

Parish Of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

Regular Voting Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: Police Jury Meeting Room, Sidney E. Briscoe, Jr. Building, Jennings, Louisiana

Call to Order

The Voting Meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury was called to order at **5:00 P.M.**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was delivered by Dodie Huval Richie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Ms. Kori Myers

Roll Call

Members Present: Chad Woods, Marcus Peterson, Kori Myers, Tim McKnight, Melvin Adams, Steve Eastman, Wayne Fruge, Byron Buller, Scotty Cormier, William LaBouve

Members Absent: Donald Woods, David LeJeune

Staff Present: Dodie Huval Richie, Haley Neal, Ben Boudreaux, Lance Pearson, Randy Ringuet

A Quorum was present

Remarks from Judge Gunnell

Judge Gunnell addressed the Jury regarding his candidacy for re-election as District Judge. He highlighted:

- His experience and years of service
- Commitment to fairness, public safety, and accountability
- Efforts toward rehabilitation programs, including the upcoming Drug Court Program (July 1, 2026)
- Support for a future mental health court

Introduction of the High School Rodeo Finals Awards from Jeff Davis Parish

The Jury recognized Jefferson Davis Parish students competing in the High School Rodeo National Finals, including:

- Kennedy Nune (Welsh High School State Queen)
- Chloe Austin
- Campbell LeBlanc
- Kinley Walker
- Hayden Walker (not present)
- McKinn Henry (Junior High National participant)

Photos were taken and congratulations extended.

Motion by Tim McKnight to Approve May 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Second: Chad Woods **Vote:** Motion carried

Finance Committee Report and Motion to Pay Bills

Finance Committee Chair **Kori Myers** reported that the Committee met on June 8, 2026.

Payment of Bills; Motion: Kori Myers **Second:** Marcus Peterson **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL FUND	\$74,189.89
AMERICAN RESCUE FUND	\$550,468.27
BNSF FUNDS	\$979.00
LAMP	\$3,637,169.16
COOPERATIVE EXT SERVICE	\$185,653.74
COOPERATIVE EXT – CASH RESERVE	\$876,016.15
E-911 & 911 WIRELESS FEES	\$276,519.83
CRIMINAL COURT	\$327,885.57
PARISH ROAD	\$186,399.85
SUB ROAD NO. 1	\$257,518.74
WASTE FUND	\$41,713.79
COURTHOUSE & JAIL MAINT	\$873,389.61
CIB-INVESTMENTS	\$667,785.66

SPECIAL REVENUE	\$429,568.91
SP REV INVESTMENTS	\$513,434.73
FIRE DIST. No. 1	\$85,678.33
FIRE DIST. No. 2	\$1,658,583.80
F D # 2 INVESTMENTS	\$570,405.83
FIRE DIST. No. 3	\$1,329,017.17
F D # 3 INVESTMENTS	\$144,857.35
FIRE DIST. No. 4	\$85,984.95
FIRE DIST. No. 5	\$738,318.33
FIRE DIST. No. 6	\$137,482.17
FIRE DIST. No. 7	\$101,551.47
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div I)	\$764,611.02
SPL WD RD &BDGE (Div II)	\$17,505.01
SPL WD RD & BDGE (Div III)	\$626,922.51
FIRE DIST No. 7 SINK (SPENDABLE)	\$1,950.38
SECTION 8 HOUSING	\$132,149.14
FIRE DISTRICT NO 6 SINKING	\$1.91
ROAD SALES TAX DIST 1 SALES TAX	\$3,275,827.39
RST- INV- BOND RES (NON-SPENDABLE)	\$1,778,989.67
REGIONAL CON. JAIL MAINTENANCE	\$1,778,989.67
LCDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	\$67.23
OPIOID ABATEMENT	\$1,829.59

A **Motion** was made by Kori Myers to accept the Committee’s recommendation to pay the SWLA Planning Commission dues monthly and vote on final decision next month. The motion was seconded by Tim McKnight and the motion carried unanimously.

A **Motion** by Kori Myers was made to accept the committee’s recommendation to withdraw the original full coverage vote for Calcasieu Mechanical and move forward with preventative maintenance agreement to be paid out of the corresponding funds as follows:

- Jeff Davis Parish Jail \$18,360.00
- Jeff Davis Animal Shelter \$4,992.00
- E911 Building \$2,064.00
- Jeff Davis Health Unit \$3,520.00
- Jeff Davis Registrars \$1,400.00
- William E. Broussard Event Center \$2,592.00
- Jeff Davis Courthouse \$11,952.00
- Jeff Davis Police Jury (Courthouse Annex) \$2,808.00
- Jeff Davis LSU Ag \$2,424.00

The motion was seconded by Bill LaBouve and the motion carried unanimously.

A **Motion** was made by Kori Myers to approve 2 motor grader leases in the amount of \$4,995.00 per month to be paid out of Special Revenue Fund. The committee requested the final tractor and attachment quotes to be presented on next month’s agenda. The motion was seconded by Wayne Fruge, that motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Tim McKnight to approve the purchase of magnetic jacket mounts for chest cameras from LRC in the amount of \$3,240.00 paid out of Regional Consolidated Jail Fund. It was seconded by Steve Eastman and carried unanimously.

A **Motion** was made by Kori Myers to approve the purchase of bullet proof glass panels from Lake City Glass in the amount of \$5,200.00 out of Regional Consolidated Jail Funds. It was seconded Bill Labouve and carried unanimously.

A motion by Kori Myers to accept the committee’s recommendation that the Warden make the request for all operating purchases, the request should include reasons and justification for the purchase and will go before the Finance Committee. Thomas will continue to handle only maintenance purchase requests. **Second:** Marcus Peterson

Purchase Request Amended - Amendment passed requiring jail-related purchases to go through Jail Committee instead of Finance. **Motion:** Steve Eastman **Second:** Tim McKnight
Original motion passed as amended

A **Motion** was made by Kori Myers to approve the purchase of free-standing panels, for the arena, in the amount of \$5,416.12, to be paid out of General Fund. The motion was seconded by Chad Woods and the Motion Carried

A **Motion** was made by Kori Myers to approve a purchase of up to \$15,000 on a road widener attachment for the Skid steer, to be paid out of Special Revenue Fund. The motion was seconded by Wayne Fruge and carried unanimously.

A motion by Kori Myers to accept the recommendation of the finance committee to NOT contribute \$2500.00 for the SWLA Housing Study. That motion was rejected and the agenda was **amended** to Allow approval of payment of the Housing study.

Motion to allow approval: Tim McKnight **Second:** Melvin Adams **Vote:** Motion carried

Monthly Budget was reviewed as required.

Ordinance Committee Report and Motions

A Motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to move forward with revisions on subdivision ordinance including a 60-foot frontage clarification. Parish Administrator will prepare a redline draft for future review. The motion was seconded by Steve Eastman and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to install "Children at Play" signs in the parish upon constituent request. It was seconded by Chad Woods and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to establish 15mph speed limit in Division 1 on Son Guillotte Road. It was seconded by Wayne Fruge; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to establish a 25-mph speed limit in Division 2 on Abby Fontenot Road from Hwy 383 to Dewolf Road and a 35-mph speed limit on the remainder of the roadway. Motion was seconded by William LaBouve and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to install a "No Through Truck" sign in Division 3 on Oilfield Rd between Hwy 90 & Frontage Rd. Motion was seconded by William LaBouve and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Kori Myers to accept the committee's recommendation to establish a 35mph speed limit on all of Constance Rd in Division 3. The Motion was seconded by William LaBouve and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Wayne Fruge to approve FY 2026 – 2027 Jail Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for an annual reimbursement amount of \$1,271,025. Motion was seconded by William LaBouve and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Wayne Fruge to approve FY 2027 – 2028 Jail Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for an annual reimbursement amount of \$1,334,576. Motion was seconded by William LaBouve and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Marcus Peterson to approve the Southwest Louisiana Crime Laboratory Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Tim McKnight and carried unanimously.

Motions were made and seconded to reappoint the following individuals to the Marsh Bayou Gravity Drainage Board:

Herbert Pettifield for a term expiring June 30, 2027

Aaron Reeves for a term expiring June 30, 2028

Andy Sanchez for a term expiring June 30, 2029

Greg Sanders for a term expiring June 30, 2029

All motions carried.

A Motion by Chad Woods was made to accept the lowest bid from RC Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$2,980,240 for the 2026 Overlay Project #2025009 and authorize the administrator to execute all necessary contract documents. The motion was seconded by Kori Myers and carried.

A Motion was made by Wayne Fruge to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with E&P Consulting Services, LLC to provide services related to the sale of adjudicated properties and tax lien certificates, with all fees for services rendered by E&P to be paid by the purchaser or successful bidder. The motion was seconded by Chad Woods and carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by William LaBouve to approve an Alcohol Permit request for Starr Maxx Business 5, LLC truck stop located at 18889 S. Frontage Rd Iowa, La 70647. This motion was seconded by Tim McKnight and carried.

A motion was made by Marcus Peterson and seconded by Ms. Myers to approve the use of the William E. Broussard Event Center on Friday, July 31, 2026, for the District Attorney's back-to-school supply distribution event for students of Jefferson Davis Parish. The motion carried.

A Motion was made by Byron Buller to accept bid submitted by Empire Dirt Work in the amount of \$853,067.178 for the Topsy CDBG Street Improvement Project #2025004 and authorize the Parish President to execute all necessary contract documents. **Second:** Scotty Cormier **Vote:** Carried

A Motion was made by Byron Buller to approve Alternate bid 1: (asphalt purchase savings), Alternate bid 2: (erosion protection), and Alternate bid 3: (culvert replacement) submitted by Empire Dirt work for the Topsy CDBG Street Improvement Project #2025004 **Second:** Chad Woods **Vote:** Carried.

A Motion was made by Byron Buller to approve Blue Wing Civil to prepare and execute a change order to utilize remaining grant funds by adding leyoub Rd to the Topsy Street Improvement project #2025004. **Second:** William LaBouve **Vote:** Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve the request for a 20-foot variance (in lieu of the 60-foot standard) for the Don Trahan Subdivision on Hillias Road, located at 15351 Highway 26, Jennings, Louisiana. The motion was approved by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 4 ABSENT: 3

A motion was made by William LaBouve to approve the minor Ducote Family Subdivision on Bourque Rd at the municipal address of 19095 Bourque Rd Iowa, La 70647. It was seconded by Scotty Cormier and carried unanimously.

A motion to ratify the advertisement for Semi Annual Bids was made by William LaBouve and seconded by Wayne Fruge. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Scotty Cormier to designate the Jennings Daily news as the Official Journal of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for the publication of official proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, notices, and other matters required by law. This motion was seconded by Marcus Peterson and carried unanimously.

A motion by Wayne Fruge was made to approve the subdivision request on Panchoville Road in Jennings La 70546. It was seconded by Kori Myers and carried unanimously.

Project Report

Topsy project progressing

Courthouse renovation is nearing completion with additional electrical items under review.

Administrator's Report

Discussion about additional \$750,000 from FEMA has been secured for water projects

Upcoming grant applications.

No President's Report

Public / Additional Comments

Industrial Development Board replacement upcoming

Fire station land secured at Hwy 102 & 1126

Adjournment **Motion:** Chad Woods **Second:** Marcus Peterson **Vote:** Motion carried

This attestation is executed to formally certify the official action of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.

CERTIFIED this 10th day of June 2026

/s/Dodie Huval Richie

Secretary-Treasurer

Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

/s/ Butch LaFargue

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Date Approved: July 8, 2026