

Jennings, Louisiana
February 14, 2024

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
CHAD WOODS	District 2	DAVID LEJEUNE	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	BILL LABOUVE	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 Mr. LeJeune led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LaFargue reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$123,917.02
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,635.10
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	43,487.86
• CRIMINAL COURT	7,884.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	4,662.68
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	13,748.50
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	80,405.05
• ROAD SALES TAX DIST #1	85,552.38
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	175,380.83
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	271.59
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	25,195.46
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	11,264.93
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	11,436.73
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	10,273.23
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	4,785.17
• FY 2023 CDBG SI	2,320.00

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve an estimate received from Simon Auto Glass in the amount of \$6,600.00 to replace the front entry doors at the Health Unit to be paid out of General Fund.

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

The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the purchase of a Kubota Tractor at a cost of \$86,955.26 and a Tiger Mower at a cost of \$82,313.28 to be placed in Elton and to further utilize the LGAP Grant funds awarded in the amount of \$60,000.00 towards this purchase with the additional amount to be paid with Special Revenue funds.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, with Mr. Eastman abstaining, to accept the recommendation.

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote from Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$6,090.51 for the replacement of a 3-way valve on the Air Handler Unit at the Courthouse to be paid with Courthouse funds.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the renewal quote from CentralSquare in the amount of \$5,556.60 for the annual subscription fee of the Permitting software to be paid out of General Fund.

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

The Finance Committee recommends paying the membership fee for the Black Caucus to be paid out of General Fund.

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

Furthermore, the Finance Committee recommends approving the quote received from S & S Sprinkler in the amount of \$3,075.95 for the installation of a new nozzle on the Hood Suppression System at the Jail to be paid with Regional Jail Funds.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept a quote from Cornerstone Detention Products in the amount of \$4,430.16 for the purchase of a Push-Pull Cable Assembly (Gang Release) for Jail Cells, to be paid with Regional Jail Funds.

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

The Finance Committee recommends accepting a quote from Louisiana Radio Communications in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the inspection, equipment mapping and validation with full reports at the new 911 Tower located on Chaisson Road to be paid with 911 funds.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation.

Finally, let the records show that the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds with no amendments required.

The motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2024, as written and submitted.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 17, 2024, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Donald Woods, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to appoint Corey Daigle to the Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 Board to replace Chad Woods with a term to expire February 14, 2028.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve DCMC Task Order No. 31 for General Consulting Services to replace the current Task Order No. 27 and to further authorize the President to sign.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve the Debris Removal RFP in connection with Emergency Disaster cleanup and proceed with the bid process.

The motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to approve the Debris Remove Waterway RFP in connection with Emergency Disaster cleanup and proceed with the bid process.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve a request from Stephen and Dannette Stagg to bore under Royer Road for the purpose of installing a septic system drainage pipe.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to approve the issuance of a Letter of No Objection to Conterra Ultra Broadband in connection with boring under Barker Road, Kinder, LA.

Mr. Adams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the use of the Multipurpose Building to host a Second Chance Job Fair on April 3, 2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes 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 (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and 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, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**, 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 elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 2.61 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$748,500 for one entire year), for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish jail?

SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 10.46 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$339,000 for one entire year), for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District, title to which shall be in the public, said millage to represent a .14 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10.32 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Parish and 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 elections, 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 Elections, 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, MAY 8, 2024, 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 elections.

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 elections, 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 elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish and District will be entitled to vote at the special elections, 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 elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections 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 elections.

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 elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections 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 elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes 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. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Labouve

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of February, 2024 and further ratified on the 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

J. Steven Eastman
President

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

YEAS: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Labouve

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of February, 2024, and further ratified on this, the 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

J. Steven Eastman
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

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 (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on February 7, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 2.61 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$748,500 for one entire year), for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish jail?

SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 10.46 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$339,000 for one entire year), for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District, title to which shall be in the public, said millage to represent a .14 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10.32 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014?

The said special election for the Parish of Jefferson Davis will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, 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 said special election for Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District 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:

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

The estimated cost of the Parish of Jefferson Davis 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 \$50,000.

The estimated cost of Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven 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 \$15,000.

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

The said special elections 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 elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, 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, MAY 8, 2024, 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 elections. All registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2428

An ordinance providing for the continued levy within the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, effective July 1, 2024, of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax 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 said Parish, providing for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said Parish on November 18, 2023.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority and an election to be held on November 18, 2023, the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting through the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, as its governing authority (the "Governing Authority") and the governing authority of the Parish, is authorized to levy and collect within the Parish from and after July 1, 2024, a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax (the "Tax"), 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 upon the sale of services as defined in applicable statutory authority, subject to voter approval of the following proposition at said election held on November 18, 2023:

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?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and said special election of November 18, 2023, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the levy and collection of the Tax and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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") thereof, that:

SECTION 1. Imposition. Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, on November 18, 2023, the Tax is hereby levied 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 upon the lease or rental of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the Parish, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. Rate of Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail in the Parish, the Tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due to the Parish, and to include each and every retail sale. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the

Parish, provided there shall be no duplication of the Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined by law, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is incidental or germane to the said business, or of the monthly lease or rental price paid by lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee to the owner of the tangible personal property. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the amount paid or charged for taxable services, as defined by law, performed in the Parish.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The Tax shall be effective on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. Term. The Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2034).

SECTION 5. Purposes. The proceeds of the Tax shall be used for the purposes set forth in the proposition approved by the voters in the special election held in the Parish on November 18, 2023, authorizing the Tax, which proposition is set forth in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 6. Vendor's Compensation. For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the Tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed two percent (2%) of the amount of Tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Parish's collector in the form of a deduction in submitting its report and paying the amount due by the dealer, provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided the amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer hereunder.

SECTION 7. Exclusions and Exemptions. The Governing Authority adopts none of the optional exclusions or exemptions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does this Governing Authority adopt any exclusions or exemptions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29 (D)(1) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, that are not allowed as an exclusion or exemption from State sales and use tax. Included within the base of the Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or service, with no exclusions or exemptions except for those mandated upon political subdivisions by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Act.

SECTION 8. Interest on Unpaid Amount of Tax Due. The interest on unpaid amounts of the Tax which are due shall be at the maximum rate of interest provided for in La. R.S. 47:337.69 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 9. Delinquency Penalty. The delinquency penalty shall be at the maximum rate provided for in La. R.S. 47:337.70 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 10. Penalty for False, Fraudulent or Grossly Incorrect Return. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.72 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found to be due.

SECTION 11. Negligence Penalty. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.73 shall be five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount of the Tax found to be due, or ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater.

SECTION 12. Penalty for Insufficient Funds Check. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.74 shall be an amount equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the check or twenty dollars (\$20.00).

SECTION 13. Attorney Fees. The collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance, or to represent her in any proceeding under this ordinance. If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten per centum (10%) of the taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the tax debtor.

SECTION 14. Penalty for Costs Incurred. As provided by R.S. 47:337.75, and under the circumstances set forth therein, a penalty shall be added to the amount of Tax due in an amount as itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making an examination of

books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or in the holding of hearings or the subpoenaing and compensating of witnesses.

SECTION 15. Distrainment Penalty. The penalty as provided by R.S. 47:337.76 in cases where the distraint procedure is used in the collection of the Tax shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 16. Limits on Interest, Penalty and Attorney Fees. Should the interest, penalties or attorney fees herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other law, including relevant jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other law shall apply.

SECTION 17. Collector. The Tax levied by this ordinance is authorized to be collected by a "Collector" which term shall mean the Jefferson Davis Parish Sales and Use Tax Department.

SECTION 18. Powers of Collector. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, to appoint deputies, assistants or agents to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 19. Agreement to Collect Tax on Vehicles. With regard to the collection of the Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license Tax, this Governing Authority, acting through the President of this Governing Authority, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the collection of the Tax on such vehicles, as provided by R.S.47:303(B).

SECTION 20. Revenues of Tax. All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this ordinance relating to the Tax shall be promptly deposited by the Collector for the account of the Parish in the special fund heretofore established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which fund shall be a separate bank account to be maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Parish; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

In compliance with the said special election of November 18, 2023, authorizing the Tax, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administration of the Tax have been paid as provided for above, the remaining balance in said special fund shall be available for appropriation and expenditures by this Governing Authority solely for the purposes designated in the applicable proposition authorizing the levy of the Tax.

SECTION 21. Severability. If any or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

SECTION 22. Uniform Sales Tax Controlling. If any provision of this ordinance shall be in conflict with the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code shall be controlling.

SECTION 23. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 24. Publication and Recordation. This ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Governing Authority as soon as is reasonably possible. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Buller, Mr. Lafargue, Mr. Cormier

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Labouve

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
President

The foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, ratified, the roll call was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Labouve

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of February, 2024 and further ratified on this, the 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
President

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve tree trimming for Panchoville, Ringuet, and Lejeune Roads at a cost of \$1,200.00 to be paid with Division One funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to approve 205 Tons of Gravel for Bebee Road from Carl Hoppe to Abbie Fontenot Road to be paid with Division Two-One funds.

It was moved by Mr. Labouve, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve 1,130 Tons of Gravel for various roads and the purchase of one (1) 24" x 25' Round Metal Pipe for Vaussine Road at a cost of \$1,328.00 to be paid with Division Three funds.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve retaining an accounting firm to review past invoices.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2430

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 1/2, Pipelines.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Amend Chapter 14 1/2, Article II Sec 14 1/2 -16, Deposit Requirements to read

A guarantee deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for a casing up to twenty (20) inches or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for a casing greater than twenty (>20) inches per crossing to insure the satisfactory completion of the work shall accompany the permit fee for pipelines installed either by boring or jacking. A guarantee deposit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per crossing to insure the satisfactory completion of the work shall accompany the permit fee for pipelines installed by the open cut method where approved by the parish road supervisor. The guarantee deposit shall be in the form of a certified check made payable to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury and shall be refunded upon written request of the applicant and approval of the parish road supervisor.

AND

Amend Chapter 14 1/2, Article II, Sec 14 1/2 -17, Permit and Inspection Fee to read

Fee shall accompany the application for permit. This fee shall be in the form of a certified check made payable to Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. The amount of the fee shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for casing less than six (6) inches, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a casing six to eight (6-8) inches, three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for casing greater than eight to twenty (>8-20) inches, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for a casing greater than twenty (>20) inches per crossing.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 14th day of February 2024.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to authorize the President to send a Letter of Support of Judge Trey Heik's appointment by the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice Board to represent the Acadiana Juvenile Justice District Parish Presidents. The letter will express concern over the fact that a majority of the parish residents for the district met to decide the appointment without the input or participation from the parish presidents for St. Mary Parish, Allen Parish or Jefferson Davis Parish.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to approve Construction Administration Services by Bluewing Civil Consulting in connection with repair of Group 2 Bridges (Bolles and Babineaux Road) at an approximate cost of \$22,000.00.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to authorize DCMC to formally cancel the RFP for the Animal Shelter, the Audio Visual Updates to the Jury Room and the Parishwide Drainage and Road Project.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to authorize DCMC to rescope and reissue solicitation for the Animal Shelter.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to ratify the action of the President in sending a Letter of Support to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the project titled "Southwest Louisiana and Central Acadiana Resilient Future" led by Tulane University which encompasses all of the Acadiana Watershed District parishes (LWI Region 5) as well as Beauregard, DeSoto, Sabine and Vernon parishes.

Mr. Labouve made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the Local Services Agreement with the Jeff Davis Parish School Board for the collection of the Iowa-Lacassine Economic Development District 2% sales and use tax.

It was moved by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the Local Services Agreement with the Jeff Davis Parish School Board for the collection of the Roanoke Economic Development District 2% sales and use tax.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to approve Change Request No. 4 in connection with the Fire District No. 2 Hathaway Fire Station Expansion project on Koll Road.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to authorize New Life Counseling to park a Mobile Unit at the Fairgrounds to provide testing and education through the Louisiana Department of Health utilizing the parking lot between the William E. Broussard Multi-Purpose Building and the Cooperative Extension office.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2429

ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

An Ordinance authorizing participation in the Acadiana Watershed District, as codified by Louisiana Act 323. The Acadiana Watershed District shall be domiciled in Lafayette Parish as a central location within the boundaries of the Acadiana Watershed District. JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH designates the Acadiana Planning Commission as the office of the Acadiana Watershed District's business operations and as the public fiscal agent and administering body to conduct daily operations as stated in Louisiana Act 323. JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH will assist in adopting the administrative steps to establish the Acadiana Watershed District Board of Commissioners and the bylaws of the District.

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was formed to promote drainage and flood-risk reduction within the boundaries of the district; to promote and support a unified effort to address drainage and flood issues in the region in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District has the responsibility to identify local public sources of revenue for project funding, watershed programming, and local match requirements for the provision of drainage and flood risk reduction projects;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was established to cooperate with local, state, and federal entities engaged in planning and construction of drainage and flood reduction and mitigation projects in the state and region; and to cooperate with local and state entities engaged in establishing best practice development standards for flood-risk reduction and mitigation in the region;

WHEREAS, the foregoing coordination embraces outreach with local communities to build support for regional watershed management approaches, located within and outside of the district, that can more effectively address mounting water risks within the district boundaries;

WHEREAS, coordination among JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH and its district partners within the Acadiana Watershed District is critical to reducing flood risks and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission is hereby designated as the public fiscal agent and administering entity for the Acadiana Watershed District and whose office shall serve as the domicile for the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acadiana Watershed District will enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadiana Planning Commission for the purpose of JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH becoming a full participant and member of the Acadiana Watershed District and designating the Acadiana Planning Commission as the administrator for the Acadiana Watershed District.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Labouve

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this 14th day of February, 2024.

President's Report

President Eastman reported on the following Committee meetings needed:

- Animal Control – discuss animal shelter plan and procedures.
- Ordinance – update zoning charts.
- Council on Aging – discuss request for supplemental funding.
- 911 – discuss hiring an employee to serve and benefit the fire districts and removing the old 911 tower.
- Courthouse – discuss bathroom renovations behind courtroom and updating the deliberation room.
- Fairgrounds – discuss the arena.
- Fairgrounds/Houssiere Park – LSU performed a study and has suggestions to improve the park.
- Building & Permit – discuss permit fees.
- Technology – cancellation of AVA upgrades, website, and GIS.

Engineer's Report

Alex Guillory reported as follows:

- Vaussine Road extension of 400' including the necessity to clean ditches, trim trees, replace culverts would be approximately \$292,000.
- Dan Buller Road issue with artesian spring which has developed under road, project estimate to repair would be \$29,750 for a 22' section.
The motion was made by Mr. Lejeune, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to put the project out for bid.
- Liberty Cemetery Road estimate from R.E. Heidt to pulverize and convert to blacktop would be \$73,962.00; decided to wait for asphalt zipper.
- DOTD Right Sizing Program where DOTD gives a road to the parish and pays a fee for future maintenance.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fruge reported on Office Policy Committee meetings held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, and Monday, February 12, 2024, to conduct interviews for the position of Custodian. It is the recommendation of the Committee to hire three (3) new Custodians.

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

Ms. Myers reported on an Ordinance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2431

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 - Subdivisions.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Amend Chapter 18, Article I, Sec 18-16, Drainage specifications, generally, a, 1. a. Drainage Impact Analysis (DIA) for Major Subdivisions., 1. General Requirements to read

iii. A LONO (Letter of No Objection) from the governing Gravity Drainage Board shall be included in the DIA should any portion of the site drain stormwater to a public drainageway. The Police Jury can provide a list of the Gravity Drainage Boards in the Parish.

iv. The Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury reserves the right to request additional information at any time outside of these published ordinance requirements.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 14th day of February 2024.

Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2432

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 - Subdivisions.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

**Amend Chapter 18, Article I, Sec 18-16, Drainage specifications, generally, a,1.b.
Runoff Calculations, 4. Servitudes for existing drainage channels to read**

4. Servitudes for existing drainage channels. Whenever any stream or improved surface drainage course is located either: in an area that is being subdivided, or adjacent to a commercial development site subject to a DIA, the developer shall dedicate drainage servitudes for public use. Dedicated servitudes shall terminate at a public right of way to ensure access to these servitudes for channel maintenance. Servitudes shall be designed according to the following guidelines.

- i. Minor Watercourse (contributing watershed \leq 10 acres): 5' on one side, 20' on another
- ii. Intermediate Watercourse (10 acres \leq contributing watershed \leq 200 acres): 20' on each side
- iii. Major Watercourse (contributing watershed \geq 200 acres): 20' on one side, 30' on another

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 14th day of February 2024.

President Eastman presented a plaque to Cindy Achane in honor of her 33 years of dedicated service to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Mrs. Achane worked as Custodian from January, 1991, to December, 2023.

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

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

March 13, 2024
DATE APPROVED