

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

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

Motion was made by Ryan Williams, seconded by Keith Saucer and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items from the Crooked Creek Committee and Jail Committee:

1. Discuss Vendor Policy.
2. Update on Park Operations.
3. Discuss Nuisance Ordinance enforcement.
4. Consider ordinance dealing with jail commissary funds.

Motion carried.

Crooked Creek Park Manager, Kim Ortego was called up to the Jury to further discuss the vendor policy. Mr. Ortego stated that last month the Jury requested to come up with a vendor policy due to issues in the past. A policy was created and brought before the Crooked Creek Committee and was approved. Discrepancies over the weekend took place regarding a Vendor not showing documentations or paying vendor fees, which was policy.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to amend the Crooked Creek Policy as follows:

Rental Fee - \$50.00 per day.

Guidelines - Smoke or odors must not be offensive to other vendors. Vendors must keep areas clean. All trash is to be disposed of and placed in dumpster located by exit gate. Vendors using electrical outlets must not overload circuits. Anyone causing an overload will be disconnected.

Responsibility - It is the responsibility of the vendor to provide proof of required licenses, peddler or occupational. Also must provide Department of Health certificate.

Motion carried.

The following update was given on park operations:

- During the month of August, the park had a total of 345 campers.
- Still waiting on bids for the construction of a new bathhouse and also to remodel the existing bathhouse.
- A donation was received in the amount of \$1,000. Requesting the Jury to use this money for the purchase of an office computer.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the purchase of a computer for Crooked Creek Recreational Park. Motion carried.

- Requesting the purchase of a new truck for the park.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the purchase of truck for Crooked Creek allowing to spend up to \$15,000. Motion carried.

The Sheriff has been contacted concerning the enforcement of the Nuisance Ordinance. Sheriff has agreed to serve and assist with those violating the ordinance.

The Jury then discussed a policy that would allow the Sheriff to recover cost of incarceration through commissary funds. Sheriff Charles Guillory is requesting from the Jury to pass an ordinance which would allow the Sheriff to use any funds in the inmate's commissary to defer costs during their incarceration. The Sheriff will come up with a list of items to collect on for the October meeting.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the August 1, 2022 Committee, Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the August 15, 2022 Public Hearing and Special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Ryan Williams approving to adjourn as a Jury and convene as Board of Review. Motion carried.

As advertised, the Police Jury, as a whole, met as a Board of Review to hear and/or review complaints received on the 2022 assessed valuations set by the Evangeline Parish Assessor. Appeals have been made from Perdido Energy and also from Cameron International regarding the assessments set by the Evangeline Parish Tax Assessors evaluation.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier to accept and approve the 2022 assessed values as prepared by the Evangeline Parish Tax Assessor and allow the protest to be submitted to the State Tax Commission.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the Board of Review and reconvene the regular scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Ryan Williams approving the reappointment of Ward 4 Water District member Dianne Harrington for another 5 year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the appointment of Brady Wannersdorfer as member to the PEMA Board. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve the hiring of Bryce Campbell for cemetery maintenance of Campbell Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the one-time payment of \$1,600 to Kim Vidrine for a double cutting on Mt. Carmel Cemetery grounds and also to approve the hiring of Curtis Marcantel at \$1,200 per month to continue ground maintenance of Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the Office of Emergency Preparedness to apply for a BEP Grant thru the Department of Environmental Quality for a warehouse building. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to adopt a resolution for the road transfer program by the State of Louisiana. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to opt in to the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Requesting a \$1 more per house for District 4 bridge crew.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving a pay increase of \$1 more per house for District 4 employees while working on bridge repairs. Motion carried.

- Parish wide drainage equipment is located in District 6.
- Ward One drainage equipment is located in District 1.
- Information was received on the bidding on dump trucks. The parish will need to have a firm bid price in order in order to be accepted and follow the bid law.
- Requesting to transfer District #1 Ward 2 funds to District One Ward 1 Funds.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Williams approving to transfer District #1, Ward 2 funds into District #1, Ward 1 Fund to continue maintenance for remaining of year. Motion carried.

- Approve the hiring of Melvin Chaddrick for District 4.

Motion was made by Ryan Williams and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the hiring of Melvin Chaddrick at \$18.00/hour as an Operator for District 4. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Water Sector application has been submitted for improvements in Wyble Subdivision.
- Water Enrichment and LGAP Grant applications are due in November. A resolution will need to be approved at next month's meeting.

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

- Reported that Bryan Vidrine has been appointed to the International Economic Development Task Force, the Membership Standing Committee as well as Rural Action Caucus. Eric Soileau has been reappointed to the Rural Action Committee as well as the Agricultural Rural Affairs Steering Committee.
- Acadian Ambulance 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 if there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.
- July 2022 2% Sales tax collected during the month of August 2022, \$380,495.77.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Donald Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer