

Jennings, Louisiana
December 27, 2023

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in a Special 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 Ms. Myers led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Public Hearing was held to receive comments in connection with adoption of the 2024 Budget. President Eastman called for Public Comments. No comments were received.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution adopting the FY 2024 Budget for the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Act requires that a political subdivision of the State prepares a comprehensive budget for the coming year; and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has complied with the provisions of this act, such as publishing a summary of the proposed budget and holding a public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in session convened on this 27th day of December, 2023, that it does hereby adopt the budget for the year 2024.

Mr. Marceaux made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woods, 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 27th day of December, 2023, that it does hereby amend the budget for the year 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2023, as written and submitted.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development published the final annual Fair Market Rents (FMR's) for Jefferson Davis Parish,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program uses the published FMR's as a guide to establish FMR's per bedroom size for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Program may establish Payment Standards anywhere between 90 and 110 percent of the published FMR without obtaining HUD approval; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standards are used to calculate the housing assistance payment (HAP) that the PHA pays to the owner on behalf of the family leasing the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Standard set by the Section 8 Program affects the amount of subsidy a family will receive and the amount of rent that will be paid by the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also determine that its annual budget for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will support the established payment standard; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program must also ensure that the program participants will be able to find safe, decent, and affordable units within the program's jurisdiction within the standards established; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Section 8 Program has determined the Payment Standard shall be 110% for all bedroom size units.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson Davis Parish Police jury in a duly convened Special Session on the 27th day of December, 2023, that the Fair Market Rents as set forth above will be effective February 1, 2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to adopt the updated Policy Manual effective January 1, 2024 and to further give a copy to every employee and have them sign a Statement of Understanding.

Engineering Report

Alex Guillory with Bluewing Civil Consulting gave the latest update on the FY2022 Road Improvement project.

Committee Reports

Mr. Talbot reported on an Insurance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Two quotes for Workers Compensation Insurance were received. However, the quote from CCMSI would not cover firefighters. The Committee recommends accepting the bid of \$118,223.00 from Arthur J. Gallagher RMS thru LWCC. This bid has increased from last year due to an increase in EMOD rate from 1.09 to 1.26 and an increase in payroll.

The motion was made by Mr. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Committee as stated.

One quote for Health Insurance was received from Cassidy Insurance through BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana with an 18.8% increase. It is the recommendation of the Insurance Committee to remain with BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana through Cassidy Insurance maintaining the same coverage as current coverage.

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

An Office Policy Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, as reported by Mr. Talbot. It is the recommendation of the Committee as follows:

- Appoint Parish Administrator Advisory Committee members to include:

Alena Landry

Mike Doland

Kendall Henry

Reverend Gerald Perkins

Mark Pousson

