

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

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

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

An update on Tannerite Ordinance will be given at next month's meeting.

Section 8 Director addressed the Jury with an update on payment standards for the fiscal year 2023. The Fair Market Rent for 1 bedroom increased from \$592 to \$651 per month. For 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms will remain the same. Waiting list will be opening up starting March 6, 2023 for 5 days and currently have 30 applicants on the list. Director also needs approval for the hiring of Section 8 Secretary, Demetria Anderson, retroactive to January 30, 2023.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the Section 8 HUD Payment Standards Plan, Agency Admin Plan and CMAP for the fiscal year 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the hiring of Section 8 Secretary, Demetria Anderson at \$15.00 per hour, retroactive to January 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve reimbursement to 911 Communications for the attendance of the OEP Mid-Winter Conference held January 9-11, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving an event license to have a Special Event Fundraiser to Maretta Deshotel, who will be hosting a Children's Mardi Gras Run on February 12, 2023 in Duralde, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau approving a liquor license for Elton Tezeno, Sr. opening a grocery store at 6464 Pine Point Road, Ville Platte, La. Background check is in order. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Cemetery Caretakers for the fiscal year 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve a \$2.00 per hour pay increase for Kimberly Dupre, RN at the Mamou Health Unit. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to adopt the following resolution declaring the Police Jury's intent to abandon the following property to wit:

WHEREAS: The Parish Road identified as Boo Boo Lane on the Parish E-911 Maps. Abandonment is located in Section 5, Township 3 South, Range 1 West of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana and more specifically described as 600 ft. of parish road.

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is calling a public hearing for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, Suite 207, Ville Platte, La 70586 to hear public comments and or questions on this abandonment.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 6th day of February 2023.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to adopt the following resolution declaring the Police Jury's intent to abandon the following property to wit:

WHEREAS: The Parish Road identified as Berry Lane on the Parish E-911 Maps. Abandonment is located in Section 5, Township 3 South, Range 1 West of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana and more specifically described as 700 ft. of parish road.

WHEREAS: The Evangeline Parish Police Jury is calling a public hearing for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, Suite 207, Ville Platte, La 70586 to hear public comments and or questions on this abandonment.

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Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the appointment of Kyle A. Fontenot to serve as member on the Bayou Petite Passe Gravity Drainage Board to replace Russell Brignac. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the reappointment of Jason Fontenot and Michael Anderson to the Te Mamou Water District for another 5 year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the appointment of Tony Marks to the Evangeline Parish Tourism Commission for a 3 year term to start February 2023, as recommended by the City of Ville Platte. Motion carried.

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

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

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

1. Approve appointment of Jacqueline Guillory on the Evangeline Parish Water District No. 1 Board.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the appointment of Jacqueline Guillory to replace Johnny Johnson as board member for the Evangeline Parish Water District No.1 with a term expiring in September 2024. Motion carried

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Approval the purchase of material and equipment.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the purchase of Case Tractors. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the purchase of a Tandem Axle Trailer in the amount of \$88,000 to be paid out of the Sales Tax Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the purchase of 4 culverts to be paid out of Sales Tax Fund. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Currently working on preliminary assessments for sewer and water access to the Jail Facility site.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Approval to purchase metal detector at the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the purchase of a metal detector for the Courthouse Building in the amount of \$5,025.00. Motion carried.

- 2% Sales Tax for December 2022 collected in January 2023, \$363,671.38.
- Each juror has been emailed the parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund and Mr. Granger asked the Jury if there were any questions regarding those reports. No comments were reported.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer