

Jennings, Louisiana
March 27, 2024

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in 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		District 8
JOHN MARCEAUX	District 2	DAVID LEJEUNE	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5		District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	CHAD TALBOT	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: KORI MYERS, District 4; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8; OWEN CORMIER, District 12

The meeting was called to order by President J. Steven Eastman. Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation, and Mr. LaFargue led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Donald Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to authorize the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Lake Arthur for the Lift Station Generator project through Hazard Mitigation.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to declare surplus for Fire District No. 5, a 1996 Ford Fire Truck, bearing VIN# 1FDYY95VXTVA29853.

The motion was made by Mr. Labouve, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize Fire District No. 3 to move forward with the Lacassine Fire Station addition.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to postpone the levy of the 2% EDD Tax in Economic Development District No. 1 (Iowa-Lacassine) implemented in Ordinance 2425.

It was moved by Mr. Labouve, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to postpone the levy of the 2% EDD Tax in Economic Development District No. 2 (Roanoke) implemented in Ordinance 2427.

Engineer's Report

Alex Guillory informed the Police Jury that the Farm Supply Road project being funded through Capital Outlay is estimated to cost over the original budget.

Mr. Labouve made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize Alex to draft a letter to Facility Planning & Control requesting permission to perform certain improvements outside of Capital Outlay.

Committee Reports

Mr. Chad Woods, Insurance Committee Chairman, reported an Insurance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 5:15 pm to open insurance quotes. One (1) quote was received from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for property and casualty insurance coverage for April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025. The premium of \$1,645,392.64 is a total increase of \$225,417.30, most of which is property and includes adding the Agreeta Rice Mill.

The Insurance Committee recommends acceptance of the quote with premiums expensed out to the various political subdivisions and the South Louisiana Rail Facility by means of the calculations presented by Gallagher, to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage from the Auto policy and to further authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Police Jury to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury coverage from the Auto policy.

The motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to accept the Insurance Committee's recommendation as stated.

Per Mr. McKnight, the OEP and E911 Committees met on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The OEP Committee recommends approving the purchase of the Everbridge system at a cost of \$13,000.00 to be paid out of General Fund utilizing the EMPG grant to pay 80% and the PJ to pay the 20% match.

It was moved by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Peterson noted that the previous invoice will be prorated with the overage applying to the new invoice.

Mr. Buller reported on a Jail Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The Jail Committee recommends authorizing Nicholas Ford with Kyle Miers office, to move forward with a funding application through Senator Bill Cassidy's office to expand the jail.

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

Nicholas reported the deadline for applications has been extended to April 12, 2024. He is working with Architect Mark Lalande on an estimate to add 40 beds to the Jail.

President Eastman presented a Retirement plaque to Terry Louviere, who retired from the Police Jury in 2023 with 31 years of service.

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

 /s/ J. Steven Eastman
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

 /s/ Rebecca S. Gary
SECRETARY

 April 10, 2024
DATE APPROVED