

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

Mr. Jake Benoit with Senator John Kennedys Office addressed the Jury stating that if there are any constituent services or grants needed, to please reach out.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes and amending minutes of December 6, 2025 special meeting. Amendment to the December 6, 2025 meeting is as follows:

Approving to adopt the ~~Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2025~~ 2024 Amended Budget and the 2025 Proposed Budget as presented by the Acadiana Crime Lab. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier approving actions taken by the Executive, Personnel, Equipment, Building, Animal and Cemetery Committees at their meetings held on February 3, 2025. Motion carried.

Jennifer Vosburgh addressed the Jury with an update on Recurrent Energy's Zydeco Solar Project. This project is being held in the Faubourg area. Meetings have been held to update the public on the project along with the permit application review being completed. The next step will be the formal approval from the Police Jury of the permit application which will be on the agenda in March.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the status change of Laramie Doucet from Part-time to Full-time, effective January 6, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the Accounts Payable Consolidation Plan as presented at the January 6, 2025 meeting and move forward with the following employee pay increases:

Rachel West	\$4.00/hour
Mindy Lalonde	\$2.50/hour
Sarah Sittig	\$2.00/hour
Karen Rider	\$2.50/hour

Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the grass cutting on the Courthouse grounds not being maintained properly. Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve advertising for bids for grass cutting maintenance for the Courthouse grounds. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving Bryan Vidrine to attend the NACO Washington D.C. Convention March 1-4, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve the appointment of Mr. Ched Fontenot on the Bayou Petite Passe Gravity Drainage District No. 15 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Donald Veillon. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to adopt a resolution to be co-recipient of DLT Grant with Telemedicine. Motion carried.

Sadie Road will be tabled for discussion at this time.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving an alcohol permit for Ward One Fire Protection District No. 2 Fundraiser, to be held at 566 Hwy 167 N., Ville Platte, La. The motion was called to a vote and went as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the reappointments of Derrell Thomas and Hattie Johnson to a 3-year term on the Evangeline Parish Tourism Commission. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey accepting the resignation of Paula Darbonne and Opal Andrus from the Evangeline Parish Tourism and approve the appointment of Anna Mosbroker and Andy Carson, to fill their unexpired term. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer, Dirk Deville, stated he has reviewed RFP's received for a Grant Administrator for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (CDBG-DR MIT) Program (Detention Pond Project) and based on proposals received is recommending in hiring J. Ronald Landreneau and Associates Inc. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Darion Arvie approving J. Ronald Landreneau and Associates as Grant Administrator for the CDBG Recovery and Mitigation Program as recommended by Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt a resolution updating the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (CDBG-DR MIT) Program (Detention Pond Project) Information. Motion carried.

Tax Assessor, Chris Guillory, addressed the Jury to explain and consider the Provision of Act 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. This Act is an addition to the homestead exemption authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 20 of this constitution, which applies to the first \$7,500 of the assessed valuation of property, a parish governing authority may approve an ad valorem tax exemption of up to \$2,500 of the assessed valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the provisions of Act 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Office of Cyber Readiness to help prepare our offices against cyber-attacks. Motion carried.

President Kevin Veillon mentioned that as of today the Parish does not have a Trail Ride Permit Ordinance and currently follows the State Guidelines. This item will be discussed further with more detail at the Special Meeting to be held on February 18, 2025.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier to approve moving the March 3, 2025 meeting date to March 10, 2025 due to Mardi Gras events being held. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot, seconded by Ryan Ardoin an unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Discuss Cemetery Contracts.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey to approve the 2025 Cemetery Caretakers with changes to monthly payments and caretaker names. (see attached updated list). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Brent Guillory approving the jail supply list as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine authorizing the payment of bills on file in the office, also to include the Region B Yard Lease from \$800 to \$1400 a year under the conditions the lease would be a 5-year lease. Motion carried.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Parish wide drainage equipment is currently working on bridge.
- Ward One Drainage Equipment is working on a bridge and removing beaver dams.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Replacement of Wastewater treatment plant at Industrial Park- final plans are wrapping up and going to start advertising for bids.

Secretary-Treasurer, gave the following report:

- Sales Tax Report for the month of November 2024 there was a decrease in comparing to the prior year.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Kevin Veillon, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer