

Jennings, Louisiana
July 14, 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, LA., 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 Ms. Myers led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 9, 2021, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on June 23, 2021, as written and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux gave the Finance Committee report from the meeting held on Monday, June 12, 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	\$ 31,626.80
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	2,608.11
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	22,180.85
• CRIMINAL COURT	65,952.52
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	17,493.21
• PARISH ROAD	512.50
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	17,824.16
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	90,061.18
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1	118,929.00
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 SINKING	1,500.00

• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	145,966.84
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	4,277.77
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	6,139.20
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	13,770.51
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	10,523.87
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	91,886.09
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	13,504.14

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends approving a quote from Acadiana Tree Service in the amount of \$3,100.00 to trim all oak trees throughout the courthouse complex over parking lot and walkways, and to haul off and dispose of debris.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the quotes from J & J Exterminating for the renewal of annual termite inspection and 7-year treatment for the Courthouse, Annex, Registrar of Voters, Multi-Purpose Building, Health Unit, and Cooperative Extension to be paid out of each respective fund.

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

Further, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing renewal of the Standby Generator Industrial Maintenance Service Agreement from Taylor Power Systems at a cost of \$750.00 for the period of June, 2021 to June, 2022, for the generator at the 911 Building on Chaisson Road.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the following for the Regional Jail Facility:

- Purchase of a Laptop for the Jail Maintenance Tech at a cost of \$1,830.02
- Purchase of a Desktop for the Mailer at a cost of \$796.83
- SonicWall License and Firmware update at a cost of \$1,220.45
- Jail Camera System License Upgrade in order to activate new cameras already installed and keep system current at a cost of \$2,588.94

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

The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the SonicWall Firmware update for 911 at a cost of \$84.99 to be paid with 911 funds.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to authorize replacing all batteries in the remotes of the Panic Alarm System in the Courthouse to be paid with Courthouse funds.

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

Moreover, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the purchase of a Scanner, Laser Printer, and Paper Feeder Tray for the Registrar of Voters at an approximate cost of \$1,400.00 to be paid out of General Fund.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation to make this purchase as stated.

Due to COVID and the Hurricanes, the Cooperative Extension Service has not been able to hold camps and other activities; therefore, they are requesting use of the Multi-Purpose Building and Fairgrounds for mini camps free of charge. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to allow this use.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Finally, the Interview Committee conducted interviews for a Custodian. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize hiring Greg Nolan effective as soon as possible.

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

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with the Tarpon Subdivision.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to appoint Damien Johnson to the Fire District No. 3 Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Caldwell Fontenot, which expires December 31, 2021, and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Fontenot for his service to the board.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried to authorize the Secretary to advertise for an OEP Assistant Director.

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

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESUMING
FEDERAL OFFSHORE LEASING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, since its authorization by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), has provided significant energy to help fuel the great economy of America, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, has been very effective in helping America achieve energy security and strengthening our National Security, and

WHEREAS, the offshore industry and government have collaborated with groups such as the Coastal Conservation Association to create innovative ways to find beneficial cooperation such as the Rigs-to-Reef program, which benefits the recreational fishing community by repurposing obsolete structures of which nearly 600 reefed platforms in the United States Gulf of Mexico are home to almost seven million fish and other critical marine species, enriching marine life, and

WHEREAS, since its inception the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program is responsible for helping to create hundreds of thousands of jobs with a significant economic impact and has generated hundreds of billions in royalty revenue for the United States Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2020 permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million per year with wide bipartisan support. Relying solely on earnings from federal offshore oil and gas leasing, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has funded more than \$4 billion worth of projects since its inception in 1965 for purposes of conservation, recreation, restoration and protection of vital national resources, and

WHEREAS, since 2006, more than \$1 billion, funded exclusively by federal offshore lease revenues, has been disbursed to four Gulf energy-producing states through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to support coastal conservation and restoration projects; hurricane protection programs; and activities to implement marine coastal or conservation management plans, and

WHEREAS, in the most recent conservation legislation, the Great American Outdoors Act, the United States Congress set aside up to \$1.9 billion a year from federal offshore lease revenues for the next five years to repair facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and American Indian Schools, and

WHEREAS, it is important for the funding of these conservation, recreation, restoration and protection efforts that the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program continues, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program has been managed in such a way that it is recognized as an environmentally advantaged energy producer with approximately half (53%) of the carbon intensity per barrel of other producing regions worldwide, and

WHEREAS, United States of America Offshore Energy represents a significant opportunity to help improve the health of our planet due to its low carbon intensity, and

WHEREAS, President Biden and Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland have caused regularly scheduled lease sales for offshore resources, previously authorized by administrations of both political parties, to be canceled resulting in great uncertainty for the economy, the energy, and the environment of America, and

WHEREAS, Terry A. Doughty of the United States District Court recently decided in a suit filed by the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and West Virginia that the Executive Branch does not have the legal right to stop leasing Federal territory for Oil and Gas production without approval from Congress, and

WHEREAS, the future production of these oil and gas resources and consequently the funding of conservation, recreation, restoration and protection and further consequently the denial of environmentally advantaged, low carbon intensity barrels of production as a substitution for higher carbon intensity barrels of production from foreign sources; all will be negatively impacted by the continued cancellation of offshore lease sales.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, at a Regular meeting held on the 14th day of July, 2021, petitions President Biden and Secretary Haaland to immediately schedule Lease Sales for the Gulf of Mexico, a historic energy producing province, to assist in producing a larger portfolio of some of the planet's lowest carbon intensity barrels of oil and to assist in producing a larger portfolio of natural gas which can serve the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) worldwide market; all in an effort to restore confidence, generate economic activity, enhance environmental stewardship, create American jobs, and strengthen national and energy security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Biden, Secretary Haaland, members of the United States Congress, the City and Parish governing authorities within the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Police Jury Association, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the National Association of Counties.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to authorize Fire District No. 4 to accept the bid of \$34,500.00 from Danny Landry to perform the foundation and driveway culvert project for the new Thornwell fire station.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to authorize the Secretary to purchase and pay down payment of the metal building material from Ideal Steel for Fire District No. 4.

Mr. McKnight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of BlueWing Civil Consulting in connection with the Cody Adickes Subdivision.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to adopt 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 it's President J. Steven Eastman 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 14th day of July, 2021.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$28,845.78 from L & R Construction in connection with the Farm Supply Road Bridge repair.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to amend the Special Events Permit for Carla Guillory in connection with the Grand Opening of the Red Bird Café to be held August 14, 2021 instead of July 10, 2021.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the placement of 180 Tons #610 Limestone on Royer Road, previously approved for gravel which is not available at this time.

Committee Reports

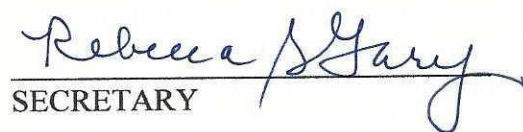
Mr. Marty Fontenot, a resident of Elton Drive between Dave Williams Road and Koll Road, requested consideration of having Dave Williams Road resurfaced.

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



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



SECRETARY

August 11, 2021
DATE APPROVED