

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

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

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ryan Ardoin and seconded by Keith Saucier approving the actions adopted by all committees on this day, February 9, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Brent Guillory approving an alcohol permit for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Fundraiser. The motion was called to a vote and went as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving an alcohol permit for Ward One Fire Protection District No. 2 Fundraiser. The motion was called to a vote and went as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the recommendation of the La Dept of Health in hiring of Cydney Lalonde for the Parish Clerical Position at the Ville Platte Health Unit. Retroactive to today. Motion carried.

Julianne Reed addressed the Jury about Health Insurance. Mrs. Reed introduced herself and explained what her services involve and the benefits of working with the Parish.

Mr. Victor Boudreaux addressed the jury to discuss putting camper spots on his property located in Chataignier. Mr. Boudreaux hosts the Renaissance Festival and is requesting approval to expand and open up camping for those out of towers. The Jury is in favor and has also recommended to him to see if the State has any requirements.

Motion was seconded by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving the Basile Old Library lease between the Evangeline Parish Police Jury and Basile Community Outreach, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Bryan Vidrine approving to provide funds in the amount of \$3,000 for one more year to Ward 1 City Marshal's Office for assistance in dispatch services. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Darion Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt a resolution to apply for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund to extend its water distribution system

to connect the Ward 1 Industrial Park to the Tee Mamou Water System along Maxi Rae Road in order to provide emergency backup water service to the Ward One Industrial Park. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving to adopt a resolution in applying for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program to make renovations and building improvements to the interior of the Parish's Section 8 Office Building for the purpose of accommodating and conducting meetings. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Darion Arvie approving the installing of speed bumps for the south side of French Street, located in District 7. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Darion Arvie approving attendance for the NACO Annual Legislative Conference, February 21-24, 2026 in Washington, D.C. Motion carried.

In attending meetings with Quality Engineering Firm for the Detention Pond, this project is projected to exceed the parish budget. Parish Engineer is recommending the Parish to consult with Quality Engineering requesting to scale back on the project and work within the funds available. Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Daniel Arvie to submit a request to the Appropriations Claim Committee to assist with this Project. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bryan Vidrine and seconded by Ryan Ardoin approving the appointment of Patrick Fontenot for a 1-year term on the Evangeline Economic Development Authority Board. Motion carried.

The Jury then discussed a request from the City of Ville Platte to use opioid settlement monies to reimburse City of Ville Platte for certain expenditures. Jurors stated that the Parish does have plans for use of the funds however will take a look at what the City is requesting.

Motion was made by Tim Causey, seconded by Keith Saucier and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following items:

1. Consider alcohol permit for CRA Rodeo Inc.
2. Discuss/Approve Parish Cemetery Maintenance contracts.
3. Request Public Service Commission with assistance with rail road crossing.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Brent Guillory approving an alcohol permit to CRA Rodeo, Inc. for fundraiser to be held March 21-22, 2026, contingent upon paperwork completed. Due to discrepancies with a majority of the vote, this item will be tabled until another time.

There was some discussion on looking into consolidating all cemetery districts due to lack of funding in some.

Motion was made by Daniel Arvie and seconded by Sidney Fontenot to approve the 2026 Cemetery Caretakers with changes to monthly payments and caretaker names. (see attached updated list). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Keith Saucier approving sending a request to the Public Service Commission to assist the Parish with rail road crossing at Morning Glory Road located in District 2. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Works Director gave the following report:

- Ward 1 Drainage Equipment is located in District 5
- Parish wide Drainage Equipment is located in District 4

Secretary-Treasurer gave the following report:

- New start date for clerical employee at Health Unit

Motion was made by Keith Saucier and seconded by Sidney Fontenot approving the hiring of Parish Clerk position to Cydney Lalonde to be retro active to February 3, 2026. Motion carried.

- Monthly budget to actual comparison reports have been emailed to each juror. No comments were made regarding those reports.
- Sales Tax received for December 2025, \$328,807.70
- Paperwork for the Recreational Park Pavilion has been completed.
- CEA for Chauncey Pitre Barn has been completed for \$50,000 grant.
- Population update from the State Treasurer's Office for Evangeline Parish – 31,991

Motion was made by Sidney Fontenot and seconded by Daniel Arvie approving to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Kevin Veillon, President

Dirk Deville, Secretary-Treasurer