

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the April 3, 2023 Committee, Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

The Solar Farm Ordinance has been approved with changes; the Jury is requesting legal to see the final draft including those amendments.

The Coffee Shop Lease paperwork still needs some information. Once all information is gathered then the Jury can proceed with signing.

Procedures for the Nuisance Property have been in question and needs to be in writing showing the steps when complaints are received.

Tannerite Ordinance has been approved; Jury is waiting on the final draft from legal.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt a resolution amending the By-Laws of the Evangeline Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 relative to the regular meeting schedule of the Board of Commissioner of the District, and other matters in connection therewith. Motion carried.

The Jury then discussed the LSU Ag budget for the new 4-H agent. It was not clear on what the parish would be responsible for in regards to this new agent. Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving salary contributions for Louisiana Cooperative Extension Personnel for Educational Training in the amount of \$7,344.28 quarterly. Motion carried.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sheriff Posse and Evangeline Parish Chauncey Pitre Arena was discussed. There has never been a written agreement specifying the parking and building use at the Chauncey Pitre Facility between both parties. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sheriff Posse specifying parking and building use at the Chauncey Pire Facility. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded Keith Saucier approving to adopt a resolution in support of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District Capital Outlay request for funds to construct and equip a new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory; Committing to provide matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$11,278.00 should said Capital Outlay request be funded by the State of Louisiana and local matching funds be required; providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adopt a resolution concurring in the ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Mamou Gravity Drainage District No. 5, the Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1, Durald Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a levy of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to authorize the Payroll Clerk, Karen Rider as Sexual Harassment Compliance Officer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury:

<u>TAXING DISTRICT</u>	<u>2023 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 2023, 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: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Eric Soileau, Kevin Veillon, Lelia Thrasher, Daniel Arvie, Keith Saucier, Angelica Williams.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 1st day of May 2023.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to hold the Region 7 Meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Ville Platte Civic Center. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the purchase of Ronald T Building (Old Probation and Parol) in the amount of \$130,000 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the jail supply list. 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.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Sealed bids were received and opened for a used Motor Grader. Progressive Tractor came in with a bid of \$125,000 according to specs.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the bid from Progressive Tractor in the amount of \$125,000 for the purchase of a used motor grader for District 4. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Off System Bridge Program inspections have been completed.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- Mr. Granger 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 Tax collections for March 2023, \$426,997.57.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer