

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Eric Soileau, Lelia Thrasher, Kevin Veillon, Keith Sauer, Ryan Ardoin, 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 Keith Saucier approving the September 11, 2023 Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Lelia Thrasher approving the September 11, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt the following amended portion of SECTION 16-95 of the Nuisance Ordinance:

SECTION 16-95. -Violations; penalty for disregarding notices or orders.

- A. The owner of any property where a nuisance is found to exist and who shall fail to comply with any notice to abate served pursuant to the chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined no exceeding ~~\$200.00~~ \$500.00 for each offense and a further sum of ~~\$20.00~~ \$50.00 for each and every day such failure to comply continues beyond the date fixed for compliance.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier that the following resolution hereby be adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with a motion of September 11, 2023 the Police Jury published its intention to abandon the following property to wit:

The Parish Road identified as Henry Lane on the Parish E-911 Maps. The portion of road to be abandoned is located in Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 1 East of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana and more specifically described as the last 246 feet of said road.

WHEREAS, there were no objections received to this abandonment from adjacent property owners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury does hereby declare the above portion of said road as officially abandoned.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously adopted this 2nd day of October 2023.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve reducing the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph on Old Anselm Rd. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fire Protection District #2 in providing assistance with limb cutting on the property located on Hwy. 167, where the new station will be constructed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Eric Soileau approving to enter into a purchase agreement with a potential company interested in 40 acres located at the Industrial Park, contingent upon all legal obligations are fulfilled. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve transferring \$26,494.17 from Road District Two Fund (116) to Road District Three Fund (117) for labor costs associated with District 3. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve transferring \$11,300 from Road District Two Fund (116) to Road District One Fund (115) for labor costs associated with District 1. Motion carried.

Announcement was made by President, Bryan Vidrine, stating that LUS would like residents to understand within the next 30 days will be the time for any kind of challenge for the speed of their internet.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the reappointment for another 4-year term to the following members on the Evangeline Parish Communications Board:

Pat Derouselle	District 5
Ronnie Broussard	District 2
Tony Rozas	District 1

Term to Expire October 2027.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Eric Soileau to approve the appointment of Jason Burney to replace Alfred Oliver as a Board Member of Evangeline Parish Water District No. 1, term to expire September 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lelia Thrasher and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve the appointment of Robert Johnson Sr. to the Cocodrie Lake Fish and Gam Commission for a 4-year term. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Angelica Williams approving a Class A liquor license for the Dollar General Store #24969, located at 7392 Veteran Memorial Hwy., Ville Platte, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve Candace Dominick and Kiera Scott to attend a 4-hour training in Scott, La. Motion carried.

District 5 Police Juror, Kevin Veillon, stated that on September 20, 2023 the Police Jury hosted the Region VII Annual Meeting at the Ville Platte Civic Center. Region VII includes Acadia Parish, Allen Parish, Beauregard Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Cameron Parish, Evangeline Parish, Jeff Davis Parish and Vermilion Parish. Evangeline Parish hosted and executed a very successful meeting and would like to publicly thank the following individuals for their dedication and an amazing job done:

Police Jury Staff: Chester Granger, Mindy LaLonde, Rachel West, Sarah Sittig, Debbie Faught, Karen Rider, Candace Dominick, Jody Snoddy, and Daryl Shepherd.

Mr. Veillon also thanked Mr. Guy Cormier of the Louisiana Police Jury Association and his team, Reverend Freddie Jack and all the Police Jury Members of Evangeline Parish.

The Police Jury also sincerely thank the following sponsors who donated and provided door prizes for the Region VII Meeting:

GOLD: Fontenot's Trucking, PTI and Police Jury Association

SILVER: Evangeline Bank and Trust Company, IBV, Acadian Ambulance and Ronald J. Landreneau

BRONZE: CCMSI

Door Prizes: Fontenot's Lumber Yard, Ace Hardware, Slap Ya Mama, T-Boy's, Ray's True Value of Mamou, Fab Farms, Roddy Fontenot Welding, April's Place, Industrial Hardware, La. Home Builders, Traffic Lane Boutique, C2 Vintage Station, Evangeline Prints & Trilogy, Ergon, Bayou Marine, Kary's Roux, ELE Construction, Crazy Coyote, PaPa Gator's, Camp Dog, TJ's Tire, Sherman Place, T&N Stone Works, Southern Adorable Décor

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

1. Capital Outlay Request.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the following Capital Outlay request for a new HVAC System for the Courthouse and media upgrade for the Police Jury Meeting Room. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier authorizing 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.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Ward 1 drainage equipment is currently working in District 1.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Sewer Plant Expansion Project in Wyble Subdivision - moving forward with the acquisition to purchase the property adjacent to the existing plant.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Mr. Granter 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.
- Request to verify members representing the Police Jury on the Chauncey Pitre Committee. The Jury voted last month to appoint three members however, names need to be provided.

Members representing the Police Jury on the Chauncey Pitre Advisement Committee will be Mr. Eric Soileau, Mr. Jody Snody and Mrs. Lelia Thrasher.

- Request for the Jury to set a day and time for Budget Day.

Budget Day will be held on November 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Jury Office Conference Room

- Requesting from the Jury in setting Trick or Treating hours.

Motion was made by Eric Soileau and seconded by Lelia Thrasher to approve trick or treating for the unincorporated areas of Evangeline Parish on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

- 2% Sales Tax Collection for September 2023, \$357,373.61.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer