

The Police Jury met in Regular session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Ryan Ardoin, Sidney Fontenot, Brent Guillory, Darion Arvie, Tim Causey, Kevin Veillon, Keith Saucier, 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 approving the December 18, 2023 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the office of President for the fiscal year 2024.

On motion of Ryan Ardoin, Bryan Vidrine was nominated for the office of President. Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon that nominations are hereby closed and Bryan Vidrine is hereby appointed as President for the fiscal year 2024. Motion carried.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the office of Vice President for the fiscal year 2024.

On motion of Daniel Arvie, Kevin Veillon was nominated for the office of Vice President. Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie that nominations are hereby closed and Kevin Veillon is hereby appointed as Vice President for the fiscal year 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve appointment of the Committee members for 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Ryan Ardoin that the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La is hereby designated as the meeting place for the regular meetings of the Police Jury and the date and time are hereby designated on the first Monday of each month to be held at 6:00 p.m. An exception will occur for holidays falling on said Monday, therefore the following holiday will be moved as follows:

Monday, September 2, 2024 (Labor Day Holiday) moved to Monday, September 9, 2024.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot that the Police Jury Committee Meeting date and time are hereby designated on the First Monday of each month to be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La. An exception will occur for holidays falling on said Monday, therefore the following holiday will be moved as follows:

Monday, September 2, 2024 (Labor Day Holiday) moved to Monday, September 9, 2024.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to reappoint the following financial agents for the FY 2024:

Evangeline Bank  
Jeff Davis Bank  
Investar Bank  
Basile State Bank

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the IRS standard mileage rates for 2024 at 67 cents a mile driven for business use. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the to reappoint Ms. Wanda Verrette, Paula Darbonne and Opal Andrus to the Evangeline Parish Tourist Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward Five Fire Protection District of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein. Motion carried.

Nominations were then opened for Ward 4 Constable to replace Tim Causey.

On motion of Kevin Veillon, Chauncey Fontenot was nominated for the constable position.

On motion of Keith Saucier, Andy Carson was nominated for the constable position.

The nominations were called to a vote and went as follows:

Chauncey Fontenot	5
Andy Carson	3

The Evangeline Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint Mr. Chauncey Fontenot as interim Constable for Ward 4 until the election to be held November 5, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving travel incidentals for Bryan Vidrine's Travel to Washington DC, room and flights will be paid by Acadiana Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the attendance to the Annual Police Jury Convention, February 28-March 1, 2024 in Lake Charles, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to pay 1% of Section 8 HUD Directors salary for the fiscal year 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the appointment of Shawn Ryan Devillier as Board Member of the District #2 Fire Protection Board for a two-year term to replace Daniel McDaniel. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to hire Nick Reed part-time for Region B at \$15/hour. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier authorizing the payment of bills in the office. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Approve Region B hire.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the hiring of Kevin Meloncon at \$18 per hour, retroactive to December 5, 2023. Motion carried.

- Approve Region C hires.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Brent Guillory to approve the hiring of Michael George part time at \$18 per hour and Randall King full time at \$18 per hour for Region C. Motion carried.

- Authorize purchaser for parish wide drainage department.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve Robert Coker as authorized purchaser for parish wide drainage department. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- 2024 new LGAP and CWF Grant application deadline is February 29, 2024. The Jury will need to decide on any projects needed for applying.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Acadian Ambulance report is in compliance with the ordinance.
- Approve hiring permit secretary.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the hiring of Leah Fontenot retroactive to January 3, 2024, full time as Permit Secretary at \$12 per hour and an additional 3% increase after 90-day probationary period. Motion carried.

- Special Service Building roof is leaking and will be needing repairs. Quotes will be obtained and brought back before the jury for discussion.
- December 2023 2% Sales Use tax 381,608.96.

Secretary-Treasurer, Chester Granger, made an announcement to the Jury that he will be retiring next month from the Parish after 26 years employed.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, President

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Chester Granger, Secretary-Treasurer