

Jennings, Louisiana  
April 10, 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
	District 6	BILL LABOUVE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: MELVIN ADAMS, District 6.

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

Mr. Edgar Colomb and Mr. John Dalton expressed interest in competing for an Infrastructure grant through DOTD to build an electrical vehicle charging facility in Jefferson Davis Parish. They are considering the option to provide food sales and an outdoor area to attract the public.

Mr. LaFargue reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 8, 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. Fruge, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$101,482.90
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	4,033.01
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	53,992.91
• CRIMINAL COURT	16,416.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	5,674.41
• SPECIAL REVENUE	18,000.00
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	6,386.90
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	38,778.57
• ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1	19,375.00
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	198,403.16
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	0
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	3,026.80

- FIRE DISTRICT #3 24,510.72
- FIRE DISTRICT #4 4,443.52
- FIRE DISTRICT #5 2,895.21
- FIRE DISTRICT #6 2,484.86

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to obtain a quote from Manco Vegetation Management to spray the Elton area using our chemical with the cost to be paid with Special Revenue funds.

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

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the salary pay scale for the Jail Maintenance Tech as stated effective April 1, 2024.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Road Crew pay scale as stated effective April 1, 2024.

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

Let the record reflect that the Finance Committee reviewed budget-to-actual comparisons on all funds as required.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2024, as written and submitted.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 27, 2024, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the payment of Bluewing Civil Consulting Invoice #222022-00007 in the amount of \$7,020.80 in connection with the Hathaway Fire District 2 Koll Road Station Expansion.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve Pay Application No. 6 from Trahan Construction in the amount of \$82,532.20 in connection with the Hathaway Fire District 2 Koll Road Station Expansion.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve Change Request 5 in connection with the Hathaway Fire District 2 Koll Road Station Expansion.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve Change Request 6 in connection with the Hathaway Fire District 2 Koll Road Station Expansion.

Mr. McKnight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of Bluewing Civil Consulting to approve the minor A Blanchard Subdivision.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve the payment of Invoice #1543 to RF Services, LLC, in the amount of \$49,258.00 in connection with the Ditch Cleaning project to be paid with Road Sales Tax funds.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve Pay Application No. 4 from R. E. Heidt Construction in the amount of \$1,069,423.45 in connection with the FY2022 Road Improvement project.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Jefferson Davis Parish Volunteers for Family and Community for use of the William E Broussard Multipurpose Building for an event in July.

It was moved by Mr. Donald Woods, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to approve a request from Entergy for a Consent and License Agreement to utilize Lots A and B at the Fairgrounds as a staging site during a natural disaster or emergency situation.

Mr. Chad Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to reappoint Ronald (Joe) Guidry, Larry Lyons, and Don Gauthier to the Broadmore Drainage District with terms to expire April 13, 2028.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve the placement of 100 Tons of Limestone at Houssiere Park past the gate to be paid with Division One funds.

It was moved by Mr. Lejeune, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve the purchase of one (1) 24” x 38’ metal pipe at a cost of \$2,108.56 for Bornsdall Road to be paid with Division Two funds.

Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the placement of 210 Tons of Gravel on LaMotte Road to be paid with Division Three funds.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to authorize the purchase of three (3) Straight Trimmer Weed Eaters at a cost of \$1,104.00 and one (1) 16’ Utility Trailer at a cost of \$4,980.74 to be used by inmates to clean parish roads and to be paid with Special Revenue funds.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in a duly convened regular session on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, hereby proclaims April 2024, as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**  
for the parish of Jefferson Davis.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 1 – April 5, 2024 has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

**WHEREAS**, in this community and communities throughout the nation, fifty years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

**WHEREAS**, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that during *National Community Development Week 2024*, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods, and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution amending the FY 2024 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 2024 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, that it does hereby amend the budget for the year 2024.

### President's Report

President Eastman reported as follows:

- LITA Corp. would like to begin the process for a grant to use as matching funds for Lacassine and Roanoke Sewer. Application for funding is available from DRA through IMCAL. A proposal needs to be sent in.  
Mr. LaFargue made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to approve scheduling a phone call or zoom meeting with Alex, Lance and Steve.
- Committee meetings needed: Proposal Review, Animal Shelter, Debris and Monitoring, Courthouse, Recreation and Fairgrounds, Building and Permit, Technology, and Ordinance.
- Creed Romano will apply for a grant through LED Development Ready Communities.
- The Advisory Committee has completed interviews and is compiling a recommendation.

### Engineer's Report

Alex Guillory reported as follows:

- Bids have been received for the Arena Roof repair.  
The motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the low base bid with Alternate 2 from Pelican Roofing. It was noted that the Police Jury would like to know the warranty information.
- FY2022 Road Improvement Project is progressing.
- Advertising for Farm Supply Road, Duhon and Brett Road will begin April 26, 2024.
- The Courthouse Restroom Renovation was scoped incorrectly and is in the process of being corrected.

### Committee Reports

Ms. Myers reported on a Building and Permit Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:15 PM. It is the recommendation of the Committee to change Permit fees to be based on cost of construction comparable to Acadia parish schedule.

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

Additionally, the Building and Permit Committee recommends obtaining a quote from IworQ for the permitting software program for approval at the next Finance Committee meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The Building and Permit Committee recommends obtaining a quote from Payroc to process credit card payments for approval at the next Finance Committee meeting.

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

The OEP Committee met at 4:30 pm today. Mr. McKnight, OEP Director reported the Committee recommends hiring Susette Mouton as OHSEP Clerk to assist the OHSEP Director and Assistant Director effective pending physical and drug screen results at the pay scale agreed upon.

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

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

May 8, 2024  
DATE APPROVED