

Jennings, Louisiana  
March 10, 2021

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in a Regular Session on the above date, in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building located at 304 North State Street, Jennings, L.A., at 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present:

DONALD WOODS	District 1	WAYNE FRUGE	District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	CURT GUILLORY	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

DAVID BRUCHHAUS, Legal Counsel

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation and Mr. Fruge led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 24,311.43
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	612.85
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	75,471.23
• CRIMINAL COURT	66,053.40
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	6,049.10
• SECTION 8	1,500.00
• PARISH ROAD	300.00
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	9,467.33
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	60,283.62
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	179,561.49
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	2,814.55
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	2,846.32
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	36,982.88
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	500.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	15,158.18
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	8,348.28

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends approving the change to the Janitor Pay Scale as discussed, retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the Secretary to readvertise for the position of Jail Maintenance employee with the tentative starting salary as discussed.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends billing the Regional Jail Tax fund for 25% of the Courthouse Supervisor's salary and benefits, retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the changes to the Office Pay Scale as discussed, retroactive to February 1, 2021.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Finally, the Finance Committee recommends approving the changes to the Foreman/Operator Pay Scale as presented, effective March 1, 2021 and to further authorize hiring two (2) Operators.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2021, as written and submitted.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the Police Jury's membership to NACO at a cost of \$632.00 per year. Mr. John Losh, NACO representative, presented benefit information via Zoom meeting.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Carla Guillory, for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a drive through restaurant on property located at 23450 Abie Fontenot Road. Ms. Guillory expressed her love of

cooking and providing hot meals to feed the community. No other comments were brought before the Jury.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried to approve the change in zoning classification.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried to accept the Zoning Commission Board of Review's recommendation to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2365**

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of certain property from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to C-1 Commercial said property belonging to CARLA GUILLORY, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON MARCH 10, 2021 THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to C-1 Commercial for the purpose of a drive through restaurant, on the following property belonging to CARLA GUILLORY to wit:

TRACT 5, 3.0 ACS., NOLA S. PRUDHOMME PARTITION IN S1/2SWSW 20-8-6. BEG SW COR NWSWSW 20-8-6. THENCE E493.07' N20' W493.07' S20' TO P.O.B. 547-21 710-355 #687495

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to appoint Sheila Daigle Chapman to the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission Board, with a term expiring September 30, 2022, and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Kathleen LeBlanc for her prior service to the board.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to reappoint Kevin Webb to the Jeff Davis Central Waterworks Commission Board, with a term expiring April 10, 2025.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to reappoint Jody Fontenot and John Carbalan to the Jeff Davis Parish Grand Marais Drainage District Board, with terms expiring April 11, 2025.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to reappoint Jody Faulk and Luke Doise to the Jeff Davis Parish Bayou Nezpique Drainage District Board, with terms expiring April 11, 2025.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to reappoint Greg Zaunbrecher, Shannon Daboval, and Ronnie Guidry to the Jeff Davis Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Sub A Board, with terms expiring April 13, 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to appoint Robbie Sarver to the Jeff Davis Parish Waterworks District No. 4 Board, with a term expiring March 10, 2025, and to further send a Letter of Condolence to the Sarver family.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to appoint Zack Lopez to the Bayou Nezpique Drainage District Board, with a term expiring April 11, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Engineering to approve the Final Plat of the R. M. Watkins Subdivision, Phase I.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Engineering to approve the plat of Castex Development LLC-Site 2.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to authorize the lease of three (3) new motor graders to replace the expiring leases as of 06/09/21, at a cost of \$3,295.00 per month per grader.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in a duly convened regular session on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, hereby proclaims April 2021, as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**  
for the parish of Jefferson Davis.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 5 – April 9, 2021 has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

**WHEREAS**, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

**WHEREAS**, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that during *National Community Development Week 2021*, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods, and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to approve the surplus of .84 acres of land on Hwy 14 for Fire District No. 4.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION BY THE  
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY**

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury and Jefferson Davis Fire District No. 4, has expressed an interest in selling a portion of unused property, and

**WHEREAS**, Bryce Thibodeaux has offered to purchase property from the parish, which is described below.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in a meeting held in the Sidney E. Briscoe, Jr. Building in Jennings, Louisiana, at which time a quorum was present, that J. Steven Eastman, as President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, be authorized, empowered and directed in the name of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury to sign as seller on the Cash Sale Deed to Bryce Thibodeaux, of the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land, containing 0.84 acre, being located in the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Three (3), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Three (3) West, Southwest Louisiana District, Jefferson Davis Parish, State of Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that J. Steven Eastman, as President of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, shall have full power and authority to do any and all acts necessary and properly and/or convenient in order to accomplish the purposes of this resolution shall receive the broadest interpretation under the laws of this or any state.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to approve a 34' x 24" arched pipe for Royer Road at a cost of \$1,257.32 to be paid with Division One funds.

### Committee Reports

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the low bid received from Daughdrill General Contracting & Roofing Co., Inc., to replace the roof on the Parish Library and to further authorize the President to sign all documents.

Emily Stine, Regional Director for Senator John Kennedy, introduced herself and offered any assistance needed.

Road Supervisor Randy Ringuet presented Bid Tabs on five (5) bridges and requested approval of low bids.

The motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the low bids as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve Change Order No. 2, which grants extension of project term to April 30, 2021 and extends estimated not-to-exceed task order amount to \$991,584.00, in connection with Debris Monitoring Services with Tetra Tech, Inc.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to adopt the following Proclamation, to-wit:

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, 2021  
A Proclamation**

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our Louisiana volunteers who aid needy families during **hurricanes, home fires, tornadoes, and winter storms**. Their dedication touches thousands of Louisianans' lives each year as they carry out the American Red Cross 140-year mission - prevent and alleviate human suffering.

During the current coronavirus pandemic, American Red Cross blood donors rolled up their sleeves to give blood as our Country faced a severe blood shortage.

Last year, Louisiana volunteers responded to more than 1,300 home fires, and educated more than 4,400 youngsters on preparedness through The Pillowcase Project.

In the wake of the 2020 hurricane season, more than 3,200 American Red Cross volunteers descended upon Louisiana and worked tirelessly to assuage the needs of displaced Louisianans. The American Red Cross provided more than 928,400 overnight stays, served more than 2 million meals and snacks, distributed more than 230,000 emergency relief items, found solutions for nearly 60,000 Louisiana families, and provided emergency financial assistance to nearly 10,000 households.

**American Red Cross volunteers also supported Louisiana families across the state in other ways.** The Red Cross trained nearly 26,000 individuals in critical lifesaving and sustaining skills such as first aid/CPR/AED and water safety. The Service to Armed Forces Hero Care Network had 8,900 separate cases related to military pre-deployment, deployment and demobilization, viz emergency communication services, financial assistance programs, re-integration and veteran services.

In the spirit of American Red Cross founder, Clara Barton, the Parish of Jefferson Davis dedicates this month of March to all those who continue to advance Clara Barton's noble legacy, and the Parish of Jefferson Davis asks others to join in the American Red Cross's commitment to care for people in need. Their lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience – something the Parish of Jefferson Davis could not achieve alone. We are thankful for the

American Red Cross partnerships with United Way, Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness, Louisiana and Jefferson Davis Parish officials, and endless community partners who work together to serve Louisiana residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Steven Eastman, President of Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, and Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the low bid received on behalf of Fire District No. 5 from E. B. Feucht & Sonts, LLC, for the site work at the new fire station location in Fenton.

Discussion was held in connection with agenda items for the next Committee meetings to be scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, it was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.

  
PRESIDENT J. Steven Eastman

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY

April 14, 2021  
DATE APPROVED