

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

No comments were made from the public regarding the agenda items.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the June 5, 2023 Committee and Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The papers have been signed and completed for the purchase of the building located at 241 West Magnolia Street. A DRA Grant has been applied to for the creation of Economic Development.

A rough draft has been received for the leasing agreement of the Special Service Building to the Clerk of Court for the storing of records.

A lawsuit on Colt Avenue has been filed and according to the Jury's Legal Counsel a trial date will be scheduled.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the reappointment of Michael Johnson to the Ward 4 Water District Board for another 5 year term. Motion carried.

Siemens contract is up for renewal. Each year there is a 5.05% increase which this increase will adjust from \$38,000 to \$41,000. Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the renewal of the Siemens contract. Motion carried.

Cott Systems contract is also up for renewal, which is for the judicial system records. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving the renewal of the Cott Systems contract. Motion carried.

The following two bids were received for adjudicated property located at 1750 Mercy Rd.:

Marcell Johnson Jr.	\$2,700
Berzas Brothers Farming	\$2,100

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the high bid of \$2,700 received from Marcell Johnson Jr., for the sale of adjudicated property (Parcel#020005752) located at 1750 Mercy Rd. Motion carried.

State Representative Rhonda Butler addressed the Jury with an update on the Parish side. Mrs. Butler stated that \$46,000,000 is brought back to the parish for infrastructure projects related to roads, water, drainage, etc., \$1.1 million has been allocated for the Courthouse renovations, \$500,000 to the Fire Department for the construction project, \$500,000 for an extension of the Montessori School, and the creation of an Economic Development District.

James Bertrand addressed the Jury and is requesting to purchase a lot for a business in the Industrial Park. The Jury will have to get with legal counsel to make sure everything is in order to be able to sell property.

The Jury then discussed granting a liquor license for David Kent Aucoin, Jr. for opening of Bourdon and Butt Cheeks. Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to refer this item to Legal Counsel to make sure there are currently no ordinances at the state level which would conflict with this establishment receiving a liquor license. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin, seconded by Eric Soileau and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Trail ride approval for Bayou Bash.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier approving Intergovernmental Agreements between Evangeline Parish and Law Enforcements, Fire Departments and 911 Communications. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve a trail ride for Bayou Bash to be held Saturday, July 15, 2023. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Approval for hiring.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Tyler Lafleur at \$14/hour as limb cutter for Region A. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve the hiring of Garrett Reed at \$14/hour for Region A pending a drug testing. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the hiring of Todd Sharp, effective June 26, 2023 at \$18/hour for Region C. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve a \$2/hour pay increase to Morlon Chaddrick and to authorize as purchaser for Region C. Motion carried.

- Approve the purchase of trucks for Litter Abatement.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the purchasing of trucks for Litter Abatement. Motion carried.

Motion as made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve Assistant Public Works Director the use of his personal vehicle for work with a \$3.125/hour increase and to pass down his parish vehicle to the drainage crew. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Plans and specifications for utilities for the new jail facility are in the works.
- Water Sector Grant for the improvements of Wyble Subdivision Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plant is near completion. Adjacent landowner was contacted and is interested in selling property to the Parish for addition to the existing wastewater facility. Appraised value of subject's property is \$6,000.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve moving forward with the purchase of property from Leonard Fontenot in the amount of \$6,000 for the addition of the Wyble Subdivision Sewer Wastewater Treatment plant and to authorize the President of the Police Jury to sign any and all documents related. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Mrs. Evona Malveaux requesting to have a peaceful protest on July 13, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Courthouse. The Jury is open as long as the Court hearings and day to day operations at the courthouse are not interrupted.
- 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 Use Tax collections during the month of May 2023, \$368,185.92.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer