

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the July 10, 2023 Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving a Commercial Lease Agreement between the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and the Evangeline Parish Clerk of Court for a three (3) year lease on the Special Service Building located at 205 Court Street, Ville Platte, La 70586 with an annual rental fee of \$25,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the reappointment of Sarah Maricle to the Ward Four Water District Board of Commissioners to fill another five (5) year term. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the approval of a liquor license for Janite Ann Griffin opening a convenient store at 1077 King Blvd., Ville Platte, La. According to the Parish Ordinance any sort of liquor establishment cannot be within 500 ft. of a church. The actual distance to this facility to the nearest church is 443 ft. Due to the statutes of the Evangeline Parish Ordinance this license is denied.

The Jury then discussed the request for a liquor license for David Kent Aucoin, Jr., for the opening of Bourdon and Butt Cheeks located on Old Hwy 13, Reddell, La. Motion was made by Eric Soileau to approve a liquor license for David K. Aucoin Jr. Due to a lack of a second the motion failed.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the payment of bills on file in the office. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot, seconded by Eric Soileau and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items:

1. Discuss Nuisance Ordinance.
2. Discuss a private public cemetery.

Legal Counsel went over the parish nuisance ordinance and recommended to start issuing citations and/or serving for violating the ordinance.

A private cemetery located in the parish is requesting to become public. The Parish cannot accept this cemetery to maintain unless the property is legally owned by the Police Jury.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently finishing up a project for the Fire Department.
- Labor costs for District #1 will need to be moved from Fund 114 and paid out of Fund 115.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to change labor costs for District #1 employees to be paid out of Road District One Fund (115). Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Wyble Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant – should be submitting into LDH for reviewing a permit within the next two weeks. Once that is done it will be submitted to water sector and give the authorization to move forward.
- Infrastructure Improvements at Industrial Park – these improvements include to provide water, sewer and gas along with a new street entrance for the jail facility and enlarging the capacity of the wastewater treatment facility plant.
- In working with Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) we were able to get in an application form accelerator program that will be placed in the newly purchased building. The parish is requesting \$400,000.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Requesting approval to hire a full time permit clerk in the Police Jury Office.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve advertising for a full time permit clerk position in the Police Jury Office. Motion carried.

- The state is increasing the Base Flood Elevation (BFE + 1) which took effect August 1, 2023.
- Bids were opened for adjudicated property located at 1158 Junction Road. Highest bid was received in the amount of \$5,200.00 from Devon Briscoe.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the bid received from Devon Briscoe in the amount of \$5,200.00 for the sale of property located at 1158 Junction Rd. Motion carried.

- 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.
- Requesting the Police Jury in splitting sales tax funds in the amount of \$538,000.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the splitting of 2% sales tax funds in the amount of \$538,000 for each district.

- 2% Sales Use Tax collected for June 2023, \$401,962.38.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, President

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer