

Jennings, Louisiana
April 12, 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
	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. LaFargue led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 29, 2023, as written and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 10, 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	\$ 103,565.15
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	2,491.58
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	27,219.14
• CRIMINAL COURT	5,763.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	3,225.19
• SPECIAL REVENUE	72,544.12
• SECTION 8	875.00
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	10,854.96
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	119,847.28
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	9,829.70
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	128,873.36
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	1,796.08
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	1,468.60
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	4,085.61
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	5,331.85

- FIRE DISTRICT #5 23,529.35
- FIRE DISTRICT #6 1,719.73

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to contact DCMC to begin the process of establishing an animal shelter using ARPA funds.

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

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Dosa Paul Guillory for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a warehouse for e-commerce art deco materials, located on Pinehill Cemetery Road, Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Richard Bridwell, Donna Taylor, and Lori Desormeaux, all residents from Pinehill Cemetery Road, expressed concerns and opposition to the zoning change. Additionally, Jennifer Landry, a resident from the adjoining road, Windmill Lane, expressed opposition. Sheryl Manuel, the realtor selling the property, and Damon Oates, the potential purchaser of the property wanting to open the business, both answered questions and gave information.

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

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Beau and Taylor Fontenot for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a photography studio, located on Grand Marais Road, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 3 West. There were no public comments.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2412

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 Beau & Taylor Fontenot, being located in Jefferson Davis

Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENEED ON APRIL 12, 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 Photography Studio, on the following property belonging to Beau & Taylor Fontenot, to wit:

THE SURVEY OF TRACT 3-A, CONTAINING 1.0 ACRES AND 50' EASEMENT OF PASSAGE, OUT OF LOT 3 OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE EAST HALF (E ½) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF SECTION THIRTY-TWO (32), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) SOUTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 12th day of April, 2023.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission Board of Review to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Khalique Chaudhry for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a travel center/truck stop, located on Hwy 395, Roanoke, Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 4 West. No comments were received.

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

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, 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. 2413

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 Khalique Chaudhry, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENEED ON APRIL 12, 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 TRAVEL CENTER/ TRUCK STOP, on the following property belonging to KHALIQUE CHAUDHRY, to wit:

BEG AT THE SW COR NWSW 24-9-4. THENCE N325' E642' S325' W642'. LESS 0.204 ACS TO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. 913-228 #579244 990-69 #622902 1066-917 #662914 1066-920 #662915

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 12th day of April, 2023

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to reappoint Zack Lopez and Glen Hetzel to the Bayou Nezpique Drainage District Board with terms to expire 4/11/2027.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to reappoint Cecil Compton, John Berken, and Melvin LeBlanc to the Grand Marais Drainage District Board with terms expiring 4/11/2027.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to appoint Brady Rutledge to the board of Gravity Drainage District No. 7, to replace Scott Miller and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Miller.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve a request from the Town of Welsh to demolish a structure located at 315 West South Street, Welsh, at an approximate cost of \$7,000.00. Mayor Arceneaux informed all that Mr. Rodney Richard, Inspector for the parish, had condemned the structure. Further, the parish owns 91% of the adjudicated property with the Town of Welsh owning 9%. The Town will pay 9% and any cost over the \$7,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE 2023 PARISH-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Jefferson Davis Parish and;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2023 Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Jefferson Davis Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2023 Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police jury in a duly convened regular session on the 12th day of April, 2023, hereby adopts the 2023 Parish Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Upon being place to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

YEAS:	12
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	1

Thus done and signed this 12th day of April, 2023 in Jennings Louisiana.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the 2022-23 Road Improvement Project as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with the Drainage Impact Study of the Lacassine C-Store and allow the project to proceed.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to grant authority to DCMC to apply for funding under the Disaster 4611-Hurricane Ida Competitive Pool Funding Program for a generator for the Parish Health Unit.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in adopting the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 55th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in a duly convened regular session on the 12th day of April, 2023, hereby proclaims April 2023, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
for the parish of Jefferson Davis.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in adopting the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the week of April 10 – April 14, 2023 has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2023, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods, and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to approve the following for Division One: 1,400 Tons gravel for various roads for the Lake Arthur yard; 200 Tons gravel for Dama Landry Road; and One (1) 34' x 36" arched metal pipe for Elton Drive at the intersection with Bryan Road at a cost of \$2,936.25.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the following for Division Three: One 36' x 42" round metal pipe at a cost of \$3,795.12 for Chaisson Road and One 40' x 42" round metal pipe at a cost of \$4,216.80 for East Niblett Road.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving 15' extensions and bands at a cost of \$1,979.92 for Road Sales Tax Culvert Replacement Project.

The motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the Recommendation of Acceptance in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project as presented by Bluewing Civil Consulting.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 4 from Daughdrill General Contracting in the amount of \$24,734.53 in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project.

Mr. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 5, which is the final payment, from Daughdrill General Contracting in the amount of \$26,360.73 in connection with the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in approving the minor Henry Estates II Subdivision located on Eugene Road, Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 6 West.

Committee Reports

None

Mr. Marceaux reminded everyone to review the flood mitigation flyer.

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.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

May 10, 2023
DATE APPROVED