

Jennings, Louisiana  
May 10, 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:

	District 1	WAYNE FRUGE	District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
	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: DONALD WOODS, District 1; KORI MYERS, District 4; CURT GUILLORY, District 9.

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

President Eastman read the following **Announcement of Public Meeting**: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Road District No. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2023, as written and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 5:15 P.M. and 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. Cormier, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$1,447,874.55
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	16,567.47
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	30,132.52
• CRIMINAL COURT	4,280.89
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	3,348.09
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	20,952.40
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	80,419.38
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	46,848.12
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	142,703.76
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	2,241.15
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	245.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	12,039.67
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	7,242.62
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	4,363.42
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	564.21

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize advertising to hire a new Custodian.

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

The Finance Committee recommends approval of a Generator Industrial Maintenance Service Agreement from Taylor Power Systems in the amount of \$1,355.20 for the generator located at the 911 tower on Chaisson Road to be paid with 911 funds.

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

Lastly, it is the Finance Committee's recommendation to accept the Full Coverage Maintenance Agreement proposals from Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors for chillers at the Regional Jail to be paid with Regional Jail funds, the Multipurpose Building and Health Unit to be paid out of General Fund, LSU AgCenter to be paid with Cooperative Extension funds, and Police Jury Annex, Registrar of Voters office and Courthouse to be paid with Courthouse funds all contingent upon Legal Counsel approval.

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

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve a Pipeline Permit in connection with a request from TC Louisiana Pipeline, LLC.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to authorize the Secretary Treasurer to advertise in connection with Semi-Annual Supplies.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve Pay Request, Invoice 992, in the amount of \$22,738.00 from Louisiana Equipment Services in connection with the 2022-2023 Road Improvement Culvert Replacement Project.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Gwen Landry and Ramona Hardee to the Jeff Davis Parish Library board with terms to expire 06/03/28.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve the purchase of four (4) culverts at a cost of \$14,165.88 and installation of culverts at a cost of \$16,320.00 for the 2022-2023 Road Improvement Culvert Replacement Project.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve a request from Entergy Louisiana, LLC, for a Right-of-Way to install transmission lines on 2 acres at Fire District No. 6 main station.

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

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY  
RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
EXEMPTION OF PARISH SALES TAX ON MEDICAL  
MARIJUANA SALES.**

WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for State sales tax on the sale of Medical Marijuana in the chain of commerce, but does not provide for Parish sales tax when dispensaries in the Parish are selling to members of the public; and,

WHEREAS, the dispensaries selling Medical Marijuana within the Parish will utilize the Parish's infrastructure, safety services (such as the Sheriff and Fire Departments), emergency services in the case of disaster, and otherwise benefit from the Parish government's efforts and expenditures, but would not contribute any sales tax funds from their operations in the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, it is inequitable for other businesses and citizens in the Parish to fund the governmental infrastructure and services Medical Marijuana will utilize but not fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby expresses its Opposition to the Exemption of Parish Sales Tax on Medical Marijuana Sales that occur within the boundaries of Jefferson Davis Parish.

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. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Buller, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: Mr. LaFargue

ABSENT: Mr. Woods, Ms. Myers, Mr. Guillory

And the Resolution was declared effective this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Community Development for the purpose of implementing a grant under the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Marceaux, and carried, to place the Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20220465-ITE for LA Spirits on the agenda for the Special Meeting to be held on May 24, 2023, and to further notify Louisiana Economic Development.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Marceaux reported on a Courthouse Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 4:30 PM. The Courthouse Committee made the recommendation to move forward with renovations to the Grand Jury room.

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

Chairman Wayne Fruge reported on a Fairgrounds Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The Fairgrounds Committee recommends authorizing Bluewing Civil Consulting to proceed with plans and specs to obtain quotes on an 80' x 80' x 16' addition for a warmup arena at the fairgrounds.

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

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to amend the first motion to state whatever reasonable size fits at the location.

A Jail Committee report was given by Mr. Marceaux. The Committee met on April 12, 2023, and April 19, 2023. It is the recommendation of the Committee to authorize cleaning of the grease trap at the Regional Jail by WasteWater at a cost of \$2,500.00.

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

Additionally, the Jail Committee recommends accepting proposals from CxA not to exceed \$3,500.00 and ADG not to exceed \$1,000.00 to figure out how the plumbing loop for hot water to dorms needs to be fixed and set.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation. It was noted to have the Jail Tech keep notes for future reference.

It is the recommendation of the Jail Committee to create specifications for cameras at the jail in order to bid out.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee. It was noted that the current cameras are analog and need to be upgraded to digital. In discussion, it was mentioned to check into leasing the cameras instead of purchasing to keep up with technology changes.

Further, the Jail Committee made the recommendation to authorize the purchase of one (1) pallet of mattresses not to exceed a cost of \$2,000.00.

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

The Jail Committee recommends accepting a quote in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Wastewater to perform settlement tank cleaning.

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

Lastly, the Jail Committee recommends approving the purchase of four (4) rolling office chairs, a new desk with hutch and a sofa for the Regional Jail.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to authorize these purchases as recommended.

The Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Mr. Marceaux reported a recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to grant a variance to Charles “Chuck” Daggett from the requirement of submitting an engineered plan for closing in a ditch along the south side of his property located at 27315 Raymond Hwy., Jennings.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Committee’s recommendation as stated.

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

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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May 24, 2023  
DATE APPROVED