

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

There were no comments from the public regarding agenda items.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the October 4, 2021 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury:

<u>TAXING DISTRICT</u>	<u>2021 LEVY</u>
General Parish Alimony	3.800
Exempted Municipalities	1.900
Health Unit Tax	2.100
Library	5.300
Elderly Services Center	1.040
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.600
Fire Protection District Pine Prairie	11.010
Cemetery District No. 4	2.160
Cemetery District No. 5	1.000
Cemetery District No. 1	0.840
Cemetery District No. 6	1.120
Road District No. 1	5.290
Road District No. 2	15.330
Road District No. 3	10.410
Road District No. 5	5.060
Cemetery District No. 2	1.090
Cemetery District No. 3	1.140
Cemetery District No. 7	1.040
Road District No. 4	15.820
Communications District 911	1.040
Road District No. 5	9.970
Cemetery District No. 1	1.120
Cemetery District No. 5	1.010
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.600
Lone Pine Fire Protection District	19.880

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as herein above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ryan Williams, Lelia Thrasher, Sidney Fontenot, Kevin Veillon, Eric Soileau, Ryan Ardoin, Bryan Vidrine, Keith Saucier

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Daniel Arvie

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 1st day of November 2021.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, related for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Evangeline Parish in accordance with those standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Evangeline Parish;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Evangeline Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular session assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period of the 1st of October 2021 through the 30th of September 2022:

The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned and maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with ASSHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive NO. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-system Bridge Replacement Program.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted on this 1st day of November, 2021.

Digger Earles addressed the Jury with an update on Opioid lawsuit. A request was made for the Jury to adopt a resolution which will enable attorneys to signing the MOU, designate someone from the parish to sign the settlement documents and allow the Attorney General to settle Opioid claims against other litigating defendants on behalf of the parish.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution pertaining to the present Opioid lawsuit and allowing the President and Secretary of the Police Jury to be designated signers on behalf of Evangeline Parish. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Eric Soileau approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Rapides Parish Ag Center the use of Chauncey Pitre Barn due to damages to their facility. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the reappointment of Mrs. Hattie Johnson and Mr. Derrell Thomas to the Tourism Commission representing Pine Prairie and Mamou. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve setting budget day for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Jury Office Conference Room. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to set the Police Jury December meeting date for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307, Local Government Budget Act, a motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:30 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 regarding the 2021 proposed budget amendments and the 2022 proposed budget appropriations with a special meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. for the adoption of budgets. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to advertise and accept bids for Pest Control, Fuel, Asphalt, Limestone, Culverts, etc. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury located at 1008 West LaSalle Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be awarded at a Special Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, located at 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution for the holding of an election in Evangeline Parish Communications District, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lelia Thrasher authorizing the payment of bills on file in the Police Jury office. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report;

- Request Sam Duplechain a \$1/hr. increase out of Sales Tax Fund.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving a \$1 per hour increase to Sam Duplechain who will be replacing the position of Bo King, increase to be paid out of 2% Sales Tax Fund. Motion carried.

- Request Darrell Shepard a change in position from Region B to Region A as excavator operator for Ward 1.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the change in position for Darrell Shepard from Region B to Region A as excavator operator for Ward 1 with a \$1.50/hr. increase, effective November 8, 2021. Motion carried.

- Parish wide drainage equipment is located off of Hwy 10 in District 6.

- Damage claim request from Trevor Deshotel for \$889.00 due to hitting a wash out in the road located in District 1, causing damages to vehicle. No sheriff report was obtained.

Motion was made Keith Saucier and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the damage claim in the amount of \$889.00 as submitted by Trevor Deshotel. Claim is to be paid out of District 1 funds. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Electrical upgrade at Crooked Creek is approximately 66% complete.
- Capital Outlay request has been completed for the sewer and water application for the Industrial Park.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- Mr. Bergeron stated that each juror has been emailed the parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and asked the Jury is there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.
- September 2021 Sales Tax collected in October, \$394,292.87.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Williams, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer