

Jennings, Louisiana
January 14, 2026

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		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYRON BULLER	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
TIM MCKNIGHT	District 5		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; DAVID LEJEUNE, District 9

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. Ms. Taylor gave the Invocation and Mr. Buller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in the remembrance of District 12 Juror Owen Cormier.

Mr. Eastman paid tribute to Mr. Cormier for his 35 years of public service in Jefferson Davis Parish. Mr. Cormier started as a laborer for the parish, moved up to Road Forman, later moving up to Road Supervisor where he retired. Mr. Cormier has held the position of District 12 Juror for the past two terms.

Mr. Eastman announced that he would not be running for President this year and he opened nominations for the 2026 President. Mr. Buller nominated Butch LaFargue for President, his nomination was seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Mr. Peterson nominated Tim McKnight for President, with there being not second Mr. Eastman called to close nominations. The motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKnight. Mr. LaFargue was elected by acclamation as President for 2026.

A Presidential transition was conducted, and Mr. LaFargue then took control of the meeting.

Mr. LaFargue opened nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Buller nominated Wayne Fruge; this was seconded by Mr. LaBouve. Mr. Eastman nominated Tim McKnight; this was seconded by Mr. Peterson. A roll call vote was conducted.

Donald Woods – Absent	Chad Woods – Mr. Fruge
Marcus Peterson – Mr. McKnight	Kori Myers – Mr. Fruge
Tim McKnight – Mr. McKnight	Melvin Adams – Mr. Fruge
Wayne Fruge – Mr. Fruge	David LeJeune – Absent
Byron Buller – Mr. Fruge	Steve Eastman – Mr. McKnight
Bill LaBouve – Mr. Fruge	

With a vote of 6 for Fruge and 3 for McKnight, Wayne Fruge was elected as the Vice-President for 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods and seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the newly elected President and Vice President to be granted full authority and power to do any and all acts necessary to conduct business of the Police Jury.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY TO EXERCISE FULL AUTHORITY AND POWER NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE POLICE JURY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is the governing authority of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, and is charged with the responsibility of conducting the business and affairs of the Parish in accordance with Louisiana law; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has duly elected a President _____ and Vice President _____ to serve as its officers for the current term; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the efficient and uninterrupted operation of Parish government that the President and Vice President be vested with the authority to perform all acts required to conduct the official business of the Police Jury between and during meetings, subject to applicable law and policies of the Police Jury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, that the President and Vice President are hereby authorized and granted full authority and power to do and perform any and all acts necessary, proper, or incidental to the conduct of the business of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in accordance with Louisiana law, the Police Jury's ordinances, resolutions, and adopted policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to appoint members to all standing, special, and ad hoc committees of the Police Jury, unless otherwise provided by law, ordinance, or prior action of the Police Jury, and to fill vacancies on such committees as necessary to ensure their continued operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts taken pursuant to this Resolution shall be subject to ratification by the Police Jury when required by law or policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all prior resolutions, motions, authorizations, or actions granting authorities and powers to any previously elected or appointed President or Vice President are hereby expressly revoked and superseded by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, **2026**.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to adopt a Resolution to authorize President, Vice President, and Administrator to sign checks and all necessary documents on behalf of the Police Jury.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND PARISH ADMINISTRATOR OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY TO SIGN CHECKS AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE JURY.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is the governing authority of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, and is responsible for the management and administration of Parish affairs and finances; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the efficient, timely, and uninterrupted operation of Parish business, it is necessary to designate authorized signatories to execute checks and documents approved by the Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to explicitly authorize certain officers and the Parish Administrator to sign checks and all necessary documents on behalf of the Police Jury when such actions have been approved by the Police Jury or are otherwise authorized by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, that the President _____, Vice President _____, and Parish Administrator Ben Boudreaux, are hereby designated as authorized agents of the Police Jury and are expressly approved to sign checks and to execute any and all documents approved by the Police Jury or authorized by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority granted herein shall include, but not be limited to, executing documents, contracts, agreements, certifications, correspondence, and other

instruments on behalf of the Police Jury when such actions are authorized by law or by prior action of the Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President shall serve as the primary authorized signatory for documents on behalf of the Police Jury, and the Vice President is authorized to sign in the absence of, or when necessary or convenient in lieu of, the President, in order to ensure continuity of operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish Administrator is authorized to sign checks and documents as an authorized agent of the Police Jury in accordance with this Resolution and applicable law, policies, and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions taken pursuant to this Resolution shall be limited to matters duly approved by the Police Jury or otherwise authorized by law, and nothing herein shall be construed to delegate legislative authority of the Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all prior resolutions, motions, authorizations, or actions granting signatory authority to any previously elected or appointed President or Vice President are hereby expressly revoked and superseded by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Police Jury.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mr. Chad Woods made the motion, and it was seconded, and carried, to set meeting dates for 2026. These dates can be found on our website.

2026

Meeting Dates

January: Agenda 1/07/2026 5:00pm Finance 1/12/2026 7:00am Regular 1/14/2026 5:00pm	September: Agenda 9/02/2026 5:00pm Finance 9/7/2026 7:00am Regular 9/09/2026 5:00pm
February: Agenda 2/04/2026 5:00pm Finance 2/09/2026 7:00am Regular 2/11/2026 5:00pm	October: Agenda 10/07/2026 5:00pm Finance 10/12/2026 7:00am Regular 10/14/2026 5:00pm
March: Agenda 3/4/2026 5:00pm Finance 3/9/2026 7:00am Regular 3/11/2026 5:00pm	November: Agenda 11/04/2026 5:00pm Finance 11/09/2026 7:00am Regular 11/11/2026 5:00pm
April: Agenda 4/01/2026 5:00pm Finance 4/06/2026 7:00am Regular 4/08/2026 5:00pm	December: Agenda 12/02/2026 5:00pm Finance 12/07/2026 7:00am Regular 12/09/2026 5:00pm
May: Agenda 5/06/2026 5:00pm Finance 5/11/2026 7:00am Regular 6/13/2026 5:00pm	July: Agenda 7/01/2026 5:00pm Finance 7/06/2026 7:00am Regular 07/08/2026 5:00pm

June: Agenda 6/03/2026 5:00pm
Finance 6/08/2026 7:00am
Regular 6/10/2026 5:00pm

August: Agenda 8/05/2026 5:00pm
Finance 8/10/2026 7:00am
Regular 8/12/2026 5:00pm

Mr. Fruge reported the Finance Committee met on January 12, 2026, at 7:00AM.

The Finance Committee recommends not including any other funds in the Tax Rededication. A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation.

The Finance Committee further recommends moving forward with purchasing a sound system for the arena with funds from the \$10,000 Equine Grant. The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Fruge made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the committee to add zoning to the Parish GIS Mapping.

The Committee discussed registration for the upcoming Police Jury Association of Louisiana convention, it was determined that the Police Jury will pay for registration and Lodging.

The Committee discussed verification of invoices received from the Jail, including medical treatment charges. No action was taken on this matter, and the process will continue as before.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation to approve employee cost of living raises by annual evaluation scores, and individual raises recommended by Administrator.

Mr. Fruge made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation of approving the upgrade of Spectrum internet service in the Police Jury Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation to approve the payment of Pay App #10 to Trahan Construction in the amount of \$74,490.99, in connection with the Animal Shelter, to be paid out of General Fund (ARPA)

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation to approve the quote of \$7,100 to Doucet Builders for labor and material to upgrade the 911 building, to be paid out of E911 Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends approving the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab for the Jail Tech, to be purchased with Jail Funds. A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 4x4, to be purchased with Special Revenue Funds.

The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the Administrator to award repair bid of up to \$100,000 on Potter Road Bridge to be paid out of Road Sales Tax Fund. A motion was made

by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the committee's recommendation.

All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

GENERAL FUND	\$323,735.49
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	6,422.04
911	63,720.93
CRIMINAL COURT	14,285.37
OPIOID ABATEMENT	13,795.35
WASTE FUND	63.33
COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	34,001.18
SPECIAL REVENUE	40,283.58
SECTION 8	70.08
PARISH ROAD	562.88
SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	18318.57
SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	65,839.44
ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1	8,583.33
REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	363,802.14

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

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Woods, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to unappoint Donna Landry as Secretary Treasurer.

The motion was made by Mr. LaBouve, seconded by Mr. Fruge, and carried, to adopt the IRS Standard Mileage rate for 2026 of 72.5 cents a mile effective January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to authorize entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Veterans' Service Office for the purpose of providing or assisting in providing for the maintenance and operation of Veterans' Service Offices and to further authorize the President to sign.

There was a motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to Ratify the recommendation of the Road Administrator in connection with semi-annual supplies.

Let the record reflect that Mr. McKnight recused himself from the next two motions.

There was a motion to approve both Acadian Ambulance and Med Express 2026 Ambulance, with the applications not being complete, Ms. Myers made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to postpone these items to the special meeting and allow both companies to send the information required stating which air emergency service is used.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to award lowest bid in connection with Project 2025008 (Health Unit Generator).

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to postpone the discussion and taking any action of the Jail Tax Rededication.

Mr. Fruge reported the Office Policy Committee met on January 7, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to accept the 2026 Holidays existing holidays per policy manual with the two changes added, move Independence Day holiday to Friday and add New Year's Eve.

Mr. LaBouve made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and carried, to reappoint Randy Kotara to Gravity Drainage District #6 Board with an expiration date of 1/31/2029.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to amend discussing an election date for Juror replacement to be officially called for at the Special Meeting on January 22, 2026.

Mr. Eastman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to Adopt Resolution, that modifies Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Procurement Policy for projects funded by Federal Programs with wording changes recommended by the Office of Community Development.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury (the "Police Jury") maintains a Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury conducts projects funded in whole or in part with Federal funds, including funds administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development ("OCD"); and

WHEREAS, OCD has recommended wording changes to the Procurement Policy for use on federally funded projects to participate in coop contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury approves and adopts the OCD-recommended wording changes to the Procurement Policy for all procurements related to projects funded in whole or in part with Federal funds ("Federally Funded Projects").

A motion was made by Mr. Eastman and seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to Adopt Resolution that modifies Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury Procurement Methods & Procedures Document for projects funded by Federal Programs with wording changes recommended by the Office of Community Development.

