

Jennings, Louisiana
October 8, 2025

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:

	District 1	WAYNE FRUGE	District 8
CHAD WOODS	District 2	DAVID LEJEUNE	District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3		District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	BILL LABOUE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator; LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: DONALD WOODS, District 1; BYRON BULLER District 10

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Mrs. Landry gave the Invocation and Mr. McKnight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: The following comments were received during the agenda meeting held on October 1, 2025. These comments were not discussed during the October 8, 2025, regular meeting.

During the agenda meeting held on October 1, 2025, Ms. Jackie Brown, representing the Jefferson Davis Parish Volunteers for Family & Community (VFC), addressed the Police Jury with a request for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Police Jury and the VFC. The agreement would provide for the use of the William E. Broussard Multi-Purpose Building, Fairgrounds, and Arena for the Louisiana VFC Convention, scheduled to be held in April 2026. The CEA is scheduled for consideration and vote at the Police Jury Meeting on October 8, 2025.

During the agenda meeting held on October 1, 2025, Mrs. Kristi Howard, a resident of Gro Racca Road, voiced a public complaint regarding a neighboring property. She reported that the property contains multiple Conex boxes and that metal structures are being moved on and off the site. Mrs. Howard expressed concern about the potential negative impact on surrounding property values and requested that the Police Jury investigate the issue. Mr. LaBouve responded, stating that he had visited the property approximately three weeks prior. He noted that the property owners purchased the land during the summer of 2025, and it appears they are fabricating, welding, and transporting materials off-site. Mr. Boudreaux also noted that he visited the property on

or about September 8, 2025, and took photographs. He stated that the Police Jury is continuing to monitor the property, but at this time, there is no clear evidence of a violation that would warrant formal action. Mr. James Willard, another resident of Gro Racca Road who lives west of the subject property, also addressed the Jury. He stated that there appear to be two welders actively fabricating square covers on-site. He expressed additional concerns, claiming that the property lacks water and electricity, and that the owners are sandblasting A-frame type covers. Mr. Person advised the public that landowners can challenge zoning classifications in court, if necessary. To continue the dialogue, Mr. Boudreaux stated he would reach out to the landowners and invite them to speak with the Police Jury regarding their activities on the property.

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Cesilee Oliver, Director of Economic Development, provided an update on several ongoing projects and grant initiatives that are expected to have a significant positive impact on the Jefferson Davis Parish community. She reported that several properties have been certified as "shovel ready," positioning them for future development opportunities. In addition, property owners have expressed support for re-zoning their land from Agricultural to Industrial use to better align with future development goals. In response, the Police Jury recommended that Ms. Oliver contact the landowners directly to initiate the re-zoning process, facilitating a smoother transition and readiness for upcoming industrial projects.

Developer Salman Chaudhry spoke to the Police Jury regarding significant roadblocks hindering investment and development along the I-10 and Hwy 395 Corridor in Jefferson Davis Parish. He emphasized that the lack of utility infrastructure remains a critical barrier, causing potential developers to hesitate on moving forward with projects in the area. To address funding challenges and support necessary infrastructure improvements, Mr. Chaudhry proposed that the Police Jury consider including existing businesses within the region in the Economic Development District (EDD). This approach, he noted, would allow the parish to begin generating revenue from current businesses while awaiting future development, helping to finance essential services and encourage growth.

Larry Myers, a property owner, addressed the Police Jury concerning an ongoing issue with a neighboring tenant of farmland who has been pulling mud onto the road. Mr. Myers presented photographs and water samples as evidence. He mentioned that he had previously attended a Police Jury meeting to raise this concern but had not received any follow-up communication. Mr. Myers expressed worry about the hazards posed to drivers, particularly after rainfall, and the damage the mud is causing to the road.

In response, Mr. Boudreaux stated that after the initial complaint, he inspected the road and found it to be in normal condition, noting that sand and gravel are naturally present on local roads. Mr. Fruge commented that these are farming communities where mud on roads is a natural consequence of allowing farmers to transport their crops. He had spoken with the farmer, who assured him that efforts would be made to maintain the road. President Eastman added that farmers have a right to farm and transport their crop. Mr. Myers inquired whether there is an existing ordinance addressing mud on roads. Mr. Person responded that he would research relevant ordinances and state laws and provide an update within the next several weeks.

Staci Thibodeaux, owner of Grace Ranch in Hathaway, LA, was invited to address the Police Jury and respond to questions regarding the ranch’s business activities related to the sale of milk and beef. Mr. Boudreaux encouraged Ms. Thibodeaux to work with the Police Jury to ensure the business is in compliance with local zoning regulations. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that Grace Ranch operates as a Farm to Table business and believes the current Agricultural Zoning designation is appropriate for their operations. She clarified that no beef processing is conducted on-site; instead, all processing is performed at a licensed off-site facility. She also confirmed that their beef is registered with the USDA. Ms. Thibodeaux explained that their products are pre-sold, and customers pick up orders at a farm building and roadside stand located on the property. She emphasized that the business operates in line with the Right to Farm Act and traditional farming practices. Mr. Lafargue asked whether the business is registered to pay taxes to the parish. Ms. Thibodeaux responded that they are exempt from state tax under current regulations. President Eastman assured Ms. Thibodeaux that the Police Jury is supportive of agricultural operations like Grace Ranch and expressed the Jury’s willingness to work collaboratively to develop an ordinance that appropriately supports and regulates Farm to Table businesses within the parish.

Mr. Lafargue reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on October 6, 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. Labouve, and carried, to approve the payments of the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$326,654.04
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	867.98
• 911	30,003.05
• CRIMINAL COURT	13,465.40
• OPIOID ABATEMENT	9,196.90
• WASTE FUND	63.33
• COURTHOUSE	2,601.58
• SPECIAL REVENUE	64,578.37
• SECTION 8	106.61

• PARISH ROAD	562.88
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	6,616.53
• ROAD DIST DIVISION #1	39,164.89
• ROAD DIST DIVISION #2	6,013.38
• ROAD DIST DIVISION #3	47,210.69
• ROAD SALES TAX DIVISION	72,755.25
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	138,567.30

All bills were in order, and it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve all bills presented for payment.

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

Additionally, it is the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the renewal of Momenive Software Accounting System in the amount of \$9,942.54 to be paid out of General Fund.

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

Further, the Finance Committee recommends approving the payment of Invoice C0225-05 in the amount of \$48,880.00 to Porche May Architects for 90% design milestone in connection with the Safe Room to be paid out of General Fund.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends approving the Payment of Invoice C0225-06_R1 in the amount of \$63,230.00 to Porche May Architects for 90% design milestone in connection with the Safe Room to be paid out of General Fund.

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

The Finance Committee recommends sending the current Parish President and Parish Administrator to Washington DC Mardi Gras Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. LaBouve, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2025, as written and submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by C. Woods, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 17, 2025, as written and submitted.

A Public Hearing was held to receive public comments in connection with the 2026 Annual Plan Documents outlining Capital Expenditures to be completed for the Section 8 housing assistance program. No comments were received.

Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve the 2026 Annual Plan Documents outlining Capital Expenditures to be completed for the Section 8 housing assistance program.

A Public Hearing was held to receive public comments on Tax Millage Roll Forward with the following tax millages:

General Alimony: Existing 4.02 mils, Proposed 4.1 mils
Exempted Municipalities: Existing 2.01 mils, Proposed 2.05 mils
Courthouse/Jail: Existing 2.53 mils, Proposed 2.61 mils
Road District #10 WDS 1-3; Existing 11.33 mils, Proposed 11.33 mils-N/C
Road District #12 WDS 6,7, & 8: Existing 10.2 mils, Proposed 10.94 mils
Road District #11 Sub 1 WDS 5&9: Existing 10.37 mils, Proposed 10.46 mils
Fire Protection District #1: Existing 9.84 mils, Proposed 9.98 mils
Fire Protection District #2: Existing 11.04 mils, Proposed 11.42 mils
Fire Protection District #3: Existing 4.85 mils, Proposed 5.12 mils
Fire Protection District #4: Existing 6.99 mils, Proposed 7.08 mils
Fire Protection District #5: Existing 5.15 mils, Proposed 5.19 mils
Fire Protection District #6: Existing 8.71 mils, Proposed 8.76 mils
Fire Pro Dist. #6 Special Main: Existing 5.56 mils, Proposed 5.59 mils
Fire Pro Dist. #5 Special Main: Existing 5.14 mils, Proposed 5.18 mils
Road District #11 Ward 4: Existing 11.5 mils, Proposed 11.74 mils
Fire Protection District #7: Existing 9.54 mils, Proposed 9.8 mils
Fire Prot Dist. No 4 Special Main: Existing 5 mils, Proposed 5 mils-N/C
Fire Prot Dist. No 3 Special Main: Existing 3.59 mils, Proposed 3.59 mils-N/C
Fire Prot Dist. No 1 Special Main: Existing 10.49 mils, Proposed 10.49 mils-N/C
Fire Protection District #6 Bond: Existing 4 mils, Proposed 4 mils-N/C
Cooperative Extension Service: Existing 0.94 mils, Proposed 0.99 mils
Fire Protection District #5: Existing 10 mils, Proposed 10 mils-N/C

No comments were received.

A motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to approve Rolling Forward with the following Tax Millages:

General Alimony: 4.1 mils
Exempted Municipalities: 2.05 mils
Courthouse/Jail: 2.61 mils
Road District #10 WDS 1-3: 11.33 mils – N/C
Road District #12 WDS 6,7, & 8: 10.94 mils
Road District #11 Sub 1 WDS 5&9: 10.46 mils
Fire Protection District #1: 9.98 mils
Fire Protection District #2: 11.42 mils
Fire Protection District #3: 5.12 mils
Fire Protection District #4: 7.08 mils
Fire Protection District #5: 5.19 mils
Fire Protection District #6: 8.76 mils
Fire Pro Dist. #6 Special Main: 5.59 mils

Fire Pro Dist. #5 Special Main: 5.18 mils
Road District #11 Ward 4: 11.74 mils
Fire Protection District #7: 9.8 mils
Fire Prot Dist. No 4 Special Main: 5 mils – N/C
Fire Prot Dist. No 3 Special Main: 3.59 mils – N/C
Fire Prot Dist. No 1 Special Main: 10.49 mils – N/C
Fire Protection District #6 Bond: 4 mils – N/C
Cooperative Extension Service: 0.99 mils
Fire Protection District #5: 10 mils – N/C

A motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to amend the Tax Millage for Fire Protection District #2 to 11.04 mils and not Roll Forward.

A public hearing was held to hear comments for the proposed abandonment of a portion of Grand Marais Road, aligned north/south, beginning at said road’s east terminus, thence extending south approximately 4,020 feet, and ending just northeast of Parcel No. 200330300. No comments were received.

Mr. Fruge made the motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to adopt the following resolution, to-wit:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF GRAND MARAIS ROAD IN JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury (“Police Jury”) is the governing authority of Jefferson Davis Parish and is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 48, Section 701 et seq. to revoke and set aside dedicated roads no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a portion of Grand Marais Road, aligned north/south, beginning at said road’s east terminus, thence extending south approximately 4,020 feet, and ending just northeast of Parcel No. 200330300, is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, proper notice has been given in accordance with Louisiana law, and no objection sufficient to prevent revocation has been filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury that effective immediately upon adoption, the Police Jury does hereby revoke, abandon, and set aside the portion of Grand Marais Road described above, and that said portion shall cease to be a public road and the public shall retain no further right or servitude of use therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Police Jury is authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this resolution, and that a certified copy hereof shall be filed in the Conveyance Records of Jefferson Davis Parish.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of October 2025, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened.

President Eastman presented the Zoning Commission Report from the meeting held on October 1, 2025. The Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request submitted by Damon and Jessica Hebert for a change in zoning classification from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-1 (Commercial). The purpose of the request is to allow the assembly of shotgun shells in various gauges at the property located at 23481 Highway 26, Jennings, LA 70546.

The Police Jury allowed for additional public comments related to the rezoning request submitted by Damon and Jessica Hebert, seeking to change the zoning classification of their property from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-1 (Commercial). Mr. Fruge requested that the record reflect the condition that, should the business close or the property be sold, the zoning classification would automatically revert to A-1 (Agricultural).

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge to approve the re-zoning classification for Damon and Jessica Hebert from A-1 to C-1, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, by the following roll call vote:

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| Mr. C. Woods – Yes | Mr. Fruge – Yes |
| Mr. Peterson – Yes | Mr. LeJeune – Yes |
| Ms. Myers – Yes | Mr. Lafargue – Yes |
| Mr. McKnight – Yes | Mr. Cormier – Yes |
| Mr. Adams – Yes | Mr. LaBouve – Yes |
| President Eastman – Yes | |

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, by the following roll call vote to include an amendment in the re-zoning package for Damon and Jessica Hebert, that should the business close or the property sold, the zoning classification would automatically revert to A-1 (Agricultural);

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| Mr. C. Woods – Yes | Mr. Fruge – Yes |
| Mr. Peterson – Yes | Mr. LeJeune – Yes |
| Ms. Myers – Yes | Mr. Lafargue – Yes |
| Mr. McKnight – Yes | Mr. Cormier – Yes |
| Mr. Adams – Yes | Mr. LaBouve – Yes |
| President Eastman – Yes | |

A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) FY 2025 Street Improvement Program.

Mr. Guillory addressed the Police Jury concerning a change in project scope that will be submitted to the Office of Community Development. The revised project will total approximately \$1.3 million, consisting of a \$1 million LCDBG grant and a local match of approximately \$300,000 from the Police Jury.

The updated scope of work will include improvements to the following roads:

- North Lane Road
- South Lane Road
- Briar Marsh Road

A motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to approve the amendment to the LCDBG FY 2025 Street Improvement Program and to authorize the President to sign and submit the amendment to the Office of Community Development.

A motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve DCMC Task Order 38 – HMGP Grant Management & Implementation – Pine Street Elevation.

Mr. C. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to appoint Samantha “Sammy” Lejeune to the Tourist Commission for a 3-year term, ending September 30, 2028.

The motion was made by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried to appoint Kayla Doga to the Tourist Commission as the Hotel/Motel association representative for a 3-year term ending September 30, 2028.

Mr. LaBouve made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve payment of Pay App 8 to Trahan Construction in the amount of \$101,415.58 in connection with the Animal Shelter

A motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to finalize distribution of Senator Cassidy Funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Lafargue, in Mr. Buller’s absence, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to ratify the vote taken during the agenda meeting on October 1, 2025, concerning the submission of a letter to Governor Landry and Louisiana State Legislators regarding CO² injection in Jefferson Davis Parish.

A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Volunteers for Family & Community (VFC) for the use of the William E. Broussard Multi-Purpose Building on April 13 – 14, 2026, to conduct their Louisiana VFC Convention.

Mr. C. Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. LeJeune, and carried, to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Jefferson Davis Soil & Water Conservation District for the use of the William E. Broussard Multi-Purpose Building, Fairgrounds and Arena on November 18, 2025, to host Water Festival for Jefferson Davis Parish 5th grade students.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to ratify the vote taken during the agenda meeting on October 1, 2025, authorizing the President to sign the New National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers Settlement.

The motion was made by Mr. LaBouve, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has approved programming FUNDS for the 2025-2027 federal fiscal years for the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has allocated funds totaling \$1,683,839 to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for bridge replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has a pressing need to replace bridges and does not have sufficient funds to replace bridges in the parish and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session on this 8th day of October, 2025, voted to program Structure#072730130925371, Recall#500389, located on Abell Road to be replaced under the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2025-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President, J. Steven Eastman, to sign all documents in connection with the program.

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/s/ J. Steven
J. STEVEN EASTMAN, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna F. Landry, Secretary Treasurer, of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, acting in duly convened session on 8th day of October, 2025, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

/s/ Donna F Landry
DONNA F LANDRY – SECRETARY TREASURER

A motion was made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to approve the following Resolution, to-wit:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session on this 8th day of October, 2025, voted to program Structure#072730121925431, Recall#070036, located on Ardoin Cove Road to be replaced under the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2025-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President, J. Steven Eastman, to sign all documents in connection with the program.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
J. STEVEN EASTMAN, PRESIDENT

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/s/ Donna F Landry
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The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. C. Woods, and carried, to approve the following Resolution, to-wit:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY, acting in duly convened session on this 8th day of October, 2025, voted to program Structure#072730052924351, Recall#500426, located on Lyons Road to be replaced under the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2025-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President, J. Steven Eastman, to sign all documents in connection with the program.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
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/s/ Donna F Landry
DONNA F LANDRY – SECRETARY TREASURER

Mr. Fruge made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to approve allowing Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff’s Office use of Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury property just east of the Regional Jail, subject to JDPSO providing evidence that the planned use does not violate any regulations such as wetlands.

