

Jennings, Louisiana
October 12, 2022

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
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5.

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

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 24, 2022, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2022, as written and submitted.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 28, 2022, as written and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, 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	\$ 28,284.69
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	2,085.86
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	32,466.56
• CRIMINAL COURT	63,583.21
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	4,075.85

• PARISH ROAD	4,387.50
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	9,314.30
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	133,827.06
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST #1	49,947.50
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	177,745.37
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	15,977.02
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	12,608.91
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	3,202.85
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	743.78
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	39,158.30
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	2,816.32

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt a Resolution in support of applying for a USDA Fiber Optic grant for LUS Fiber.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury desires to provide Jefferson Davis Parish with affordable high-speed internet for the general welfare of the citizens;

WHEREAS, the Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission (IMCAL) and LUS Fiber have informed the Jefferson Davis Police Jury that a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect Grant might be obtained to provide 100% of the funding necessary to bring public fiber from the City of Jennings to the western parish line.

WHEREAS, IMCAL and LUS Fiber have informed the Jefferson Davis Police Jury that the installation of public fiber from the City of Jennings to the western parish line pursuant to the USDA ReConnect Grant is an important and cost-effective initial step to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury's ultimate goal of provide all of its citizens with affordable high-speed internet.

WHEREAS, IMCAL and LUS Fiber have informed the Jefferson Davis Police Jury that, if the USDA ReConnect Grant is obtained and the work undertaken, the Police Jury must provide approximately \$3,000,000 upfront funding to cover the initial ninety (90) days of labor and materials expenses, with the understanding that this money will be reimbursed by LUS Fiber when it is reimbursed by USDA.

WHEREAS, to proceed with the grant application, IMCAL requires a letter of commitment from the Jefferson Davis Police Jury stating that the Police Jury is committed to providing approximately \$3,000,000 upfront funding to cover the initial ninety (90) days of labor and materials expenses, with the understanding that this money will be reimbursed by LUS Fiber when it is reimbursed by USDA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury requests that the Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission (IMCAL) and/or LUS Fiber submit a USDA ReConnect Grant application to provide 100% funding for public fiber to be installed from the City of Jennings to the western parish boundary; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury shall submit a letter of commitment to IMCAL and LUS Fiber stating that the Police Jury is committed to providing approximately \$3,000,000 upfront funding to cover the initial ninety (90) days of labor and materials expenses, contingent upon the money being reimbursed by LUS Fiber when it receives reimbursement from USDA.

This resolution was declared adopted on October 12, 2022, at its regular meeting where a Quorum was present. The vote was as follows:

YEAHS:	Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Mr. McKnight

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote from Management Resource Group Inc in the amount of \$1,100.00 to perform the annual Utility Allowance Study for Section 8.

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

The Finance Committee recommends accepting a proposal from MIP Fund Account in the amount of \$5,460.75 for the annual accounting maintenance.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation as stated.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer funds to the General Fund from the Waste Fund as needed.

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

Finally, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the purchase of tablets for all jurors to utilize at meetings at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Cooperative Extension Service in connection with usage of the Fairgrounds facilities.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$153,803.00 to Durable Piling Restoration, LLC., in connection with the 2022 Bridge Repairs, Group 1.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve Change Order No. 1 for a reduction in the amount of \$56,762.50 for Daughdrill General Contracting in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement project.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve a bid in the amount of \$9,437.00 from FW Walton in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement project.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Ballard Exploration Co., in connection with a drill site located off Lee Road in Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 6 West.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to reappoint Ivy Woods to the Industrial Development Board with a term expiring October 9, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2401

AN ORDINANCE to impose a speed limit of 30 MPH on Duhon Road.

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

The speed limit on Duhon Road shall be 30 MPH.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 12th day of October, 2022.

A discussion was held in connection with entering into a contract with Waste Connections for waste disposal in the parish. However, no action was taken until further information can be obtained.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to approve one (1) load of cold mix for Division One, Lake Arthur yard.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Talbot, to approve one (1) load of cold mix and two (2) 30" x 40' metal pipes for Freeland Road at a cost of \$6,084.00. After discussion, an amendment was proposed. The amended motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to purchase two (2) plastic pipes at a cost of \$4,891.20. Then, the original motion was voted on and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve for Division Three: One (1) load of cold mix, Tree trimming in Lacassine area and around school by Bin There LLC at a cost of \$6,600.00, and Bush hogging property in Lacassine by Bin There LLC at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fruge reported a Fairgrounds Committee held on September 28, 2022 at 5:15 pm. The Committee recommends dividing surplus items into lots and advertising for bids for a private sale.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the Fairgrounds Committee as stated.

The Fairgrounds Committee recommends allowing Mr. McKnight to move forward with paperwork and payment options for Arena Rental to be placed on website.

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

It was reported by Mr. LaFargue that the OEP Committee met on September 14, 2022 at 5:45 pm. The OEP Committee recommends authorizing Legal Counsel to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for Caldwell Parish to provide Disaster Evacuation assistance to Jeff Davis Parish.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the OEP Committee as stated.

The OEP Committee recommends authorizing OEP Director Marcus Peterson, to submit documents to GOHSEP to “Opt In” for temporary housing after a disaster.

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

Mr. Guillory reported a Jail Committee meeting held at 4:30 pm on October 12, 2022. The Jail Committee recommends authorizing CxA and Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors to continue with the repair of the two (2) remaining air conditioner units in the jail.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Jail Committee.

It is the recommendation of the Jail Committee to authorize CxA and Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors to evaluate the problem with the excess condensation above the office area at the jail.

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

Additionally, the Jail Committee recommends purchasing pillows for all inmates at the Regional Jail Facility.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Committee’s recommendation.

The Jail Committee recommends accepting a quote from Gabe Trahan in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the repair of the leak on the jail roof.

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

It is the recommendation of the Jail Committee to accept a quote in the amount of \$1,795.00 for servicing the two (2) overhead doors in the sallyport of the jail.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the Jail Committee’s recommendation.

Finally, the Jail Committee recommends allowing the Jail Maintenance Tech to purchase a diagnostic devise and extra parts for the doors at the jail at an approximate cost of \$1,900.00.

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

