

Jennings, Louisiana
August 9, 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 Ms. Myers led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Carpenter and Kelly George with DCMC gave an update. CDBG outreach to begin soon. HMGP Plantation Road received an RFI and Saferoom needed clarification. HMGP Gary Road Drainage project has been deemed not cost effective; however, there are other avenues to get this project completed. ARPA projects need to begin formal scoping for RFP and RFQ with Alex's assistance.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 7, 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	\$ 30,652.59
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,669.95
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	483.99
• CRIMINAL COURT	5,200.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	6,403.74
• SECTION 8	140.00
• PARISH ROAD	2,550.00
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	21,724.57
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	119,791.76
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	135,312.02
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	53,882.19

- FIRE DISTRICT #1 197.54
- FIRE DISTRICT #3 9,694.05
- FIRE DISTRICT #4 2,214.91
- FIRE DISTRICT #5 2,971.61

Additionally, the Finance Committee made the recommendation to have the asphalt zipper return to complete Brett Road.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the proposal for tree removal on East Gallaugher Road at a cost of \$18,200.00 from Acadiana Tree Service LLC to be paid with Road Sales Tax funds and to further reject proposals for tree removal on Payton Road and Guidry Road.

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

The Finance Committee recommends approving the proposal for ditch cleaning on Payton Road and Guidry Road at a cost of \$36,267.00 from R F Services to be paid with Road Sales Tax funds.

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

Further, the Finance Committee made the recommendation to authorize Bluewing Civil Consulting to begin engineering on the Farm Supply Road project.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Maintenance and Support Agreement in the amount of \$3,213.00 per year for three (3) years from Idemia for the Livescan machine at the Jail.

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

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends accepting a proposal from InfoTech in the amount of \$1,868.85 for the purchase of a new laptop and installation for the office.

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

Finally, the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds. There were no funds requiring amendments.

Mr. Marceaux reported the Finance Committee previously met on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:15 PM.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize Alex Guillory and Creed Romano to apply for a Transportation grant to utilize in Lacassine and to further have IMCAL review application prior to submission.

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

Lastly, the Finance Committee recommends adding Farm Supply Road asphalt project to the Road Project and to further authorize the use of Road Sales Tax District 1 funds to the 25% local match.

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

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Robert Miller, James Walker, Jr., and Marshall Walker for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to I-1 for a laydown yard, located on Hwy 101, Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Comments were received from Tammy Ardoin, Kari Cook, Ronny Clark, Glenn Baccigalopi, Dwayne Daigle, Michael Davis and Paul Savoie. All were in opposition to the zoning change and expressed concerns.

Chris Krielow, a resident of Roanoke near the Galvanizing plant, elaborated on his feelings when the plant requested rezoning. He did not oppose it at the time and is happy since there are 40 plus families making a living off the business and there is more revenue collecting in the parish.

Jim Walker and Bobby Miller, both owners of the property in question, explained how the property has been used for many years and the future use of the property if the zoning passes.

Mr. Fruge made the motion to postpone making the decision until further information can be gathered. Mr. Talbot seconded the motion. There was a Roll Call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 4 for and 8 against.

The motion was made by Mr. Marceaux and seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the zoning change.

Mr. Marceaux then amended his motion to approve the zoning change with stipulations that the zoning change is for a laydown yard only; if the property is sold, the zoning reverts back to A-1; a privacy fence will be put up; and dust control will be exercised. Ms. Myers seconded the amended motion. The motion carried with Mr. Buller voting against the matter.

The original motion, as amended, to approve the zoning change carried with Mr. Buller voting against the matter.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2416

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of certain property from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to I-1 Commercial said property belonging to ROBERT MILLER, JAMES WALKER JR, and MARSHALL LEE WALKER being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON AUGUST 9, 2023 THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to I-1 Light Industrial for a laydown yard **only**, with the stipulations that if the property is sold, it reverts back to A-1, a privacy fence is put up bordering the west and south side of the property, and dust control is implemented by watering the dirt, on the following property belonging to ROBERT MILLER, JAMES WALKER JR, and MARSHALL LEE WALKER to wit:

2.12 ACS. & 2.39 ACS. & 1.49 ACS. IN SENW 12-9-6 AS PER BOOKS 680-428 & 808-397. BEG NW COR SENW 12-9-6, E632' S555' W632' N555' TO BEG. ALSO BEG NW COR NENW 12-9-6, E157.7' S1341.6' W157.7' N1341.6' TO BEG. 808-395 971

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 9th day of August, 2023.

A discussion was held in connection with a culvert issue on Andrus Cove Cemetery Road. Trinni Hargrave along with Linda and Phil Myers were present at the meeting. Parish Engineer Alex Guillory and Police Jury staff and members will go to site to figure out how to resolve the issue.

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

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use 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 the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), 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 29 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 Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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:

SALES TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect for a period of 10 years, beginning July 1, 2024, a tax of 1/2% (the "Tax") (an estimated \$3,300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for maintaining and operating jail facilities, including both movable and immovable property, owned or used by the Police Jury?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish 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, DECEMBER 13, 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 results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are 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 Parish 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 sales and use 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. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ 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 the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on August 9, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish 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:

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Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy and collect for a period of 10 years, beginning July 1, 2024, a tax of 1/2% (the "Tax") (an estimated \$3,300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for maintaining and operating jail facilities, including both movable and immovable property, owned or used by the Police Jury?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, 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.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish 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 \$10,500.

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, DECEMBER 13, 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 results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the City of Jennings in connection with the maintenance and mowing of adjudicated property within the city limits of Jennings.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the City of Jennings in connection with funding the Health Unit.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to enter into a Lease Agreement with Fire District No. 1 for use of the old fire station as OEP Storage Building. Mr. Peterson expressed his gratitude to the Fire Chief's Association for their assistance in facilitating the agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the resignation of Blaine Boudreaux from the Water District No. 4 board and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Boudreaux.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to appoint Gerald Gary to the Water District No. 4 board to fulfill the unexpired term of Blaine Boudreaux, with a term expiring October 14, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the resignation of Cecil Compton from the Grand Marais Drainage District board and to further send a Letter of Condolence to the Compton family. A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of Mr. Compton.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to appoint Dwayne Compton to the Grand Marais Drainage District board to fulfill the unexpired term of Cecil Compton, with a term expiring April 11, 2027.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to accept the resignation of Kristen Cassidy from the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority board and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Ms. Cassidy.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to appoint Katie Guinn to the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority board to replace Kristen Cassidy.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to appoint the following members to the Children and Youth Planning board as recommended by District Attorney Lauren Heinen: Representing Education Community: (JDPSB) Wilbert Guilbeaux, Jeremy Fuselier, Wade Marcantel; Criminal Justice Community: District Judge Steve Gunnell, Jennings City Court Judge Daniel Stretcher, DA Lauren

Heinen, Assistant DA Torrie S. Thibodeaux, Sheriff Ivy Woods, Detective Ramby Cormier, Public Defender David Marcantel; Health Care Community: (FINS) Kristen Cassidy, (RMS) Monica Blanchard; Social Services Community: (DCFS) Shamira Lyons, (CASA) Melody Bertrand; Faith-Based Community: (OCS Youth) Dustin Lister; Business and Labor Communities: Arlene Heinen; Parenting and Youth Organizations: Melvin Adams, Katie Guinn.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to declare surplus T-D1-9, a 2004 John Deere Tractor with Side Mower, and to further enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Lake Arthur for the donation of tractor and mower.

It was moved by Mr. Marceaux, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with the minor Back Twenty Subdivision located on Andrus Cove Cemetery Road.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with the minor Tarot Cove Subdivision.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to authorize the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Project Consulting Services on behalf of Key Operating Company for a proposed wellsite located approximately 360 feet southeast of the intersection of Oilfield Road and I-10 N Frontage Road.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Guillory, and carried, to approve the purchase of a Mitsubishi 12,000 BTU Mini Split HVAC system at a cost of \$2,500.00 for the Fenton Yard to be paid with Division 2-1 funds.

Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to declare surplus all items in storage per list and to further authorize the Secretary to advertise to sell by divided lots.

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize the President to negotiate with the Town of Iowa Mayor to form the Cal-Davis Business and Industrial Park.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to keep Houssiere Park open to the public at all times effective tomorrow as long as there is no damage or drug-related activity.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to opt in for Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance in the event of a disaster.

Parish residents Don Payne and Myrna Leblanc addressed the Jury with concerns about the necessity of resurfacing F. E. Landry Road. The Police Jury is working on the FY2022-2023 Road Improvement project. They were informed that F. E. Landry is on the next road project once funds become available.

Litteral Road residents Betty and Johnny Miller requested information and assistance in getting a culvert installed.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fruge reported on a Fairgrounds Committee meeting held on July 19, 2023. The Committee recommends allowing Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana to set up a mobile trailer at the Multipurpose Building for one (1) week per month to provide hygiene services to the public.

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

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

August 16, 2023
DATE APPROVED