

Jennings, Louisiana
June 14, 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		District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	CURT GUILLORY	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3		District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5; MELVIN ADAMS, District 6; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8; BYRON BULLER, District 10.

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

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 24, 2023, as written and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 12, 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	\$ 97,183.12
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,082.31
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	43,605.23
• CRIMINAL COURT	6,333.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	2,970.23
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	24,441.12
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	144,330.10
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	18,809.84
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	200,647.42
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	27,478.26
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	19,348.26
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	11,076.17
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	8,202.43
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	7,909.15

- FIRE DISTRICT #6

820.03

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the purchase of four (4) shelving units at an approximate cost of \$1,900.00 for the Annex vault to be paid with Courthouse funds.

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

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the budget for the Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory for the FY 2023-2024 as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to adopt the *Jennings Daily News* as the Official Journal for the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special 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 a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 32 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, except the City of Jennings and the Town of Lake Arthur (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 11.33 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$933,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of improving and maintaining public roads within the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice is hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Jefferson Davis Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Jefferson Davis Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Guillory, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Buller

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. J. Steven Eastman
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), on June 14, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Road District No. 10 of Wards One, Two and Three of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, except the City of Jennings and the Town of Lake Arthur (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 11.33 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$933,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of improving and maintaining public roads within the District?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

01(PART)
02(PART)
03
04
05(PART)
06(PART)
07(PART)
09B(PART)
10
10A
12(PART)
19(PART)
23C(PART)

The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$2,300.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing

Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY
ORDINANCE NO. 2414

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATING PROSPECTIVE PRECINCTS BY THE MERGER OF PRECINCT GEOGRAPHY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 18:532 AND 18:532.1, TO AMEND CERTAIN PRECINCT LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS, AND TO ASSIGN POLLING LOCATIONS TO CERTAIN PRECINCTS

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has the authority under R.S. 18:532 to adopt prospective qualifying precinct mergers subject to the requirements that precincts or parts of the precincts shall be in the same state and parish governing authority voting district, and;

WHEREAS, any prospective qualifying precinct mergers shall be effective for the Fall, 2023 election cycle, and;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has the authority under R.S. 18:532.1 to change the configuration, boundaries, or designations of its election precincts, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Secretary of State has approved the merger of precincts as described in Exhibit A, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury that those precincts are hereby merged as described in Exhibit A, and that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury and as allowed by law.

This ordinance having been offered by Mr. LaFargue and seconded by Mr. Peterson after being read and considered section by section and notice having been published in accordance with law and having been heard in a public hearing in Jennings, Louisiana on this 14th day of June, 2023:

YEAS: Mr. Woods, Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Guillory, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Buller

/s/ J. Steven Eastman

J. STEVEN EASTMAN
PRESIDENT
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary

REBECCA S. GARY
PARISH SECRETARY

EXHIBIT A
PRECINCT MERGER DESCRIPTIONS

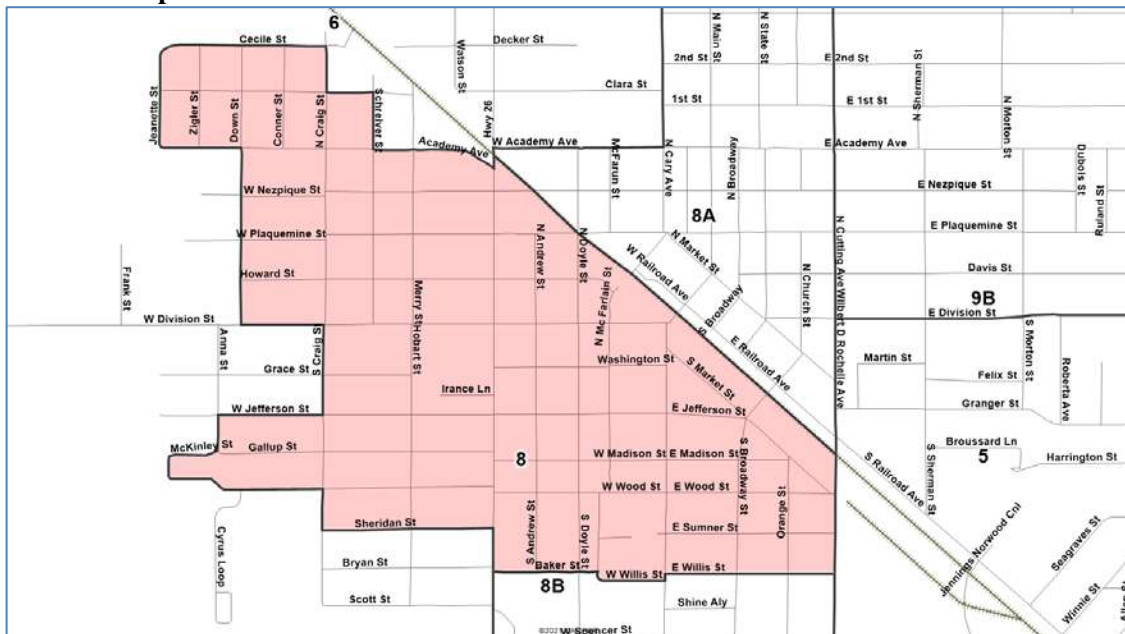
Precinct 8 (Merger of Precincts 8 and 6A)

PJ District 6

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Jeanette St and Academy Ave, and proceeding northerly along Jeanette St to Cecile St, and proceeding easterly along Cecile St to N Craig St, and proceeding southerly along N Craig St to Clara St, and proceeding easterly along Clara St to Schreiver St, and proceeding southerly along Schreiver St to Academy Ave, and proceeding easterly along Academy Ave to Hwy 26, and proceeding northerly along Hwy 26 to the railroad tracks, and proceeding southeasterly along the railroad tracks to Wilbert D Rochelle Ave, and proceeding southerly along Wilbert D Rochelle Ave to E Willis St, and proceeding westerly along E Willis St to S Main St, and proceeding southerly along S Main St to W Willis St, and proceeding westerly along W Willis St to Baker St, and proceeding westerly along Baker St to Hwy 26, and proceeding northerly along Hwy 26 to Sheridan St, and proceeding westerly along Sheridan St to S. Craig St. then proceeding northerly along S. Craig St. to McKinley St, and proceeding westerly, northerly and easterly along McKinley St to Anna St, and proceeding northerly along Anna St to W Jefferson St, and proceeding easterly along W Jefferson St to S Craig St, and proceeding northerly along S Craig St to W Division St, and proceeding westerly along W Division St to Down St, and proceeding northerly along Down St to Academy Ave, and proceeding westerly along Academy Ave to Jeanette St. and the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Jeff Davis Parish Courthouse, 300 State St., Jennings, La

Precinct Map

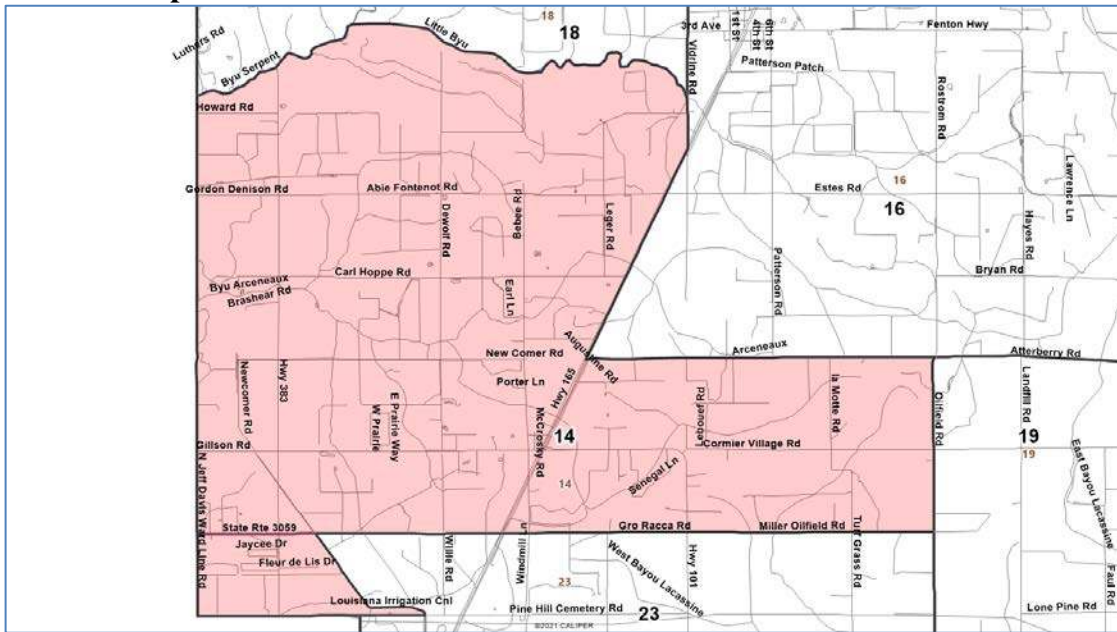


Precinct 14 (Merger of Precincts 14 and 23A)

PJ District 10 & Lockout for PJ 9

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Jeff Davis Parish boundary and the midflow of Little Bayou, and proceeding easterly along Little Bayou to Vidrine Rd., and proceeding southerly along Vidrine Rd. to U.S. Hwy. 165, and proceeding southwestery along U.S. Hwy. 165 to Atterberry Rd., and proceeding easterly along Atterberry Rd. to Oilfield Rd. and proceeding southerly along Oilfield Rd. to Miller Oilfield Rd., and proceeding westerly along Miller Oilfield Rd. to Gro Racca Rd. and proceeding westerly along Gro Racca Rd. to Louisiana Irrigation Canal, and proceeding southeasterly along Louisiana Irrigation Canal to Pine Hill Cemetery Rd., and proceeding westerly along Pine Hill Cemetery Rd. to the Jeff Davis Parish boundary, and proceeding westerly and northerly along the parish boundary to the midflow of Little Bayou and the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Fire Station-Woodlawn, 20487 Hwy 101, Iowa, La
Precinct Map

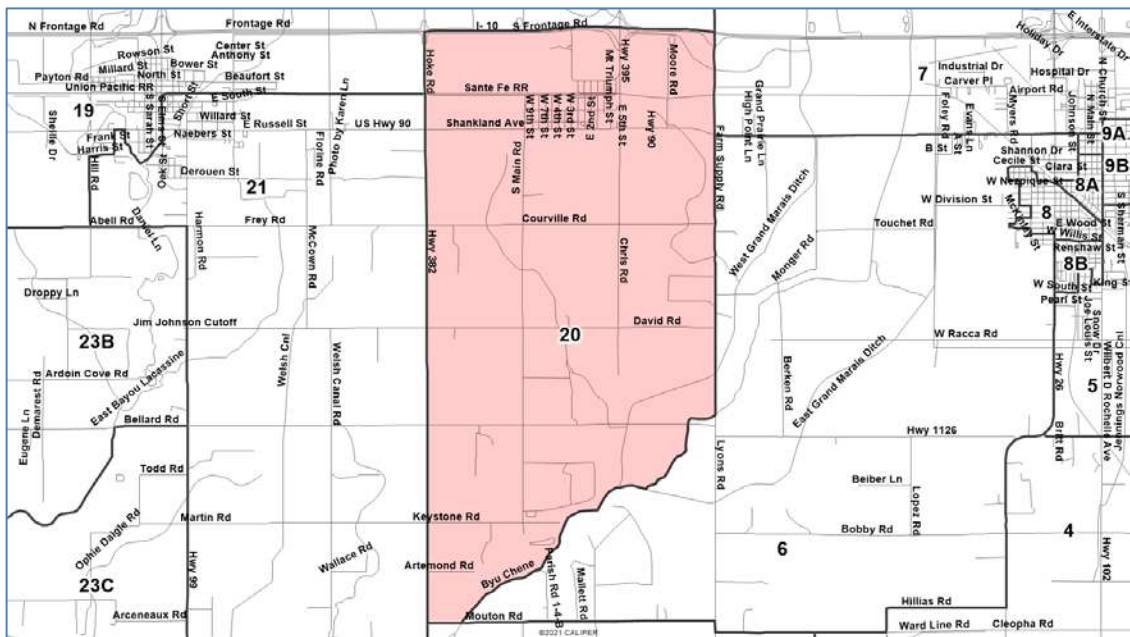


Precinct 20. (Merger of Precincts 20 and 21A)

PJ District 12

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of I- 10 and Hoke Rd, and proceeding easterly along I- 10 to Farm Supply Rd, and proceeding southerly along Farm Supply Rd to Bayou Chene, and proceeding southwesterly along Bayou Chene to Mouton Rd, and proceeding westerly along Mouton Rd to Hwy. 382, and proceeding northerly along Hwy 382 to Hoke Rd, and proceeding northerly along Hoke Rd to the point of beginning.
Polling Location: Fire District #1-Roanoke, 355 W 1st St., Roanoke, La

Precinct Map



END OF DESCRIPTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2415

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2314, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1 OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MOVE, ADD OR MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO POLLING LOCATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN Regular Session convened that:

Chapter 8, Article 1 of the Jefferson Davis Parish Code is hereby amended to reflect the following:

Sec. 8-1 PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS

- Precinct 01 Lake Arthur Community Center, 701 8th St., Lake Arthur, LA
- Precinct 02 Lake Arthur Community Center, 701 8th St., Lake Arthur, LA
- Precinct 03 Lake Arthur Community Center, 701 8th St., Lake Arthur, LA
- Precinct 04 Lake Arthur Community Center, 701 8th St., Lake Arthur, LA
- Precinct 05 Jeff Davis Parish Health Unit, 403 Baker St., Jennings, LA
- Precinct 05A Jeff Davis Parish Health Unit, 403 Baker St., Jennings, LA
- Precinct 06 Jeff Davis Parish Health Unit, 403 Baker St., Jennings, LA

Precinct 07	Sowela Tech Community College, 2110 N Sherman St., Jennings, LA
<u>Precinct 08</u>	<u>Jeff Davis Parish Courthouse, 300 State St., Jennings, LA (Merges 8 and 6A)</u>
Precinct 08A	Jeff Davis Parish Courthouse, 300 State St., Jennings, LA
Precinct 08B	Jeff Davis Parish Courthouse, 300 State St., Jennings, LA
Precinct 09A	Sowela Tech Community College, 2110 N Sherman St., Jennings, LA
Precinct 09B	Sowela Tech Community College, 2110 N Sherman St., Jennings, LA
Precinct 10	Fire Station-Hathaway, 5396 Pine Island Hwy., Jennings, LA
Precinct 10A	Fire Station-Hathaway, 5396 Pine Island Hwy., Jennings, LA
Precinct 12	Fire Station-Elton, 365 Raymond Highway, Elton, LA
Precinct 13	Fire Station-Elton, 365 Raymond Highway, Elton, LA
<u>Precinct 14</u>	<u>Fire Station-Woodlawn, 20487 Highway 101, Iowa, LA (Merges 14 and 23A)</u>
Precinct 16	Fenton Village Hall, 7123 3 rd Avenue, Fenton, LA
Precinct 16A	Fenton Village Hall, 7123 3 rd Avenue, Fenton, LA
Precinct 17	Fire Station-Topsy, 1215 North Lane, Ragley, LA
Precinct 18	Fire Station-Sub # 1, 23405 Hwy 383, Iowa, LA
Precinct 19	Welsh Community Center, 101 Palmer St., Welsh, LA
<u>Precinct 20</u>	<u>Fire District #1-Roanoke, 355 W 1st St., Roanoke, LA (Merges 20 and 21A)</u>
Precinct 21	Welsh Community Center, 101 Palmer St., Welsh, LA
<u>Precinct 23</u>	<u>Lacassine High School Old Gym, 409 Algonia Ave, Lacassine LA</u>
<u>Precinct 23B</u>	<u>Lacassine High School Old Gym, 409 Algonia Ave, Lacassine LA</u>
Precinct 23C	Lake Arthur Community Center, 701 8 th St., Lake Arthur, LA

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and replace Ordinance # 2397.

Approved and adopted on June 14, 2023. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and that this ordinance shall be in full force and effective and after its adoption and promulgation.

Thus done and passed this 14th day of June, 2023, in Jennings Louisiana.

J. Steven Eastman, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Rebecca S. Gary, Secretary Treasurer

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the Joint Service Agreement between the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury and the Jeff Davis Council on Aging for patient transportation and to further authorize the President to sign.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve the minor David King subdivision.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to authorize the payment of Invoices 1004 and 1005 to Louisiana Equipment Services in connection with the 2022-2023 Road Improvement Culvert Replacement project as recommended by Bluewing Civil Consulting.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to Award the Contract for the Jail Settlement Project to Uretex USA, Inc., with a base bid of \$197,100.00.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to Award the Contract for Jail Settlement Project Monitoring to R. J. Fuselier & Associates with a fee estimate of \$210,144.00.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to Award the Contract for the 2022-2023 Road Improvement Project to lowest responsible and responsive bidder, R. E. Heidt Construction with a base bid of \$5,857,996.71.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$47,860.00 to Ferguson Roofing in connection with the Health Unit Roof Replacement project.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve Pay Request No. 3 (Final) in the amount of \$12,140.00 to Ferguson Roofing in connection with the Health Unit Roof Replacement project.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the "Recommendation of Acceptance" for the Health Unit Roof Replacement project as proposed by Bluewing Civil Consulting.

The motion was made Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to appoint Todd Ardoin to the Fire District No. 1 Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Gilbert Pitre, with term expiring December 31, 2023, and to further send Mr. Pitre a Letter of Appreciation.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Kyle Todd and Rick Mallett to the Fly Way-By Way Commission, with terms expiring June 30, 2027.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Road Supervisor as presented in connection with Semi-Annual Supplies.

The motion as made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the placement of 120 Tons of gravel on Royer Road to be paid with Division One funds.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to sponsor the PL566 program for flood water prevention and drainage issues as requested by Jeff Davis Water & Soil Conservation District.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to open Houssiere Park from Friday, June 30 to Friday, July 7, 2023, as requested by Daniel Rutledge.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

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

June 21, 2023
DATE APPROVED