

Jennings, Louisiana  
 October 27, 2021

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in Special 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
	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

DAVID BRUCHHAUS, Legal Counsel

Absent: MELVIN ADAMS, District 6

The meeting was called to order by President J. Steven Eastman. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation, and Mr. Woods led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion was held in connection with the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) application from Metalplate Galvanizing LLP.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to hold a Public Hearing prior to making a final decision on the matter.

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

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget for the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana State Legislature has mandated that political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana, amend their 2021 budget to more accurately reflect the Revenues and Expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in session convened on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, that it does hereby amend the budget for the year 2021.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to adopt the State Capital Outlay for 2022-2023 as follows:

1. Jeff Davis Regional Storage Facility
2. Parish Animal Shelter

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to authorize the President to sign a letter granting Meyer & Associates, Inc., authority to access the ECORTS system to input the application for Jeff Davis Regional Storage Facility.

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

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jefferson Davis Parish and Southwest Louisiana were severely impacted by Hurricane Laura, which struck the area on August 7, 2020, as a significant Category 4 Hurricane, causing extensive destruction to residential, commercial and public assets of the communities;

WHEREAS, a mere six weeks later, on October 9, 2020, Jefferson Davis Parish and Southwest Louisiana were again targeted by Hurricane Delta, making landfall as a Category 2 storm, and bringing devastating winds and rainfall to the already distressed region;

WHEREAS, these two hurricanes caused extensive personal, emotional, and financial impacts across the region to the citizens that call Southwest Louisiana home, severely affecting thousands of homes, businesses, our workforce, both public and private infrastructure systems, the region's agricultural assets, and the area's numerous natural and cultural resources;

WHEREAS, at the time both storms struck the region, Southwest Louisiana and its citizens – much like the rest of our nation and world- were already responding to the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, respectfully requesting support for a disaster appropriations package to address the overwhelming recovery needs faced by so many thousands of citizens and families in Southwest Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the request from Governor Edwards for a supplemental appropriation from Congress to aid our regions and state was for \$3 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address the unmet needs of our communities;

WHEREAS, Title VIII of P. L. 117-43 requires HUD to allocate \$1.6 billion for major disasters that occurred in 2020 by October 30, 2021, with \$3.4 billion remaining available, through the "Community Development Fund" for major declared disasters in 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury in a duly convened session on October 27, 2021 as follows:


1. We, the members of the Police Jury, on behalf of all citizens of Jefferson Davis Parish, provide our full support for the recently passed disaster supplemental funding.
2. We call upon our entire Louisiana Legislative Delegation and Congressional Delegation to give full support and lend the full effort and influence of their offices to work with President Biden, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and fellow members of Congress to make the full \$5 billion authorized available for use by states with disasters declared in 2020.
3. In order to quickly address needs and prevent further delays in long term disaster recover, we request that HUD extend trust to local government entities, allowing flexibility in utilization of CDBG-DR funding, including the ability to use this funding as part of the local cost share for disaster response funding/grants administered by other Federal entities.
4. In order to further expedite local recovery efforts, we request that HUD consider providing up-front disbursement of a portion of funding for projects clearly meeting the criteria for inclusion under the State's Action Plan.
5. We ask HUD to recognize during the rule making process that every expenditure by local government is already subject to audit, and that placing onerous pre-disbursement requirements on local and state government entities will further delay rebuilding, further prolonging the suffering of communities.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVEDM, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Joseph Biden, President of the United States; The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana; Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; The Honorable Cedric Richmond, Senior Advisor to the President; and to all members of the Louisiana Legislative and Congressional Delegations.

This resolution was declared adopted on October 27, 2021.

President Eastman reminded the Police Jurors about the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Rice Mill Facility taking place on November 18, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

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

  
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 PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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 November 10, 2021  
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