

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin, seconded by Keith Saucier and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items:

1. Items from Building Committee Agenda.
2. Items from Equipment Committee Agenda.
3. Items from Animal Committee Agenda.

Comments from the public were made regarding an animal shelter. Jill Stephens addressed the Jury requesting to dedicate funds (\$60,000 for 4 yrs.) from Solar Farm Funds for an animal control facility and forming an animal control advisory committee. In more discussion the Jury will look into putting on the ballot as a new tax to dedicate for an animal control facility.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Police Jury's Legal Counsel stated to the Jury that a conference with court regarding Colt Avenue lawsuit will be held September 30, 2024 to pick a date and prepare for trial. Legal also communicated that the specifics are being worked on in order to proceed with the bidding out of the sewer plants.

Notification has been received from the State that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (\$4.6 million-dollar grant) has been approved to build a Water Detention Pond. Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve advertisement for RFQ for Ville Platte Detention Ponds Project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the reappointment of Tommy Jones, Crystal Allen and Ray Foreman as Board Members to the Solid Waste Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Tim Causey approving a \$200 per month increase to caretaker of the Church of Christ Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. to hear comments from the public regarding 3-way stop sign on Shuff Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to call a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the adoption of Nobrac Road in to the Parish Road System. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday August 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public to on a Wind Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey approving to adopt Ville Platte Gazette as the Official Journal for the Parish, effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve the following salary adjustments for additional duties for sewer plant maintenance:

Jody Snoddy	\$4/hour increase
Darrel Shepherd Jr.	\$2/hour increase

Mika Fontenot \$2/hour increase

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to approve Issac Douget to set up a vending business on a come as need basis, selling candy, chips, etc. through the Rudolf Sheppard Federal Program. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for a Lucky Dog vendor to operate at the Courthouse on Traffic and Probing days. Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin denying any peddlers to operate on Courthouse grounds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Kevin Veillon approving to adopt a resolution to pay the monthly utility bills and furnish an appropriate amount of limestone to the parking area for the Veterans Service Office. Motion carried.

Report was given on the Courthouse Grant progress. A list of items needed at the Courthouse has been prepared to have a kickoff meeting with the State Agency. Some items include: Courthouse security, upgrade of the elevator, adding additional security exits, and HVAC system.

Judges would like permission to make improvements to the Grand Jury Room, at their expense, by updating the flooring, painting and purchase of new office furniture. Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve upgrade of the Grant Jury Room as requested by Parish Judges. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Darion Arvie approving o submit application for a \$500,000 Sedap Grant (DRA) related to the Economic Development Building. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the purchase of 2 boom mowers to be paid out of Parish Transportation Fund. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently located in District 5.
- Ward One Drainage equipment is located in District 8.
- Damage claim request on glass broken from on his vehicle grass cutting crew.

Being no police report has been received for the broken glass and three quotes not submitted, the damage claim was denied.

- Request \$1,000 to be paid out of Crooked Creek Funds for Fourth of July fireworks.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the purchase of fireworks for Crooked Creek Fourth of July event, up to\$1,000. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer, gave the following report:

- Infrastructure at Industrial Park to accommodate the Detention Center consists of extension of main water, gas, and sewer lines. Total construction project estimated for facility, \$2.16 million. Requesting for authorization to move forward as soon as the plans are finalized.

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve Parish Engineer, Ronnie Landreneau moving forward with Detention Facility Project contingent upon plans being finalized. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer, gave the following report:

- 2% Sales Tax funds for the month of April had a 36% decline in sales taxes across the board.

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

Bryan Vidrine, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer