

Evangeline Parish Police Jury
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022

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

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the April 4, 2022 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sheriff Charles Guillory and the Evangeline Parish Law Enforcement District to construct a new parish jail. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon authorizing the President of the Police Jury and Secretary-Treasurer to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement once finalized. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier authorizing the signing of an agreement with the housing of Evangeline Parish "out of parish" inmates and the pay split between the two parties pending the completion of the new jail facility. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher adopting a resolution approving the holding of an election in Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving Process Verbal for the canvassing of the returns and declaring the results of the special tax election held on March 26, 2022 to authorize the collection of special taxes. Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury:

<u>TAXING DISTRICT</u>	<u>2022 LEVY</u>
General Parish Alimony	3.800
Exempted Municipalities	1.900
Health Unit Tax	2.110
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	20.000

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 2022, 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: Sidney Fontenot, Lelia Thrasher, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Keith Saucier, Ryan Williams, Bryan Vidrine, Eric Soileau.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Arvie.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Williams approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Jury Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said Parish do hereby enact the following resolution on this day the 2nd day of May 2022.

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is applying for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program, a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS: The Parish proposes to improve to expand the capacity of its existing wastewater treatment plant in the Ward One Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury has no funds available at this time to complete this project, this application would provide up to \$100,000 for this project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury by way of this resolution does hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 for proposed improvements.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Jury Members of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said Parish do hereby enact the following resolution on this 2nd day of May 2022.

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is applying for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund, a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS: The Parish intends to improve their Ward 1 Industrial Park Water System by repairing and/or replacing the water well controls and chlorination system for the two existing water wells; and

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury has no funds available at this time to complete this project, this application would provide \$100,000 for these project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury by way of this resolution does hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for water enrichment grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the proposed improvements.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Keith Saucier approving a pay raise for Shanameeka Frank to \$12.50 per hour from the Health Unit Fund, effective April 25, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Williams approving the hiring of Kristie Ardoin for Ville Platte Health Unit position at \$11.25 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday June 6, 2022 at 4:45 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 removal of a three way stop sign on Shuff Road. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is located on Evangeline Bridge.
- Request for District 6 & 3 employee increase.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving a pay increase to Blaze Bergeron from \$13.50 to \$16.50 with a promotion to Assistant Foreman for Region B, retroactive to April 17, 2022 and to enable Mr. Bergeron to do purchasing. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau, gave the following report:

- Crooked Creek electrical project is substantially complete. A final inspection has been scheduled, once complete the final inspection findings will be recorded and will have 45 days for correction if any.

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

- Emergency debris site located at the Industrial Park has received a one year extension.
- 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.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collection in April 2022 for the month of March 2022, \$747,905.53.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

/s/ Bryan Vidrine
Bryan Vidrine, President

/s/ Donald Bergeron
Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer