

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

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

The Industrial Development Board has been working on Industrial Park land use rules. Each juror has been given a copy to review. This item will be brought back before the Jury next month for further discussion.

Chip Seal project is complete for the year as stated by Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the hiring of Jaminski Thomas for Region-A at \$10.50 per hour. After a 90 day probationary period a \$.50 per hour increase will be issued. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Lamar Johnson approving the hiring of Marlin Chaddrick as operator at \$12.50 per hour. A \$.50 per hour increase will be issued after a 90 day probationary period is complete. Motion carried.

Public Works Directed stated to the Jury that movement of equipment working in one district to another is being tracked as projects are ready and right of ways are signed.

Electrical system upgrades at Crooked Creek Recreational Park was discussed. Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau stated that bid submission deadline will be August 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Crooked Creek Park Manager addressed the Jury stating the front entrance security gate has been installed and completed.

Motion was made by Lamar Johnson and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the July 12, 2021 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

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

Section 8 Director, Anna Frank, addressed the Jury with an update on Section 8 housing. As of August 2, 2021 the waiting list is still closed. There are 140 applicants on the waiting list and 169 tenants housed.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the Library Proposal in setting up dedicated funds for future expansion of the main library and for capital improvements for the needs of the system as a whole and for branch facilities throughout the parish. Proposed initial amount for the main library expansion, \$825,000 and proposed initial amount for capital improvements for branch facilities, \$1,200,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LUS Fiber. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to signing of a non-disclosure agreement with LUS Fiber. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the Administrative Code Section 101 part of the La. State Uniform Construction Code. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve calling a special meeting for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building to award Crooked Creek electrical system upgrade. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the payment of \$7,560 to Landreneau and Associates for off system bridge inspections and reports for period thru July 27, 2021. 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.

Secretary-Treasurer stated that the parish is \$63,000 over budget for the housing expense for out of parish prisoners.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is located on Shuff Rd. being used to replace a bridge.
- The vendor supplying pipe for the parish notified the office that they will no longer be able to provide services based on the existing bid received due to the increase in material. Legislative Auditors have been contacted and waiting for a response for further guidance on how to proceed.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Advised the Jury while waiting for a response from the Legislative Auditor, to declare an emergency in order to receive bids to purchase pipe material.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier, seconded by Sidney Fontenot and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Amending the ordinance adopted on May 3, 2021 imposing a cemetery tax.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approving to amend the ordinance adopted on May 3, 2021 imposing the cemetery taxes to correctly identify it as a resolution and to correctly identify the Evangeline Parish Sheriff as the tax collector. Motion carried.

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

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collected in the month of July 2021 for the month of June 2021, \$417,600.49.
- 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 the reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer