

The Police Jury met in regular session assembled with the following members present: Bryan Vidrine, Daniel Arvie, Keith Saucier, Kevin Veillon, Tim Causey, Ryan Ardoin, Brent Guillory, Darion Arvie and Sidney Fontenot. All members were present.

Constituents in the audience addressed the Jury with comments and questions on the agenda item regarding tax exemptions and other matters related to the Bayou Chicot Solar LLC Project.

Mr. Troy Wayman from One Acadiana addressed the Jury in stating that IBV plans an investment of \$269 million in Evangeline Parish. This will create a number of jobs in the construction site for locals. In the first year and a half there will be a tax impact of roughly \$4,000,000. The total amount in taxes within 15 years is \$54 million.

Mr. Eric Lafleur with Lafleur and Laborde presented to the Jury proposal changes between Industrial Development Board No. 1 of the Parish of Evangeline and Bayou Chicot Solar, LLC. Mr. Lafleur explained that the payment of \$5 million during a 5-year period from Bayou Chicot Solar will be distributed as follows:

School Board	39%
Sheriff Department	8%
Police Jury	53%

Bayou Chicot Solar will pay 28% in lieu of all ad valorem taxes (Pilot Payments) assessed on the Project for 15 years. Once the 15-year lease is over, they will pay 100% of ad valorem taxes.

In addition, the proposed agreement includes a scholarship programs of \$2,000 to a graduating senior at each high school in Evangeline Parish during the 15-year lease term.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to move agenda item #4 up for discussion at this time.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the proposal submitted from IBV Energy Partners and/or Bayou Chicot Solar, LLC regarding payment in lieu of tax agreement and agreement to lease and purchase. Motion was called to a vote and went as follows:

YAY	Bryan Vidrine, Keith Saucier, Tim Causey, Ryan Ardoin, Brent Guillory, Sidney Fontenot.
NAY:	Daniel Arvie, Kevin Veillon, Darion Arvie.
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINING:	None.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the March 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer went over current grant applications. CWF 2024 grant application in the amount of \$100,000 for the repair to a water leak at the base of elevated tank located in the Industrial Park has been submitted and is pending approval.

LGAP funding for 2024 in the amount of \$100,000 for new incubator building located at the corner of Magnolia and Calcasieu.

An outstanding bill for Crowley Veterinary Clinic from 2023 is in question for payment. When the Jury was notified of EPAR doing illegal activities the payment of veterinary bills was cut off. Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to deny the payment for the outstanding bill and a letter will be submitted to Crowley Veterinary Clinic explaining the reason for the Jurys decision. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Brent Guillory approving to adopt a resolution for the Evangeline Parish Police Jury to become a participating member in the Louisiana Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority to assist in source of funding in certain areas needed for the Parish and to appoint Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury as an appointee to serve on the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie to approve discussion of agenda item#10 at this time.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the annual PHA Plan for the Evangeline Parish Section 8 HUD Office with no amendments. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the Section 8 HUD 2024 Fair Market Rent and 2024 Payment Standard using 100% of the Fair Market Rent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the updated 2024 Utility Allowance for Section 8 Hud Office. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve a pay increase to Mrs. Anna Frank, Section 8 Hud Director from \$18.94/hr. to \$20.00/hour. This increase will be at no expense from the Jury, funds will be from HUD administrative funds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve Mike Johnson as Cemetery Caretaker for the Pecan Grove and Cypress Creek Cemetery for the Fiscal Year 2024. Motion carried.

A discussion was held considering the possible acquisition of Hester Heath School for a community center. The building is not being used and is 25 years old. There is no other center in that general area and could be utilized for public use. More information will be gathered and brought back before the Jury at a later time.

A quote has been received from Quality Engineering in the amount of \$24,800 for drainage study on the Bayou Petit Passe. Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Quality Engineering and the Evangeline Parish Police Jury to conduct a drainage study on the Bayou Petit Passe in the amount of \$24,800. Funds will be utilized by ACT 170 grant funds and/or Cares Act Funds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving the payment of insurance premiums. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving attendance to the Police Jury Annual Legislative Day April 30-May 1, 2024 in Baton Rouge, La. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Brent Guillory approving attendance to the NACO Annual Conference July 12-15, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Kevin Veillon authorizing the payment of bills on file in the Police Jury Office. Motion carried.

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Request entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Mamou.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory approving to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Mamou to assist with a drainage canal. Motion carried.

- Approval of pay increase for Region C employee.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Darion Arvie approving a \$1.00/hour pay increase to Region C employee, Todd Sharpe and also include a phone allowance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving a \$.50/hour pay increase to Region C employee, Michael George. Motion carried.

- Approve the purchase of a dump truck for Region C.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the purchase of a dump truck for Region C in the amount of \$60,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the hiring of Farron Gordon at \$18.00 per hour, effective March 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the hiring of Shane Bourque at \$14.00/hour to be paid out of 2% Sales Tax Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon to approve having GPS security systems installed in parish vehicles through Acadian Total Security for \$19.50/month per vehicle. Motion carried.

- Request for attendance to Wastewater Certification Classes.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Brent Guillory to approve attendance to La Rural Water Association operator certification classes in Carencro, La April 15-19, 2024. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Infrastructure on the Detention Center located at the Industrial Park current estimated project is at \$1.8 million. Position to advertise should take place at the next Police Jury regular meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Sales Tax Collections during the month of February collected in the month of March 2024, \$338,246.18.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bryan Vidrine, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer

