

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, Keith Saucier. Absent and excused was Daniel Arvie and Kevin Veillon. A quorum was present.

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

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the June 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes and June 11, 2024 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Casey Ardoin with Kolder, Slaven and Company addressed the Jury to review the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Ardoin went through the financial statements and reported was a very good audit report.

Mrs. Suzie Lemoine addressed the Jury with announcing a new contract for the Library Branch located in Basile. Low bidder came in from Pat Williams Construction in the amount of \$1,135,000, which is \$9,000 under the projected budget.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury:

<u>TAXING DISTRICT</u>	<u>2024 LEVY</u>
General Parish Alimony	3.390
Exempted Municipalities	1.690
Health Unit Tax	1.900
Library	4.760
Elderly Services Center	0.930
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.570
Fire Protection District Pine Prairie	5.980
Cemetery District No. 4	1.320
Cemetery District No. 5	1.000
Cemetery District No. 1	0.840
Cemetery District No. 6	1.080
Road District No. 1	5.260
Road District No. 2	15.110
Road District No. 3	10.070
Road District No. 5	5.060
Cemetery District No. 2	1.050
Cemetery District No. 3	1.100
Cemetery District No. 7	1.030
Road District No. 4	9.660
Communications District 911	1.040
Road District No. 5	9.960
Cemetery District No. 1	1.120
Cemetery District No. 5	1.010
Fire Protection District No. 2	5.570
Lone Pine Fire Protection District	20.000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as herein above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Bryan Vidrine, Sidney Fontenot, Ryan Ardoin, Darion Arvie, Brent Guillory, Tim Causey, Keith Saucier.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.  
ABSENT: Daniel Arvie, Kevin Veillon.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024.

It was stated that due to reassessment and expiration of the Pine Prairie Energy Tax break, the mileage rates as shown has dropped and constituents will see a deduction in their taxes, depending on where they are residing.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the upgrading of the parish licensing software proposal for a GovBuilt Community Development Platform submitted in the amount of \$36,360.00 from MCCI. An LGAP Grant in the amount of \$21,428.00 will be used for this upgrade and remaining funds will be paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried.

After a public hearing was held and also a meeting held by the Evangeline Parish Planning Commission a motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the adoption of Nobrac Road back into the Parish Road System. Motion carried.

After a public hearing was held and no opposition a motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey approving to remove 3-way stop sign on located on Shuff Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Phil Lemoine addressed the Jury to discuss Medicare reimbursement policy. Currently the Police Jury pays 92% of the premium, which is costing \$612 per employee per month. Mr. Lemoine is requesting the Police Jury to offer an opportunity for each employee 65 years or older to get on Medicare Part B and a Medicare supplement plan. This would enable a cost savings to the Parish at \$312/month instead of \$612/month.

Motion was made by Brent Guillory and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to amend the Medicare Policy to include to endorse employees age 65 and older to opt out the Parish Group Health Insurance Plan to enroll in a Medicare Plan Part B and a Medicare Supplement Plan and allow a 92% reimbursement of both plans to the eligible employee. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding Sammy Lane. According to Legal Counsel his office has tried reaching out to the parties involved and had no response. The Parish has a servitude of drainage which does not need permission to proceed in maintaining drainage however notifying the neighboring landowners of this work will need to be done. Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin to proceed with filing a lawsuit as advised by the Police Jury's legal counsel. Motion carried.

Three proposals were received for Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services related to projects funded through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative – Round 2 Projects. All three firms which submitted proposals were all very qualified however one firm actually came on site, looked at the problems and presented that information in their proposal, which showed they understood exactly what the Parish is trying to accomplish. The following three firms submitted proposals for the projects:

- Delta Engineering
- Quality Engineering & Surveying
- Infinity Engineering Consultants

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Brent Guillory to accept proposal and award contract for Professional Services related to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Projects to Quality Engineering & Surveying. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Darion Arvie approving a permit for Bayou Bash trail ride to be held July 13, 2024. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director, gave the following reports:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently in District #7.
- Ward 1 drainage equipment is in District #5 and #7.
- Requesting personnel moves throughout the parish.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey to approve moving employee Jemanskie Thomas from Region A to Parish Wide grass cutting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve moving employee Mckensey Malbrew from Region B to the Parish Wide grass cutting crew. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve moving Robert Coker to Region C at \$19.00/hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve moving Damion Robert to Region A, Districts 1, 8 and 9 at \$15.00/hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey to approve moving Chad Fontenot from the grass cutting crew to Region A Litter Abatement. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory to approve Scotty Fontenot as an approved purchaser for parish wide drainage. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer, gave the following report:

- Wyble Subdivision Sewer Project will start up on about two weeks.

Secretary-Treasurer, gave the following reports:

- Entertain a motion to adopt a resolution for the 2024 HMGP update.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF EVANGELINE ADOPTING THE EVANGELINE PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2024

WHEREAS, the Parish of Evangeline recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Evangeline Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Evangeline has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Evangeline Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan -c Update 2024 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Of Evangeline Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2024 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Evangeline Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Evangeline Parish Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Evangeline Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update.  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Evangeline Parish Jury that:

Section 1. In accordance with Evangeline Parish Home Rule Charter, the Evangeline Parish Jury adopts the Evangeline Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update 2024.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.

- Entertain a motion funding the open meetings request.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey approving the quote received from Moebiz to purchase equipment to be used for the open meetings software in the amount of \$33,220.67. Motion carried.

- Requested support for the remodeling of the Veterans Home was discussed. Quotes have not yet been obtained.

Motion was made by authorizing Secretary-Treasurer Dirk Deville to obtain quotes for the remodeling of the Veterans Home. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Bryan Vidrine, President

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Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer