

Jennings, Louisiana
May 27, 2020

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

The following members were present:

DONALD WOODS	District 1	WAYNE FRUGE	District 8
	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: JOHN MARCEAUX, District 2

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Woods. Mr. Bruchhaus gave the Invocation, and Mr. Buller led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 22, 2020, as written and submitted.

Mr. Guillory reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending payment on May 13, 2020.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Finance Committee that the following bills be paid, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,458.63
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	713.21
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	35,178.95
• CRIMINAL COURT	81,963.44
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	5,217.56
• SECTION 8	41.00
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	23,553.95
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	179,025.69
• RD SALES TAX DIST 1	87,376.29
• REG CONSOLIDATED JAIL TAX	87,235.02
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	1,431.40
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	912.78
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	7,640.28
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	99.61

• FIRE DISTRICT #5	11,843.78
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	24,838.79
• FIRE DISTRICT #7	1,089.05
• FD1 Cap Improvement	1,431.40

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommended renewing the contract with Building Code Inspection Services for permitting and inspection services for twelve (12) months with no changes.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Finally, the Finance Committee recommended approving the change to the office pay scale as presented effective May 1, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2343

AN ORDINANCE to impose a speed limit of 10 MPH on Benoit Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

The speed limit on Benoit Road shall be 10 MPH.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 27th day of May, 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2344

AN ORDINANCE to install All-Way Stop Signs at the intersection of David Road and South Main Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

All-Way Stop Signs shall be installed at the intersection of David Road and South Main Road.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 27th day of May, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFF DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY FOR THE CLOSING OF THE WINDMILL LANE RAILROAD CROSSING BETWEEN US 165 AND GRO RACCA AND WITHERWAX ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING BETWEEN US 165 AND AUGUSTINE ROAD.

WHEREAS, pursuant to LA RS 48:390.1, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police has the authority to close railroad crossings.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis parish Police Jury ("PARISH") has worked with Union Pacific Railroad ("UPRR") on a safety initiative throughout the parish; and WHEREAS, the Parish, UPRR and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, (jointly "Diagnostic Team") held crossing safety diagnostics on August 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Witherwax Road UPRR crossing (Federal Railroad Administration Crossing Number 4328335) is a minor cut through roadway which has a low traffic volume and has an adjacent crossing in close proximity, the Diagnostic Team recommends closing the crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Windmill Lane UPRR crossing (Federal Railroad Administration Crossing Number 432831D) has a low traffic volume, has a skew and has an adjacent crossing in close proximity, the Diagnostic Team recommends closing the crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury will accept \$100,000.00 from Union Pacific to facilitate the closures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Jefferson Davis Parish to approve to close Witherwax Road and Windmill Lane UPRR crossings to move forward with the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY in a duly convened session on May 27, 2020, that the jury voted to close the railroad crossings on Windmill Lane and Witherwax Road and to accept \$100,000.00 from Union Pacific Railroad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will become effective immediately upon passage.

Thus adopted and signed this 27th day of May, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DTE MIDSTREAM THE USE OF TOPSY BEL ROAD AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEPOSIT OF \$150,000.00 OR SURETY BOND OF \$150,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police has the authority to assign usage of roads for pipeline projects and installations.

WHEREAS, DTE Midstream has requested the use of Topsy Bel Road to access their pipeline project located in Allen Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish will authorize DTE Midstream the use of Topsy Bel Road upon receipt of a deposit of \$150,000.00 or a surety bond in the amount of \$150,000.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY in a duly convened session on May 27, 2020, that the jury voted to authorize DTE Midstream the use of Topsy Bel Road and that DTE Midstream will issue a check in the amount of \$150,000.00 or a surety bond in the amount of \$150,000.00 to Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will become effective immediately upon passage.

Thus adopted and signed this 27th day of May, 2020.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020, of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6, of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), proposes to authorize the issuance, sale and delivery of \$120,000 of its Limited Tax Bond, Series 2020 (the "Bonds"), to pay costs of acquiring and improving fire protection equipment for the District and costs of issuance of the Bonds pursuant to a resolution adopted by said Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2020 (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds as required by Article IV, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and the authority supplemental thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and other authority supplemental thereto, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$120,000 of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020, of the District, maturing not later than March 1, 2028, and bearing interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 4.00%

per annum, all in accordance with the parameters and provisions of the Resolution. The Bonds shall be secured by and payable solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails and proceeds of the District's eight and sixty-six hundredths (8.66) mills tax authorized to be levied and collected through the year 2028 pursuant to elections held in the District on December 8, 2018, and neither the Parish of Jefferson Davis nor this Police Jury shall in any way be liable for the payment of the principal of and/or interest on Bonds.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Marcus Peterson, Kori Myers, Tim McKnight, Melvin Adams, Steve Eastman, Wayne Fruge, Curt Guillory, Byron Buller, Butch LaFargue, Owen Cormier, Chad Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Marceaux

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 27th of May, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in adopting the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has an existing lease with Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority (State of Louisiana) in the Agri-Industrial Park in Lacassine, Louisiana; and the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury (Jury) has an existing sublease with the South Louisiana Rail Facility, L.L.C. (SLRF) for the entirety of the property leased;

WHEREAS, the Jury and SLRF have, through appropriate state financing, located significant improvements including, but not limited, a loading and storage facility for rough rice on the existing property that has benefited hundreds of local farmers and expanded the rough rice market, all with a significant local and state economic impact, with minimal cost to the Jury;

WHEREAS, SLRF has sought significant additional funding through the Louisiana Economic Development Authority of the State of Louisiana (LED) for additional improvements to be located on the leased property to be utilized by SLRF in further benefit to Jefferson Davis Parish and Southwest Louisiana rice farmers, in addition to the local and state economy, with the Jury to act as the appropriate governmental sponsor or conduit for the LED grant;

WHEREAS, the new improvements include but not are not limited to a large building/warehouse to be constructed on the existing property and adjacent to the loading facility, said building/warehouse will be utilized in conjunction with an Agreement between the SLFL and Agreeta Farming Network (Agreeta) for the installation of processing equipment, with the SLFL to lease said equipment for a fixed term with the option to purchase said equipment;

WHEREAS, the immovable property and building will be a permanent, fixed improvement owned by LAFA and leased to the Jury at no additional cost to the Jury on the existing lease, and the Jury will have no additional financial obligation nor any maintenance or operation liability regarding said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in legal session convened, that it hereby approves of any lease amendment to include said improvements on the property, that it hereby approves of the project and agrees to be the sponsoring governmental entity or conduit for the LED grant spent in furtherance of the project, and it hereby authorizes its President Donald Woods to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for said funding and to accomplish completion of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to any and all applicable agencies of the State of Louisiana necessary for completion of the project.

Thus done and signed this 27 day of May, 2020.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Aucoin and Associates in connection with the Alesha Kratzer Hebert Subdivision located on Highway 395.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, with Mr. Eastman voting against, to accept the recommendation of Aucoin and Associates in connection with the Cypress Grove Subdivision located on Pousson Road, with the following stipulations:

- a. All further development or phases of the subdivision shall require a drainage impact study to be done by an independent licensed engineer.
- b. Driveway permits shall be obtained and installations approved by the parish.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Aucoin and Associates in connection with the Traci Moreau Subdivision located on Highway 101 south of Lacassine.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Aucoin and Associates in connection with the Dennis Scharff Subdivision on Highway 90 west of Lacassine.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Aucoin and Associates in connection with the Annie Pentecost Subdivision, Phase 1 located on David Road.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Ronald (Joe) Guidry and Larry Lyons to the Broadmore Drainage District Board with terms to expire April 13, 2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to appoint Tim McKnight to the Airport Commission Board to replace Tom Kilpatrick with the term to expire December 31, 2020.

Mr. Adams made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the budget for the Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory for the fiscal year of 2020-2021.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 2 for Fire District No. 1 in connection with the new fire station.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve Estimate No. 3 in connection with the LCDBG Street Improvement Project.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to approve a request from Union Pacific Railroad for a Letter of No Objection to replace Bridge 671.55 located 1.1 miles south of Fenton on Highway 165.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve a request from Andrew Tramel for a variance from flood zone requirements.

The motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to approve a request from Paula and Matt Miller to name a private road Southwindz Drive for 911 purposes.

Mr. Eastman made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve a request from Republic Services for a \$1.10 rate increase to their prices.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to authorize Legal Counsel to send a letter to landowners to remove a fence on Ringuet Road.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving adding Mouton Road to the 2019 Road Improvement Project.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving for Division Two: one (1) 24" x 30' arched metal pipe for Seward Lane at a cost of \$1,081.20 and one hundred (100) Tons of #57 Limestone for North Dewey Road.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize obtaining a survey for the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury property located on Highway 101 in Lacassine.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to authorize Change Order No. 7 to add Beroid Street, which was damaged and funds have been received for reimbursement, to the 2019 Road Improvement Project.

Committee Reports

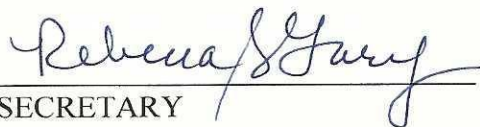
There were no committee reports.

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



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



SECRETARY

June 10, 2020
DATE APPROVED