carried.

Motion was made by and seconded by approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Prairie Heights Inc. for the promotion of Cajun and Creole Culture at Chicot State Park on September 24th, and 25th, 2021. Agreement includes the Police Jury to assist with manpower equipment to assist in the construction and dismantling of the function site and to assist with the maintenance during the function. Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Prairie Heights Inc. to assist at Chicot State Park on September 24, and 25th, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson 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 change Precinct 04/4040 voting location from Berl Clark Store located at 1059 Lake Cove Road, Ville Platte, La 70586 to Lake Cove Baptist Church located at 1079 Lake Cove Road, Ville Platte, La 70586.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 12th day of July 2021.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the appointment of Billy Harrington to fill the unexpired term of Timothy Mezzacapo on the Ward 4 Water District Board, effective June 14, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to appoint Mr. Mitch Pellerin as member to the Acadiana Area Human Services District. Motion carried.

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

1. Discuss Sample Road Use Permit being used in other Parishes.

2. Discuss the adoption of Chapter 1 of Proposed Administrative Code for Building Permitting and Inspections.
3. List of Chip Seal roads.
4. Bridge Report on Green valley and Cousins Rd.
5. Acquisition of equipment for Region A.
6. Update on Park Operations.
7. Approve Library Boards request to pay off revenue bonds.
8. Approve Katy Marcantel appointment.

Sample road use permits being used in other parishes were then discussed. Legal Counsel has reviewed the sample verbiage and recommended some changes. No action was taken at this time.

Rick Harper with Rapides Area Planning Commission addressed the jury to discuss the adoption of Chapter 1 of proposed administrative code regarding building permitting and inspections. This code, Article 101, will enable Rapides Area Planning Commission the ability to enforce action on those who do not comply with the building codes. The jury will review the proposed administrative code and come back before the Jury for further discussion.

Public Works Director is requesting the Jury to turn in a list of roads to be included in the Chip Seal Project.

A meeting was held with DOTD and contractor Diamond B. Construction. The bridge on Green Valley Road is projected to start on September 9, 2021 and to be completed in February of next year. Cousins Road Bridge biannual inspections were done and have closed the bridge in order for the decking to be replaced.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve a 2 year loan in the amount of \$240,000.00 out of the 2% Sales Use Tax Fund for the purchase of an excavator for Ward 1 Drainage. Reimbursement will be made annually by each district included in Ward 1. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the hiring of Kimberly Holden at \$8/hour to replace Rose Mary Hebert. Motion carried.

The following update was given on Crooked Creek Park operations:

- The roofing on the main office at Crooked Creek is complete.
- A motor is waiting to come in to be able to complete the front entrance gate.

Public Works Director gave the following reports:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently located on the Platin Road and will be moved to District 7 to start on a project in Lone Pine.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lamar Johnson to approve the recommendations of the Library Board for the pay off the Library Bond. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Katy Marcantel to the Library Board. Motion carried.

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

- Annual fire insurance rebate has been received in the amount of \$133,239.00 which will be distributed to the Parish Fire Districts.
- 2% Sales Use tax collections in June 2021 for May 2021, \$359,386.82.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed 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 Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer