

Jennings, Louisiana
July 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		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: CURT GUILLORY, District 9.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation and Mr. Peterson 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, August 9, 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 the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 21, 2023, as written, and submitted.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 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	\$ 181,230.37
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	24,128.72
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	75,038.03
• CRIMINAL COURT	7,790.38

- COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE 217,692.49
- SECTION 8 980.13
- SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1 25,643.12
- SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE 77,625.57
- ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX 32,960.00
- REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL 414,228.13
- FIRE DISTRICT #1 35,252.85
- FIRE DISTRICT #2 33,509.19
- FIRE DISTRICT #3 102,690.28
- FIRE DISTRICT #4 63,657.53
- FIRE DISTRICT #5 59,031.92
- FIRE DISTRICT #6 73,736.73
- FIRE DISTRICT #7 8,833.03

Additionally, the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds. There were funds requiring amendments; therefore, the committee made the recommendation to amend budgets on all funds as required.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize investing Road Sales Tax Bond Reserve funds of \$1,600,000.00 in the highest paying CD of 5.67 APY at The Bank.

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

Lastly, the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the LSU AgCenter to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Xerox for a new copier as presented to be paid with Cooperative Extension funds.

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

The motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to appoint Jason Esthay to the Fire District No. 1 board to fulfill the unexpired term of Wes Leblanc, with term expiring December 31, 2023, and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Leblanc.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with approving the development of the new site plan with restaurant for the Lacassine C-Store project.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with approving the payment of Louisiana Equipment Services LLC, Invoice #1008 in the amount of \$23,820.00 for the FY 2022-2023 Road Improvement Project Culvert Replacement.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve tree trimming on Martin Roy Road by Acadiana Tree Service at a cost of \$2,300.00 to be paid with Division One funds.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to authorize the placement of 120 Tons of gravel on Fulton and Stanley Roads to be paid with Division Two funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with bids received for emergency repairs to Freeland Road Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to authorize the issuance of a Pipeline Permit to Ballard Exploration Company to bore under Lognon Road to install a 3.5-inch line for a wellsite.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to authorize the purchase of one (1) 48" x 48' cross pipe at a cost of \$6,212.50 and installation at a cost of \$3,000.00 on East Nibblet Road to be paid with Division Three funds.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution amending the FY 2023 Budget for the
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature has mandated that political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana, amend their 2023 budget to more accurately reflect the Revenues and Expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in session convened on this 12th day of July, 2023, that it does hereby amend the budget for the year 2023.

Committee Reports

Mr. Marceaux reported a Jail Committee held on July 5, 2023. The Committee recommends approving Change Order No. 1 increasing quantity of foam in connection with the Jail Slab Settlement project at the Regional Jail Facility.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and unanimously carried, to amend the Agenda to add accepting a proposal from Ted Savant dba Diamond S Construction to clean the ditch on Carl Hoppe Road for approximately 1,500' from the gate to the gulley.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept a proposal from Ted Savant dba Diamond S Construction in the amount of \$3,000.00 to clean the ditch on Carl Hoppe Road for approximately 1,500' from the gate to the gulley.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

August 9, 2023
DATE APPROVED