

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

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

Motion was made by Kevin Veillon and seconded by Tim Causey approving the December 16, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the office of President for the fiscal year 2025.

On motion of Ryan Ardoin, Kevin Veillon was nominated for the office of President. Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory that nominations are hereby closed and Kevin Veillon is hereby appointed as President for the fiscal year 2025. Motion carried.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the office of Vice President for the fiscal year 2025.

On motion of Bryan Vidrine, Ryan Ardoin was nominated for the office of Vice President. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Brent Guillory that nominations are hereby closed and Ryan Ardoin is hereby appointed as Vice President for the fiscal year 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Tim Causey approving to create a Cemetery Committee for the fiscal year 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Brent Guillory approving to create a Carbon Cemetery for the fiscal year 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve appointment of the Committee members for 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie 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 1, 2025 (Labor Day Holiday) moved to Monday, September 8 2025.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory 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 1, 2025 (Labor Day Holiday) moved to Monday, September 8, 2025.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Brent Guillory approving to reappoint the following financial agents for the FY 2025:

Evangeline Bank
Jeff Davis Bank

Investar Bank
Basile State Bank

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Brent Guillory approving the IRS standard mileage rate for 2025 at .70 cents a mile driven for business use. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving an alcohol permits for "The Lincoln" contingent upon receiving certified document of approved back ground check. Motion was called to a vote and went as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Crooked Creek Park Manager gave the following report:

- Bathhouse and Pavilion plans are close to being submitted to the Fire Marshal.
- Requesting the purchase of a vehicle.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving Park Manager to move forward with the purchase of two (2) vehicles. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve Robert Coker as authorized purchaser for Litter Abatement Region C. Motion carried.

Public Works Director addressed the Jury with issues related to dead trees on private property hanging over or falling on a parish road. Legal Counsel has been contacted and, in his opinion, does not see the Parish as being liable if a vehicle hits a tree branch which fell in the roadway however is responsible for clearing the roadway. Also trees on drainage right of ways; the parish has the right to clean ancient waterways and has a servitude if not parish owned and interfering with drainage.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie requesting an opinion from the Attorney General in regards to the Parish removing trees. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel stated to the Jury that regarding old property that was once adjudicated by the Police Jury then later on was redeemed. The Sheriff's office sent the back taxes and the Jury accepted and collected funds. A new purchaser for this property is interested in buying and is requesting the Jury to execute a quit claim. Legal is recommending the Jury in adopting a resolution.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Darion Arvie approving to adopt a resolution to execute a quit claim as recommended by Legal Counsel. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Brent Guillory approving contracts in securing funds related to moneys received for ARPA. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer stated to the Jury that one of the Accounts Payable Clerks positions is now vacant as of January 1, 2025 and is recommending the Jury to consolidate and allow those duties to be split between office staff and also requesting to place permit clerk full time to assist duties as well. This would be on a 60-day trial period, to see how this transition will work out. Once trial period is reached and works in favor of staff, then this item will be brought back before the Jury to implement the changes in duties and

salaries. Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve the changes in administrative personnel on a trial basis as recommended by Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the following salary increases:

Scotty Fontenot	\$2/hour increase	Region A Fund
Coby Bourque	\$2/hour increase	Region A Fund
Darrell Shepherd Sr.	\$2/hour increase	Sales Tax Fund
Rachel West	\$1/hour increase	General Fund

Motion carried.

Jail supply list will be tabled at this time.

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.

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Ward One and Parish Wide Drainage will both be used then moving to District Two.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- Capital Outlay kick off meeting was held in moving project forward
- Crooked Creek plans are being prepared to submit to the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Jury will need to decide on a project for the upcoming 2024-2025 LGAP and CWF applications. The Parish has a max of \$100,000 for each.
- Wyble Subdivision Project is substantially complete.

No report was given from the Secretary-Treasurer at this time.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Tim Causey approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Kevin Veillon, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer