

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

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

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the May 1, 2023 Committee and Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the May 22, 2023 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve the following final draft Ordinance for prevention of Noise Pollution pertaining to Tannerite explosives:

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful to:

1. Use Tannerite in form or manner as part of a recreational activity within Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. This ordinance shall not affect the use of fireworks within the Parish, nor shall it affect the use of Tannerite or any other explosive for occupational and/or maintenance reasons.
2. Anyone convicted of violation of this ordinance shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or confined to the Parish Jail for not more than thirty (30) days.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is adopted in accordance with and pursuant to the HSD Act and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, as well as Section 2-52 of the Code of Ordinances, Evangeline Parish.

WHEREAS, a copy of this ordinance shall be duly published in the Official Journal of the Parish, as provided by law.

WHEREAS, all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

WHEREAS, this ordinance, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Eric Soileau, Kevin Veillon, Ryan Ardoin, Daniel Arvie, Keith Saucier, Angelica Williams.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lelia Thrasher.

Done, approved and adopted on this, the 5th day of June 2023.

Casey Ardoin with Kolder, Slaven & Co. addressed the Jury with the audit report ending December 31, 2022. It was reported that the parish total governmental revenues as of December 31, 2022 was \$21,498,778. This amount is showing higher because of ARPA Funds. The Jury took in over \$6 million of ARPA funds. Net change in fund balances is governmental funds is \$8,220,887, which is extremely high for a surplus but is a result of ARPA funds received, which was a one-time revenue source. Overall audit was reported as very well.

Mrs. Anna Frank, Section 8 HUD Director addressed the Jury in regards to the Emergency Housing Vouchers. Fifteen (15) vouchers were allocated and have been all filled. Mrs. Frank is also requesting from the Jury in a 5% pay increase from the Emergency Housing Voucher Administrative funds. Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve a 5% pay increase to Mrs. Anna Frank through the Emergency Voucher Administrative funds retroactive to January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving Anna Frank and Demintria Anderson to attend the LAC Maintenance Workshop on July 10-13, 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. Hunter Lundy addressed the jury to announce his candidacy for Governor of the State of Louisiana.

South Louisiana Community College Campus Director, Mrs. Carleen Jones, addressed the Jury on an update on new campus programs being offered in our area.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the Ville Platte Gazette as the Official Journal for Evangeline Parish beginning July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Evangeline Parish Communications District, Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023 to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the following Police Jury's appointments to seats on the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Commission, 5 year terms to expire on July 5, 2023:

Mr. Shane Darbonne, Ward 1
Mr. John Deshotel, Ward 2
Mr. Paul N. "T Boy" Berzas, Ward 3

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Voting Precincts 3020 is currently located at the Old Mamou City Hall, 501 Main Street, Mamou, La 70554; and

WHEREAS, The conditions of the Old Mamou City Hall are poor with very little parking space available; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 123, 420 Main Street, Mamou, La 70554 is available to be used as the new voting location for said precinct, with good kitchen and bathroom facilities and ample parking space;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, does hereby permanently change Precinct 3020 voting location from the Old Mamou City Hall located at 501 Main Street, Mamou, La to the American Legion Post 123 located at 420 Main Street, Mamou, La.

Legal Advisor stated to the Jury that an agreement is being prepared for the leasing of the Special Resource Building to Clerk of Court Mr. Randy Deshotel. Final draft will be ready for the Police Jury's next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Sewer Supervisor, James Fontenot, addressed the Jury requesting approval for testing results for Reddell, Wyble and Country Estates sewer systems, in order to submit to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve testing results for Reddell, Wyble and Country Estates Sewer System and to proceed with submitting documents to DEQ. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a special tax therein for services to the elderly. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 to authorize the continuation of the levy and collection of a special tax therein for the purpose of maintaining and up keeping public cemeteries in Police Jury Ward No. 1. Motion carried.

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

1. Appointee for Acadiana Area Meeting Service District.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the appointment of Mrs. Sydia Mcdaniel to serve on the Acadiana Area Meeting Service District to represent the Parish. 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.

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:

- Parish wide drainage crew is working on a project in District #9.
- Requesting approval for sewer supervisor to attend certification classes July 13-20, 2023.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving James Fontenot to attend certification classes July 13-20, 2023. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- DRA application is being worked on and is requesting authorization for President of the Police Jury to sign documents related to this application.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau authorizing the President of the Police Jury to sign any and all documents related to the DRA grant. Motion carried.

- Expansion of the sewer, water and gas systems at the Industrial Park for the new jail facility is moving forward.
- Expansion of the wastewater facility treatment at Industrial Park will be complete within 60 days.

Secretary Treasurer gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance monthly report in 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.
- Lease for the coffee shop in the Courthouse has been signed by both parties.
- 2% Sales Use Tax collections, \$380,469.52.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer