

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

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

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the minutes for May 5, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Tim Causey approving the actions of Committee meeting held on June 2, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to adopt Ville Platte Gazette as the Official Journal for the Parish, effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt a Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment, Emergency Response Plan, Language Access Plan and Building/Site Accessibility Compliance checklist for compliance review related to Ward One Sewer Systems. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to adopt the Evangeline Parish Trail Ride Ordinance, Article IV. – Rules and Regulations for Trail Rides as submitted with changes to be made to Definition section language. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Evangeline Parish Communication District/911. In a prior meeting the Sheriff addressed the Jury requesting to consider appointing him to run 911 Communications agency and its services due to the upcoming retirement of 911 Director. Questions also arose about if the agency would not ever have the funding sufficient to operate, would it then be under the Jurys direction. It was stated that the agency does have a guaranteed source of income for the next 15 years. Jury stated that all operations are working efficiently and have been and see no need to change operations.

The Department of Natural Resources is requesting the use of the Jury meeting room to hold a public hearing. Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the request to allow Department of Natural Resources use of the Police Jury Meeting Room sometime during the month of July. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Request for salary increase for Chad Fontenot.
- Parish wide drainage is moving to District 2 and Ward One Equipment is located in District 1.
- Request a public hearing to discuss Sadie Lane.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Keith Saucier approving a \$1.00 per hour pay increase to Litter Abatement employee Chad Fontenot. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim Causey and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to call a public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions regarding the proposed abandonment of Sadie Lane. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to call a public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Building, 200 Court Street, Ste. 207, Ville Platte, La to hear public comments and/or questions on reducing the speed limit on Rue Jolie Blanc and Balfa Brothers Road. Motion carried.

Parish Engineer gave the following report:

- \$100,000 LGAP grant for Recreational Park Pavilion application is being worked on at this time.
- \$30,000 CWEF Grant needs to be amended.
- Gas line at Industrial Park needs a change order.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving to abandon well located at Industrial Park and amend/utilize the \$30,000 CWEF Grant to abandon well #2 and authorize Public Works Director to obtain prices in that regard. Motion carried.

There has been a change order due to the testing of gas lines for the Infrastructure Project at Industrial Park and additional work is needing to be done. The change order consists of the 3 items which will increase the project cost by \$134,447.00.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Bryan Vidrine to approve the following change orders as related to the Infrastructure Project at the Industrial Park:

Gas line from Rixby Manuel Road to Maxie Rae	\$75,000
Water line from a 10" to a 12"	\$11,058
Drying out of road to Detention Facility with Soil Cement/Asphalt	\$48,389

Motion carried.

Parish Engineer also reported on multiple ongoing projects throughout the Parish.

- Courthouse Project: estimates were obtained on changing out two (2) chillers and all the HVAC equipment with the exception of the jail area. Project manager has been sent this information for review.
- A price has been obtained on a new elevator at the Courthouse in the amount of \$200,000.
- All administrative offices located in the Courthouse currently do not have exits located inside. Only way to exit out the workplace is through their front door. For security reasons and safety of employees, it's a high priority that exits be installed along with security cameras. Another priority is access of prisoners from the jail area to the Courtroom. Estimates are being obtained to address these priority items.
- Industrial Park Sewer plant is under contract with a notice to proceed.
- Crooked Creek Construction Project – deadline of June 30, 2025 to complete spending all funds related to the grant.
- Detention Pond project: New Engineer for the project is working on his hydraulic and hydrologic study.

Mrs. Debbie Brunet addressed the Jury with an update on Tele-Med Grant. Acadiana Planning Commission has been contacted and stated that the Parish has to produce a certification which states that we as a Parish are not delinquent on any federal debts in order to move forward.

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- Monthly budget to actual comparison reports were submitted to each Juror. No comments were reported.
- March 2025 Sales Tax Report showed a 23% increase. \$79,000 more than last year.

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

Kevin Veillon, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer