

Jennings, Louisiana
September 13, 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
	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: JOHN MARCEAUX, District 2; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8.

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

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to amend the Agenda to add accepting a bid from KS Konstruct Systems in the amount of \$4,750.00 in connection with repairs to Babineaux Road Bridge.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the bid from KS Konstruct Systems in the amount of \$4,750.00 in connection with repairs to Babineaux Road Bridge.

Mr. Guillory reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 98,919.40
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,533.36
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	51,933.18
• CRIMINAL COURT	6,522.21
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	4,993.43
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	46,520.08
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	62,200.56
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 TAX	4,933.00

- REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL 199,032.94
- FIRE DISTRICT #1 1,076.64
- FIRE DISTRICT #2 36,620.20
- FIRE DISTRICT #3 3,134.30
- FIRE DISTRICT #4 1,693.72
- FIRE DISTRICT #5 10,967.77

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote from Management Resource Group Inc in the amount of \$1,200.00 to perform the annual Utility Allowance Study for Section 8.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move forward with the process of hiring a Parish Administrator.

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

The Finance Committee recommends applying for Capital Outlay funds for Beroid Street improvements from US 90 to Beroid Street paving.

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

Finally, the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds. No funds required amending.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Eleanor Simien for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for an assisted living center for the elderly, located on Gro Racca Road, Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Comments were received from Scott Quinn, Lola Quinn, Tyler LaBove, and Sherman Singleton. All were in opposition to the zoning change and expressed concerns. Ms. Simien, who is the property owner, explained what the property will be used for.

Mr. Adams made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, with Mr. Guillory voting against the matter, to approve the zoning change with the stipulations that a privacy fence be put up on all sides, property be gated, the only entrance and exit to property be by Hwy 101, and the only use of the property be for an assisted living facility as stated or it reverts back to A1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2417

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 ELEANOR SIMIEN, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 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 an assisted living facility for the elderly, with the stipulations that a privacy fence be put up on all sides, property be gated, the only entrance and exit to property be by Hwy 101, and the only use of the property be for an assisted living facility as stated or it reverts back to A1, on the following property belonging to ELEANOR SIMIEN, to wit:

Tract 6 (2.11 ACS) in 12-9-6, Being a portion of Lot H of the Edna Witherwax Partition being a sub of Lot 2 of the Herbert Racca Est in 12-9-6

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of September, 2023.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission to receive public comments in connection with a request received from ROI Strategic Investments and 21360 Frontage Road LLC for a change in zoning classification from I-1 to I-2 for a dirt pit, located on Frontage Road, Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Mitch Kerrigan, owner of the property, elaborated on his plans for the property once rezoned.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Talbot, and carried, to approve the zoning change with stipulations that a concrete apron is installed, a dust inhibitor be utilized, an electric lift pump be installed, and the property reverts back to I-1 once the dirt pit is no longer utilized.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Zoning Commission Board of Review's recommendation as stated to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2418

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of certain property from I-1 Light Industrial to I-2 Heavy Industrial said property belonging to ROI STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS and 21360 FRONTAGE ROAD LLC, being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from I-1 Light Industrial to I-2 Heavy Industrial for a dirt pit, with the stipulations that a concrete apron is installed, a dust inhibitor be utilized, an electric lift pump be installed, and the property reverts back I-1 once the dirt pit is no longer utilized, on the following property belonging to ROI STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS and 21360 FRONTAGE ROAD LLC, to wit:

E/2 of Tract C2, 20 ACS., Lognion Partition in W1/2 22-9-6

And

W/2 of Tract C2, 20 ACS., Lognion Partition in W1/2 22-9-6

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY ON JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of September, 2023.

Mr. Adams made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 16, 2023, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2023, as written, and submitted.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 28, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 10 mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$302,200 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 acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment within the District limits?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

YEAS: Mr. Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Guillory, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Talbot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Marceaux, Mr. Fruge

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
President

It was moved by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to award the bid to Matt Guinn Construction in the amount of \$19,375.00 for Abell Road Bridge repair.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve a payment request from L & R Construction in the amount of \$17,766.97 in connection with the work on Freeland Road Bridge.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to approve a payment request from Acadiana Tree Service in connection with tree removal on East Gallaugher Road in the amount of \$18,200.00.

After discussion was had with legal counsel regarding “approving Change Order No. 2 from R E Heidt Construction in the amount of \$275,379.60 for the 2022-23 Road Improvement Project,” it was moved by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to amend the item to state, “approving the Duhon road improvement project to be advertised and let out for public bidding.” The motion, as amended, was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried.

The motion was made by Mr. Guillory, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to reappoint Ronnie Petree and Austin Bertrand to the Tourist Commission & Oil and Gas Park Commission board with terms to expire September 30, 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve the minor C. A. Broussard Subdivision, Phase 1, located on Bonnie Road.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve the minor Hine Subdivision, located on Hines Road.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2419

AN ORDINANCE to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH on Keystone Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

The speed limit on Keystone Road shall be 35 MPH.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of September, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the following for Division One: Installation of One 36” x 34’ metal pipe for Elton Drive at Bryan Road at a cost of \$3,000.00; Installation of Two 60” x 38’ metal pipes for Dugas Road at Broadmore Road at a cost of \$2,800.00; Installation of Two 30” x 40’ plastic pipes for Litteral Road at Hwy 99 at a cost of \$3,000.00.

Mr. Guillory made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the following for Division Two-One: Installation of One 42” x 36’ metal pipe for Chaisson Road at a cost of \$3,000.00.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the following for Division Three: Installation of One 48” x 34’ metal pipe for Abell Road, west of Leblanc Road, at a cost of \$2,800.00; Installation of One 48” x 48’ metal pipe for Frey Road at Hwy 382 at a cost of \$3,000.00; 210 Tons of Gravel for Bourque Road.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee in approving the following for Division Three: Tree Trimming on Elbert Robinson Road from Hwy 395 to Frontage Road at a cost of \$3,200.00; 150 Tons of Gravel for Elbert Robinson Road.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to ratify the action of the President in connection with sending a Letter on behalf of Acadia Parish Police Jury in support of a Recreational Improvements Grant for the Mermentau Boat Launch.

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

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY:

1. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. That the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY SECRETARY TREASURER is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, has been allocated funding for restoration of infrastructure and disaster recovery needs related to the 2020 and 2021 Severe Storms and Flooding.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session on this 13th day of September 2023, voted to authorize the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury President, J. Steven Eastman, or his successor in office, to negotiate and enter into a contract or contracts to accept funding for the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, on terms and conditions that he may deem advisable, and to execute said documents on behalf of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury during the term of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Further, we do hereby give him the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, or renew said documents and to accept any grant awards on behalf of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Talbot made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to create an Economic Development District in Lacassine to assist in paying the cost of a waterline at the new truck stop contingent on Water & Sewer Commission #1 approving the waterline, three (3) bids are obtained and submitted, invoices are submitted, and an adequately sized pipe is installation for future development.

A discussion was held in connection with whether to participate in the PFAS Litigation. According to Legal Counsel Lance Person, it is the parish water districts who need to apply directly.

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. Talbot, and carried, to adjourn the meeting.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

October 11, 2023
DATE APPROVED