

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

Mr. Rufus Serie addressed the Jury to discuss the permitting of alcohol with concerns of those selling the alcohol having obtained a bar card.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the minutes for February 18, 2025 special meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey approving the actions taken by the Executive, Road Ordinance, Building, Crooked Creek, and Carbon Sequestration Committees at their meeting held on March 10, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the WIC (Women, Infant & Children) Contract effective July1, 2025 thru June 30, 2028. Motion carried.

Mr. Rufus Serie addressed the Jury with concerns of trail rides and special events being held throughout the parish and being organized without obtaining a permit. Mr. Serie also reminded the Jury of the tragedy held during this past Mardi Gras. Mr. Serie is requesting that the trail ride ordinance being created to mandate those organizing, to hold liability insurance and have security measures in place for the protection of the people. The Jury asked Mr. Serie to prepare a list of concerns so the jury can review his recommendations.

Secretary-Treasurer, Dirk Deville, updated the Jury on Recurrent Energy Permit. The Parish has received the first 10% payment from Recurrent. Rapides Area Planning Commission has reviewed the permit and everything is in order to begin the construction. Mr. Deville is recommending the Jury in adopting a resolution which grants the permit. Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Darion Arvie to approve adopting a resolution granting the permit to Recurrent Energy in moving forward with Construction. Motion carried.

An update was given to the Jury on IBV Energy. An invoice has been submitted last week to IBV, and is waiting on a response on their review.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and Tim Causey approving the renewal of Auto, Property, Inland Marine Insurance Policies. Public Officials and Employment Practices liability will be substituted with the renewal option from the Professional Governors Underwriters. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Brent Guillory approving an alcohol permit for the Mamou Homerun Booster Club. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Brent Guillory approving to adopt a resolution authorizing President and/or Secretary-Treasurer to sign documents regarding Louisiana 2024 Supplemental Appropriation for Detention Center Road. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt a resolution authorizing President and/or Secretary-Treasurer to sign documents regarding Louisiana 2024 Supplemental Appropriation for Bayou Petite Passe Drainage Study. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adopt a resolution authorizing President and/or Secretary-Treasurer to sign documents regarding Louisiana 2024 Supplemental Appropriation for Bullet Proof Vests for Sheriff's Posse. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt a resolution authorizing President and/or Secretary-Treasurer to sign documents regarding Louisiana 2024 Supplemental Appropriation for Fire Protection Districts general expenditures. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, governing body of the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, does hereby change Polling Place housing Precincts 3051 and 3052 voting location from Trish McGee Building, 1703 Poinciana Avenue in Mamou, La 70554 to be moved to Mamou Health Resources located at 1510 Napoleon Street, Mamou, La 70554.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot, seconded by Darion Arvie and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Consider the abandonment of parish road identified as R-348.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Two (2) rail cars will be installed due to an emergency in District 7
- Auction for the sale of parish equipment will be held on Wednesday.
- Recommending a \$1 per hour pay increase to Blaze Bergeron due to CDL Certification completed.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier, seconded by Brent Guillory an unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:

1. Approve \$1 per hour increase to Blaze Bergeron for CDL Certification.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Brent Guillory approving a \$1 per hour pay increase to Blaze Bergeron due to the completion of CDL Certification. Motion carried.

No Parish Engineer reports at this time.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Tim Causey that the following resolution hereby be adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with a motion of February 18, 2025 the Police Jury published its intention to abandon the following property to wit:

A certain strip of land or road beginning at its intersection with LA Highway 95 and Brangus Road (Previously identified as Parish Road 7-111) approximately at 30°36'42" N92°23'22" W, north to canal approximately at that point identified as 30° 36'52" N92°23'22" W. The strip of land or road herein being abandoned running approximately 1,075 feet in length and, on at least one map, previously identified as R-348

WHEREAS, there were no objections received to this abandonment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury does hereby declare the above portion of said road as officially abandoned.

The above and foregoing, having been submitted to a vote, was unanimously adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Each Juror has been emailed the parish budget to actual comparison reports for each fund. No comments were reported.
- 2% Sales Use Tax was down 9.47% over the 6-month period.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Ardoin, Vice- President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer