

Jennings, Louisiana  
February 8, 2023

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		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: None

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

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, 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	\$ 25,919.87
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,410.57
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	928.66
• CRIMINAL COURT	11,680.83
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	4,894.55
• SPECIAL REVENUE	70,056.80
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	4,789.55
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	67,704.76
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	32,543.99
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	67,932.85
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	0
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	1,306.17
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	20,305.29
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	7,410.28
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	7,118.28
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	0

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the Cooperative Extension office to utilize Community Coffee services.

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

The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the Cooperative Extension office to purchase a 6 to 8 passenger vehicle as long as three (3) comparable quotes are obtained.

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

Further, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the Cooperative Extension office to add a gooseneck towing package to the Dodge truck at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept a Service Agreement from Arcco Power Systems for maintenance of the 911 Generator on Hwy. 90 at an annual cost of \$980.00

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

Finally, the Finance Committee recommends moving Brent Lejeune to Foreman at the Lake Arthur parish yard effective 2/1/23 at the presented pay rate.

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

It was moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 25, 2023, as written and submitted.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Timothy Savant for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a store located on Bebee Road, Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 6 West. No Public Comments were received.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the change in zoning classification.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2407**

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 TIMOTHY SAVANT, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023 THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to C-1 Commercial for a STORE, on the following property belonging to TIMOTHY SAVANT, to wit:

Beg S26Deg37'10"W423.86' From NW Cor 11-9-6. Thence E451.07' S26Deg37'10"W814.03' W89.17' N729.68' to POB.

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Shannon Corbello for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a restaurant located on Community Center Road, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 5 West. No Public Comments were received.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried to approve the change in zoning classification.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2408**

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 SHANNON CORBELLO, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023 THAT:

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

Lot 1A Less W46.83' Thereof Dugas Sub in N ½ 31-9-5, Per Plat 464-169. 554-687 769-114 813-375 828-645 886-489 888-241 920-411 466 #583036/583085 #701879(QC) #718454(SWVL)

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept the resignation of Shirley Hudson from the Fire District No. 3 board and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mrs. Hudson for her service.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Corimer, and carried, to appoint Jeannie Daniels to the Fire District No. 3 board to fulfill the unexpired term of Shirley Hudson with a term expiring 12/31/2023.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the resignation of Alcide Hargrave from the Fire District No. 4 board and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Hargrave for his service.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to appoint Ricky Lafosse to fulfill the unexpired term of Alcide Hargrave on the Fire District No. 4 board with a term to expire 12/31/23.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to reappoint Wynn Watkins to the Gravity Drainage District No. 6 board with a term to expire 02/08/2027.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried to approve Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Mardi Gras, and a holiday for parish employees.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to declare surplus, a 2003 Ford Econoline 350 Rescue Van bearing Tag# FD4 5395 for Fire District No. 4 and to authorize the Secretary to advertise for sale.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE ACADIANA REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE DISTRICT COMPRISED OF VARIOUS PARISHES IN OR NEAR THE ACADIANA REGION, INCLUDING JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, for a number of years, there has been inadequate space in local juvenile detention facilities to protect public safety through the pretrial detention of youthful repeat offenders and/or those charged with committing the most serious violent crimes, many of which involve the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and

WHEREAS, there approximately 12 local juvenile detention facilities in the state, many of which do not have space available to hold pretrial youth from outside of their respective jurisdictions or will not accept such use; and

WHEREAS, Act 501 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature raised the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include seventeen (17) years old (Raise the Age Legislation), and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions have experienced dramatic increases in serious violent crimes committed by youthful offenders with the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons since passage of the Raise the Age Legislation; and

WHEREAS, many youthful offenders committing these violent crimes with the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons must be released back into their communities because there is no available space in local juvenile detention facilities to hold them before trial thereby creating serious public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, this problem has been made worse by the fact that the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice (“OJJ”) recently informed judges throughout the state that it is currently unable to accept sentenced youth into state custody because the OJJ juvenile detention facilities in that state are at full capacity causing a backlog of sentenced youth to remain in local juvenile detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, public safety can best be protected in the parishes in or near the Acadiana region by creating additional local detention facility space in the parishes in or near the Acadiana region for the pretrial detention of youthful repeat offenders and/or those youth charged with committing the most serious violent crimes many of which involve the use of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby expresses its support of Legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to be comprised of various interested parishes, including Jefferson Davis Parish, in or near the Acadiana Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to those members of the Louisiana Legislative representing Jefferson Davis Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Resolution was declared effective this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to amend the Bid Packet in connection with the Jail Settlement Project to include a mandatory Prebid conference.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the following for Division One: 2023 Winter Gravel Project with 6,175 Tons Gravel for various roads.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the following for Division Two: 2023 Winter Gravel Project with 700 Tons Gravel for various roads.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the following for Division Two-One: 2023 Winter Gravel Project with 2,400 Tons Gravel for various roads.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the following for Division Three: 2023 Winter Gravel Project with 4,435 Tons Gravel for various roads.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to leave the Imagery from Eagleview at a resolution of six (6) inches for areas outside the municipalities.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to send a Letter to LED deferring any decision or action on Louisiana Spirits, LLC, ITEP Non-Compliance to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize the removal of three (3) abandoned vehicles from Maple Street in Roanoke by Bill's Wrecker and A-OK Salvage at a total cost of \$1,500.00 to be paid with Division Three funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve a request for Capital Outlay funding assistance for Jeff Davis Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 in the amount of \$1,435,000.00 to be paid with ARPA funds.

Committee Reports

None

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary  
SECRETARY

March 8, 2023  
DATE APPROVED