

Jennings, Louisiana
May 8, 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
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
MELVIN ADAMS	District 6	BILL LABOUVE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Eastman. At this time, President Eastman requested a Moment of Silence be observed in memory of Rocky Fontenot who passed away. Rocky was an employee of the Police Jury with 21 years of service. Additionally, a Letter of Condolences will be sent to his family.

Mrs. Gary gave the Invocation and Mr. Donald Woods led the Jury in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Carpenter and Kelly George with DCMC gave updates on Hazard Mitigation, OCD, and ARPA projects.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Country View REI, LLC, for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to C-1 for a Mobile Home Park located on Gro Racca Road, Iowa, Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Public comments were received from Duane Chesnutt, Laramie Chesnutt, Ivan Fruge, James Willard, Richard Howard, Roy LeJuhn, and Drew Chaumont, all residents of Gro Racca Road, and Robert Dubois, a resident of Willie Road. All expressed opposition to the zoning change due to various reasons. Applicant Nick Toti stated that he has and will follow all guidelines required as a developer.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to reject the zoning change.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to accept the Zoning Commission Board of Review's recommendation as stated, to reject the zoning change.

The Police Jury resolved itself into the Zoning Commission to receive public comments in connection with a request received from Bryan Patrick Willims, for a change in zoning classification from A-1 to I-1 for a Firearms Business with Coating Service located at 5178 Hwy 99, Iowa, Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 4 West.

No Public comments were received.

Mr. Donald Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to approve the zoning change.

The motion was made by Mr. Donald Woods, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the Zoning Commission Board of Review's recommendation as stated, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2434

AN ORDINANCE amending the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning of certain property from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to I-1 Light Industrial said property belonging to Bryan Patrick Williams being located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED ON MAY 8, 2024 THAT:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning from A-1 Agricultural/Residential to I-1 Light Industrial for a FIREARM BUSINESS WITH COATING SERVICE, on the following property belonging to Bryan Patrick Williams to wit:

BEG 730'S of NW COR S1/2 7-11-4. Thence S200' E225' N200'W225' to POB.

THUS, DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May, 2024.

Mr. Fruge reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on May 1, 2024 and Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

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

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 41,860.12
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	765.00
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	162.82
• CRIMINAL COURT	6,950.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	6,494.81
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	32,938.42
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	72,282.91
• ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1	25,000.00
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	39,168.81
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	1,234.36
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	0
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	31,521.67
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	11,295.33
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	18,980.74
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	0

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to proceed with the Economic Development District No. 1 (Iowa-Lacassine) and Economic Development District No. 2 (Roanoke) with changes presented by Alex Guillory with Bluewing Civil Consulting.

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

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends approving a charge in the amount of \$600.00 for Checkpoint Security Services to make a service call to check the Courthouse Security Scanner to be paid with Courthouse funds.

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

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a quote received from Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$13,369.50 to replace the AHU with gas furnace and Condensing unit at the Registrar of Voters' office to be paid with Courthouse funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends approving the Water Treatment Program Agreement proposal in the amount of \$2,641.80 for the period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 for the Courthouse to be paid with Courthouse funds.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Further, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a request from the Cooperative Extension Service to increase the rate of pay for the housekeeper from \$60.00 per week to \$80.00 per week to be paid with Courthouse funds.

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

Finally, the Finance Committee recommends approving the cost of \$4,000.00 for Huval & Associates to perform a load rating on Bolles Road Bridge to be paid with Road Sales Tax District 1 funds.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, 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. Fruge, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to hire Ben Boudreaux as the Parish Administrator. President Eastman thanked the Advisory Committee for the time and effort put into the process to hire an Administrator.

Mr. Cormier made the motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2024, as written and submitted.

The motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 22, 2024, as written and submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Donald Woods, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to authorize the Secretary to advertise in connection with Semi-Annual supplies.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to accept the resignation of Mr. Luke Lopez from the Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 Board, and to further send a Letter of Appreciation to Mr. Lopez.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to reappoint Daniel Sparks to the Parish Library Board with a term to expire June 3, 2029.

The motion was made by Mr. Labouve, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to authorize the issuance of a Refund of Deposit in the amount of \$680,000.00 to TC Louisiana Intrastate Pipeline LLC in connection with the completed pipeline project. It was noted by Randy Ringuet that all roads are good.

Mr. LaFargue the motion, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to approve Pay Application No. 5 to R. E. Heidt Construction in the amount of \$170,743.68 in connection with the FY2022 Road Improvement Project.

It was moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to ratify the action of the Agenda Committee to approve payment of the estimated overage in cost of construction in the amount of \$292,296.50 for the FY 2024-25 LCDBG Road Improvement project out of Road Sales Tax District 1 funds and to further authorize the President to sign a letter to include with application.

Mr. Donald Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special elections held in the Parish and District on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 (the "Elections"), to authorize the levy of special taxes therein pursuant to the following propositions (the "Propositions"):

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 2.61 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$748,500 for one entire year), for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish jail?

SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 10.46 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$339,000 for one entire year), for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District, title to which shall be in the public, said millage to represent a .14 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10.32 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Elections thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Elections,

i) there was a total of **1,094** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Parishwide Proposition and a total of **557** votes cast **AGAINST** the Parishwide Proposition, resulting in a majority of **537** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Parishwide Proposition; and

ii) there was a total of **52** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition and a total of **21** votes cast **AGAINST** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition, resulting in a majority of **31** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition.

The Propositions were therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Elections.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the elections, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Elections are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Jefferson Davis, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Labouve

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ J. Steven Eastman
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD IN (I) THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND (II) SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, May 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), and being the authority ordering the special elections held therein on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said elections, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said elections, there having been submitted at said elections the following propositions, to wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 2.61 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$748,500 for one entire year), for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish jail?

SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 10.46 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$339,000 for one entire year), for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District, title to which shall be in the public, said millage to represent a .14 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10.32 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014

There was found by said count and canvass that (i) there was a total of **1,094** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Parishwide Proposition and a total of **557** votes cast **AGAINST** the Parishwide Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **537** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Parishwide Proposition as hereinabove set forth and (ii) there was a total of **52** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition and a total of **21** votes cast **AGAINST** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **31** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Propositions as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish and District on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of May, 2024.

 /s/ Rebecca S. Gary
Secretary Treasurer

 /s/ J. Steven Eastman
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on February 7, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 2.61 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$748,500 for one entire year), for upkeep and maintenance of the Parish courthouse and Parish jail?

**SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 10.46 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, (with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$339,000 for one entire year), for the purpose of improving and maintaining Parish roads and bridges within the District, title to which shall be in the public, said millage to represent a .14 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10.32 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on December 6, 2014?

The said special election for the Parish of Jefferson Davis will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The said special election for Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

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The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of the Parish of Jefferson Davis election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$50,000.

The estimated cost of Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$15,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Sidney Briscoe Building, 304 N. State Street, Jennings, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections. All registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

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Notice of Special Elections

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF LA }
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON } SS
DAVIS }

Dona H. Smith, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Publisher of the Jennings Daily News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Jennings, Jefferson Davis County, LA; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

February 21, 2024, February 28, 2024, March 06, 2024,
March 13, 2024

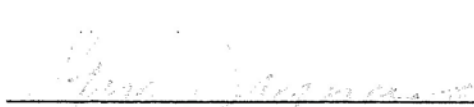
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 13th day of March 2024.



Stina S. Broussard, Notary, Jefferson Davis County, LA

My commission expires: August 01, 2027

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PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub Road District No. 1 of Road District Number Eleven of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the propositions submitted at the special elections held in the Parish and District on Saturday, April 27, 2024, were CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special elections, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jennings, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of May, 2024.

/s/ J. Steven Eastman

President

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to approve the purchase of two (2) loads of Cold Mix for Division One.

It was moved by Mr. Labouve, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve the purchase of one (1) load of Cold Mix for Division Three.

Mr. Labouve made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to authorize the Road Supervisor to obtain a cost to change out drainage pipes on Lakota Street and Main Street in Lacassine. Mr. Cormier suggested increasing the size of the pipe.

The motion was made by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to move forward with bidding out black top repairs to Carl Hoppe Road from Leger Road to Hwy 165 with the cost split between Sub Road District No. 1 and Division Three.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to approve combining appropriations requests for funding from Representative Clay Higgins into one application for Jeff Davis Water District No. 4 and Jeff Davis Water & Sewer Commission No. 1.

Mr. Buller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to approve a request from Dixie Pipeline to place mats across a ditch on Bebee Road for the purpose of repairing a pipeline, contingent on Legal Counsel preparing an agreement which would be approved by both parties.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to authorize Payment Application No. 7 to Trahan Construction in the amount of \$130,518.60 in connection with the Fire District No. 2 Koll Road Expansion.

President's Report

None.

Engineer's Report

Alex Guillory reported as follows:

- The new Asphalt Zipper will be used as a demo on Mouton Road.

Committee Reports

ORDINANCE: Ms. Myer reported on an Ordinance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. It is the recommendation of the Committee to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reflect time-line changes.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2435

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Sec 21-29, Powers, duties, and hearings

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Amend Chapter 21, Sec 21-29 to read

The zoning commission shall have the following powers and it shall be its duty to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts as well as the restrictions and regulations to be enforced therein, and any supplements, changes or modifications thereof to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Before making any recommendation to the police jury, the zoning commission shall hold a public meeting. The zoning commission hearing shall be held immediately after the Police Jury's monthly agenda meeting. During the hearing by the zoning commission, the commission shall make a preliminary determination on the zoning amendment, shall discuss questions and concerns to be considered and developed by proponents for and against the amendment, and shall identify potential conditions to be placed on the approval of the rezoning amendment, all of which shall be reported to the Police Jury.

Notice of the time and place of the zoning commission hearing shall be published at least three (3) times in the official journal of the parish, or if there be none, in a paper of general circulation therein; and no less than seven (7) days shall elapse between the first publication and date of the zoning commission hearing. Additionally, the applicant shall authorize the Police Jury to place 4 sign(s), one at each corner of the property, at least 18 inches in height and 24 inches in width on or adjacent to the property at one point along each road or street abutting the property, or if the property does not abut a road or street, then on the nearest public right-of-

way or street with the highest traffic count. The sign shall indicate the present zoning classification of the property, the zoning classification sought by the amendment, and the date, time and place of the zoning commission and police jury public hearings on the proposed amendment. The applicant shall not remove the sign until after the zoning commission and police jury have heard and decided the proposed zoning amendment.

After the hearing has been held by the zoning commission, the Police Jury shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment, during the Police Jury's monthly business meeting. Prior to the Police Jury's hearing, the zoning commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the proposed zoning amendment. The police jury shall not hold its public hearings or take action until it has received the final report of the zoning commission.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May 2024.

Additionally, the Ordinance Committee recommends amending the Zoning Ordinance to clarify and add Zoning Charts to the Ordinance.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Adams, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2436

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Zoning,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Amend Chapter 21, Sec 21-11, Adopted as minimum requirements, to read

The Zoning Districts detailed in this section, below, apply to the uses of land and building, and all other matters contained therein, as indicated for the various districts established by this chapter, are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this chapter and may be amended in the same manner as any other part of this chapter. The regulations listed for each district as designated, reading from left to right across the schedule, and in all notes appended thereto, are hereby adopted and prescribed for such district, subject to the provisions of Articles V and VI of this chapter and, unless otherwise indicated, shall be deemed to be the minimum requirements in every instance of their application.

Sec. 21-11.1. Zoning Districts.

- a) Zoning District A-1: Agricultural, single family residential areas, mixed agricultural/residential areas, and multi-family residential areas.
 - 1) Permitted Uses: Farm and farm related buildings; private airstrips; single-family dwellings and accessory uses; single unit mobile homes (1 per acre); extractions (except barpits); parish parks and playgrounds and facilities in conjunction therewith; private and public recreational areas; public and private forests and wildlife reservations; museums; private garages; stables; kennels; animal hospitals; home occupation; boat houses and docks; churches; public and private schools (excluding trade and

business); public building or land use whose sole purpose is to preserve national defense; utilities (public and private); libraries; private and public nurseries (horticultural); private and public gardens; police and fire stations; golf courses; roadside stand for products grown on premises; coastal zone sites; oil and gas exploration; oil and gas pump transfer stations; helistops; cemeteries; duplexes (one per lot); mobile home subdivisions (lots for sale, one mobile home per lot); two-family and multi-family dwellings; cluster housing; college or university dormitories; condominiums; town houses; fraternity or sorority houses; storage garages; hospitals; institutions; mausoleums; and cemeteries.

- 2) Permitted as Exception: Temporary commercial amusements or recreational developments; temporary buildings used in connection with construction; off-site advertising (billboards); triplexes (2 per acre); fourplexes (2 per acre); water towers; radio and television broadcasting towers; day nurseries; kindergartens; mobile homes; institutions and above ground storage tanks.
- 3) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over twelve square feet. One sign per lot.

b) Zoning District C-1: Commercial.

- 1) Permitted Uses: Business and professional offices; personal service shops; restaurants (no alcoholic beverages consumed on premises); studios; fix-it shops; laundromats; drug stores; catering and delicatessen services; cleaning and dyeing of garments; convenience stores (with or without gasoline); fire and police stations; funeral homes; nurseries (horticultural); similar retail stores for convenience of neighboring residents; day nurseries and kindergartens; bakeries; and a dwelling for resident watchman or caretaker employed on premises; apartment complex, tourist-homes; clubs; boarding houses; halfway houses,; rehabilitation facilities; restaurants (alcoholic beverages consumed on premises); day nurseries and kindergartens; horticultural nurseries; retail manufacturing; filling stations; parking garages and lots; residential appliance sales and service; all offices; retail and wholesale uses; neighborhood shopping; light manufacturing; storage and public garages; bar rooms; nightclubs; lounges; radio and television studios; hotels and motels; theaters; (including drive-ins); farmers market; printing and engraving; passenger terminals; kennels and animal hospitals; motor and/or mobile home sales, service and rental; janitorial services (wholesale and retail); auto/truck sales, service, and rental; auditoriums and convention centers; amusement places; business schools; commercial recreation (including bowling alleys; skating rinks; skateboard parks; etc); gun ranges; off-site advertising (billboards); car washes; shopping centers and shopping malls; large food stores; large department stores; and large business parks; mobile home parks, and travel trailer parks (rental spaces).
- 2) Permitted as Exception: Railroads; temporary commercial amusements or recreational developments; temporary buildings used in connection with construction; institutions; airports; radio and television broadcasting towers; parking lots for business uses within 300 feet of district boundary; single family dwellings; single family mobile homes; all other uses permitted in A-1 (Multi-Family Residential Areas); billboards; and mini-warehouses.
- 3) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over 120 square feet.

c) Zoning District C-2: Commercial- Jails, Prisons and Associates Correctional Institutions.

- 1) Permitted Uses: Jails, prisons, and any correctional facility where prisoners and/or parolee's and/or inmates are supervised or housed including but not limited to any half-way house, work-release facility, and/or rehabilitation facility.
- 2) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over 120 square feet.

d) Zoning District I-1: Light Industrial.

- 1) Permitted Uses: Same as C-1; plus animal hospitals and kennels; airport and airstrips; automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, bicycle repair and assembly; bakery products; wholesale manufacturing; basket and hamper construction (wood, reed, rattan, etc.); bedding manufacture (mattress, pillow, and quilt); beverage blending and bottling (excluding distilling); business and carbon paper and inked ribbon manufacture; carpet, rug, and mat manufacture and cleaning; cemetery (mausoleum); cigar and cigarette manufacture; coffee roasting and blending; cold storage; contractor shop and storage yard; dairy product processing and packaging; exterminating establishments; fertilizer blending; fire and police station; fruit and vegetable processing and packaging; garment factory, heliport and helistop; ice manufacture, including dry ice (gases to be manufactured on premises); industrial vocational training school (including internal combustion engines); ink manufacturing (blending only); insecticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and related industrial and household chemical compounds (blending only); iron (ornamental) fabrication or storage; knitting, weaving, printing, and linen service; leather goods manufacture (excluding tanning); meat products, processing and packaging (except slaughtering); monument processing and shaping, including sales; perfume and perfumed soap (blending only); pipe fabrication (3 inch diameter or less); plating, electrolytic process; radio, television, and microwave transmission and relay tower; shipping container manufacture (including corrugated board, fiber, steel, or wood); transit vehicle storage and servicing; warehouses; oil well drilling and service company; water tower and above-ground water storage tanks; water well service and drilling company; welding and soldering shops; wholesale distributors; truck terminals; mobile homes for office purposes; railroads; and public and private utilities. Solar Farm (added 10/13/21).
- 2) Permitted as Exceptions: Parking lots for business uses within 300 feet of district boundary; hospitals; single-family dwellings; single-family mobile homes; and all R-M (Multi-Family Residential) uses.
- 3) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over 120 square feet.
- 4) Minimum Lot Area: 10,000 Square Feet.
- 5) Maximum Height of Main Building: 100 Feet.
- 6) Front Yard Requirements: Thirty (30) Feet.

e) Zoning District I-2: Heavy Industrial.

- 1) Permitted Uses: Same as I-1; plus, beverage blending and bottling (including distilling); bulk materials storage, sales, and manufacture (cement, lime in bags or containers, sand, gravel, shell, lumber, and the like); chemical processing and storage; coal and coke storage, sales, and manufacture; commercial and industrial machinery sales and service; electric utility generating (excluding nuclear power plant), substations & buildings for electrical projects, petroleum and petro chemical transfer pump stations; fish, shrimp, oysters, and other seafood processing, packaging, and storing; fur finishing (including tanning); grain and rice

blending, milling, and packaging; insecticides, fungicides, disinfectants and related industrial and household chemical compounds (manufacturing); junk and scrap storage and sales; machine shops; manufacture of gases; meat products packaging and processing (including slaughtering); paper products manufacture; petroleum and petrochemical production, refining, and storage; pipe fabrication (over 3 inch diameter); tire retreading, recapping, and vulcanizing; and transportation terminal. The sale, dispensing, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited.

- 2) Permitted as Exceptions: Parking lots for business uses within 300 feet of district boundary; hospitals; single family dwellings; single family mobile homes; bar-pits; solid waste sites; and all R-M (Multi-Family Residential) uses.
- 3) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over 120 square feet.
- 4) Minimum Lot Area: 10,000 Square Feet.
- 5) Maximum Height of Main Building: 100 Feet.
- 6) Front Yard Requirements: Thirty (30) Feet.

f) Zoning District I-3: Hazardous Industrial.

- 1) Permitted Uses: Same as I-1 and I-2; plus, beverage blending and bottling (including distilling); bulk materials storage, sales, and shell, lumber, and the like); chemical processing and storage; coal and coke storage, sales, and manufacture; commercial and industrial machinery sales and service, electric utility generating; fish, shrimp, oysters, and seafood processing, packaging, and storing; fur finishing (including tanning); grain and rice blending, milling, and packaging; insecticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and related industrial and household chemical compounds (manufacturing); junk and scrap storage and sales; machine shops; manufacture of gases; meat products packaging and processing (including slaughtering); paper products manufacture; petroleum and petrochemical production, refining, storage; pipe fabrication (over 3 inch diameter); tire retreading, recapping, and vulcanizing; transportation terminal. The sale, dispensing, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited.
- 2) Permitted as Exceptions: Parking lots for business uses within 300 feet of district boundary, hospitals, bar-pits and solid waste sites.
- 3) Permitted Signs: Business signs not over 120 square feet.
- 4) Minimum Lot Area: 10,000 Square Feet.
- 5) Front Yard Requirements: 200 Feet.
- 6) Side Yard Requirements: 200 Feet.
- 7) Rear Yard Requirements: 200 Feet.

Sec. 21-11.2. Reversion for Non-Use.

If, after an amendment or exception is grant, substantial construction related to the intended use does not begin within five years of the granting of the amendment or exception, or if the intended use is abandoned for five consecutive years, the property shall revert to Zoning District A-1, by operation of this provision and without any action needing to be taken by the Police Jury.

AND Amend Sec 21-25 through 21-29 to read:

Sec. 21-25. Creation and appointment.

A zoning commission is hereby created and established. The word "commission" when used in this article shall be construed to mean the Jefferson Davis Parish Zoning Commission. The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury shall serve as the Commission, but shall meet separately and take action separately from the Police Jury.

Sec. 21-26. Organization.

(Deleted)

Sec. 2-27. Records.

The commission shall keep minutes of the proceedings and records of its examinations and other official actions. All minutes and records shall be filed immediately in the office of the commission and shall be public records. Certified copies of all decisions of the commission shall be furnished upon request by the secretary of the commission. Any rules or procedure shall be kept on file by the commission and be available to the public at all times. Copies thereof shall be available at any public meeting for public inspection.

Sec. 21-28. General procedures.

The commission shall adopt rules of procedure not in conflict with any state act or parish ordinance. Meetings of the commission shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the commission may determine. Such chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. In exercising its powers and duties, the commission may reverse or affirm wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination as ought to be made. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. In the event that less than a quorum is present at any meeting of the commission, the meeting shall be rescheduled by the chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman, to a date as soon as practical. The chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman, shall notify all members of the commission, the applicant, and other interested persons of the date of the rescheduled meeting. The concurring vote of a majority of members of the commission shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of any administration official, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under any ordinance, or to effect any variation in the ordinance. Prior to voting on any matter, each member shall review the entire record of the proceedings and fully inform himself of the facts and issues of the matter under consideration. Meetings to consider matters related to zoning shall be held separately by the commission.

Sec. 21-29. Powers, duties, and hearings.

The zoning commission shall have the following powers and it shall be its duty to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts as well as the restrictions and regulations to be enforced therein, and any supplements, changes or modifications thereof to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Before making any recommendation to the police jury, the zoning commission shall hold a public meeting. The zoning commission hearing shall be held immediately after the Police Jury's monthly agenda meeting. During the hearing by the zoning commission, the commission shall make a preliminary determination on the zoning amendment, shall discuss questions and concerns to be considered and developed by proponents for and against the amendment, and shall identify potential conditions to be placed on the approval of the rezoning amendment, all of which shall be reported to the Police Jury.

Notice of the time and place of the zoning commission hearing shall be published at least three (3) times in the official journal of the parish, or if there be none, in a paper of general circulation therein; and no less than seven days shall elapse between the first publication and date of the zoning commission hearing. Additionally, the applicant shall authorize the Police Jury to place 4 sign(s), one at each corner of the property, at least 18 inches in height and 24 inches in width on or adjacent to the property at one point along each road or street abutting the property, or if the property does not abut a road or street, then on the nearest public right-of-way or street with the highest traffic count. The sign shall indicate the present zoning classification of the property, the zoning classification sought by the amendment, and the date, time and place of the zoning commission and police jury public hearings on the proposed amendment. The applicant shall not remove the sign until after the zoning commission and police jury have heard and decided the proposed zoning amendment.

After the hearing has been held by the zoning commission, the Police Jury shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment, during the Police Jury's monthly business meeting. Prior to the Police Jury's hearing, the zoning commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the proposed zoning amendment. The police jury shall not hold its public hearings or take action until it has received the final report of the zoning commission.

AND Amend Sec 21-34 to read:

Sec. 21-34. Function of the chairman of the zoning commission.

[Deleted]

AND Amend Sec 21-47 through 21-50

Sec. 21-47. Procedure for applying for zoning change or amendments.

No amendment, supplement, or change of zoning ordinance or zoning district map shall become effective unless and until:

- (a) The petitioner executes a petition for zoning change. The zoning commission may require supplementary data, including, but not limited to, a plat plan, site plan, or building plans.
- (b) The petitioner files zoning petition with the zoning commission.
- (c) The chairman of the zoning commission forwards petition and supporting documents to the zoning commission and sets a date for a public hearing. The zoning commission hearing shall be held immediately after the Police Jury's monthly agenda meeting. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least three (3) times in the official journal of the parish, and at least ten (10) days shall elapse between the first publication and the date of the hearing. All notices of public hearings shall include the following:
 - (1) The name of the applicant.
 - (2) A brief description of the location of any land proposed for development and the subject matter to be considered.
 - (3) A statement that the application and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying at the appropriate parish office.
 - (4) A statement that any person may speak or submit a written statement.
 - (5) The date, time and place of the hearings.

(6) The section or sections of this chapter under which the subject matter of the hearing will be considered.

Additionally, the applicant shall authorize the Police Jury to place sign(s) at least 18 inches in height and 24 inches in width on or adjacent to the property or, if the property does not front on a public street, on the nearest public right-of-way or street with the highest traffic count. The sign shall indicate the present zoning classification of the property, the zoning classification sought by the amendment, and the date, time and place of the public hearing on the proposed amendment. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the procurement of the sign, and shall not remove the sign until after the zoning commission and police jury have heard and decided the proposed zoning amendment.

(d) The zoning commission, after reviewing the petition and hearing comments at the public hearing, will make their recommendation known at the public hearing for the approval, conditional approval, or disapproval of the petition. The zoning commission may recommend a limit to the permitted uses in any zoning district as a condition of recommending approval of any rezoning petition. Furthermore, in the recommendation for approval of any rezoning petition, the zoning commission shall prescribe any performance standards, including, but not limited to, landscaping, greenbelts, buffering, fencing, and all other applicable standards it deems to be necessary, desirable, and reasonable.

(e) After the hearing has been held by the zoning commission, the Police Jury shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment, during the Police Jury's monthly business meeting. The police jury receives the recommendation of the zoning commission and approves, conditionally approves, or disapproves the petition. The police jury may limit the permitted uses in any zoning district as a condition of approving any rezoning petition. Furthermore, in the granting of any rezoning petition, the police jury shall prescribe any performance standards, including, but not limited to, landscaping, greenbelts, buffering, fencing, and all other applicable standards it deems to be necessary, desirable, and reasonable.

(f) A petitioner may withdraw his petition at any time up to its consideration by the police jury. However, if a zoning petition is withdrawn by the petitioner after the public hearing has been held, or if the police jury disapproves of the request contained in the petition, then no further petition for the same property will be considered by the police jury for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the public hearing. This provision shall not apply in cases where the police jury wished to consider a petition involving a zoning amendment of an area larger than twenty (20) acres.

(g) The provisions of this section do not apply in cases where there is a proposal to enact an entire new ordinance to change the text as a whole, or to change all of the zoning district map, or both, in which the procedures set out in Legislative Act 196 of 1960 and Legislative Act 29 of 1983 shall be followed.

Sec. 21-48. Fees.

Each petition concerning a zoning change or amendment shall be accompanied by a deposit of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). This fee shall be paid to the secretary of the zoning commission at the time of notice of appeal is filed, which the director shall forthwith pay over to the Jefferson Davis Parish Treasurer to the credit of the general operating fund of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. All checks submitted with zoning petitions shall be made payable to the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Under no conditions shall fees, either in whole or in part, be refunded for failure of said change to be adopted by the police jury.

ARTICLE XII. INTERPRETATION

Sec. 21-49. Minimum requirements.

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this chapter, these shall be held to be minimum requirements for the promotion of the public safety, health, morals, economic development, and general welfare. It is not intended by this chapter to interfere with or abrogate or annul any ordinance, rules, regulations, or permits previously adopted or issued, and not in conflict with any of the provisions of this chapter, or which shall be adopted or issued pursuant to law relating to the use of buildings or premises and likewise not in conflict to interfere with or abrogate or annul any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties, provided, however, that where this chapter imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or land or upon the height of buildings, or requires larger open spaces or larger lot areas than are imposed or required by such ordinances or agreements, the provisions of this chapter shall control. In the event of a conflict between the text of this chapter and any caption, figure, illustration, table or map, the text of this chapter shall control.

XIII. VALIDITY

Sec. 21-50. Repeal.

All zoning regulations or parts of zoning regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, provided, however, that all suits at law or in equity and/or all prosecutions resulting from the violation of any zoning ordinance heretofore in effect, which are now pending in any of the courts of this state or of the United States, shall not be abated or abandoned by reason of the adoption of this chapter, but shall be prosecuted to their finality, the same as if this chapter had not been adopted; and any and all violations of existing zoning regulations, prosecutions for which have not yet been instituted, may be hereafter filed and prosecuted; and nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to abandon, abate, or dismiss any litigation or prosecution now pending, and/or which may have heretofore been instituted or prosecuted.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS
PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May 2024.

The Ordinance Committee recommends amending Chapter 9, Section 9-22, Lot Cleanliness to add having security present at time of parish or contractor cleanup of property.

Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Labouve, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation and adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2437

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Article II, Sec 9-22, Notice to cut or remove; performance by parish at owner's expense upon owner's failure to comply with notice

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury is desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, and it is hereby ordained by the same:

Amend Chapter 9, Sec 9-22, c) to read

- c) If the owner fails to cut or remove such grass, obnoxious weed, or other deleterious or unhealthful growths, garbage, trash, debris, refuse, or discarded or noxious matter, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice or after the second publication of the notice, as set forth in (b), the parish shall have such grass, obnoxious weeds, or other deleterious or unhealthful growths, garbage, trash, debris, refuse, or discarded or noxious matter, cut, or removed.

And Add:

- d) If the parish, its employees, contractors or any other persons authorized by the parish, performing the work in (c) are concerned for their safety when entering the property, the parish may retain the services of a sheriff's deputy, to attend and be present at the property while the work is performed.
- e) The parish shall charge such property owner for any costs related to the work in (c) or safety precautions in (d), plus a fifteen (15) percent service charge thereon, such service charge not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May 2024.

Additionally, the Ordinance Committee recommends approving Louisiana Constitution Article 7 Section 21 O. (1) approving the ad valorem tax exemption of up to two thousand five hundred dollars of the assess valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE 2438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY APPROVING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION OF UP TO \$2,500 OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY RECEIVING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION THAT IS OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY A QUALIFIED FIRST RESPONDER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 21(O) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, in its 2023 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act No.179 which proposed an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution to authorize the local governing authority of a parish to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for qualified first responders (as defined therein); and

WHEREAS, the electors of the State of Louisiana at the statewide election held on November 18, 2023, approved the proposed constitutional amendment which added Article VII, Section 21(O); and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21(O)(3) provides that the ad valorem tax exemption for qualified first responders “shall only apply in a parish if it is approved by the parish governing authority;” and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury, does hereby approve and make applicable in the Parish of Jefferson Davis an ad valorem tax exemption of up to \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) of the assessed valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(O) of the Louisiana Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President and all previous ordinances in conflict with said ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Donald Woods, Mr. Chad Woods, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Myers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fruge, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Buller, Mr. LaFargue, Mr. Cormier, Mr. Labouve

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. McKnight

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of May, 2024.

The Ordinance Committee recommends placing 35MPH Speed Limit signs and No Thru Truck Traffic signs on each end of Payton Road.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2439

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Sec 13-19, Maximum speed limits on specific roads and streets

AN ORDINANCE to impose a speed limit of 35 MPH on Payton Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

The speed limit on Payton Road shall be 35 MPH.

AND

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, to add Sec 13-29.3.9, Truck traffic on Payton Road

AN ORDINANCE to impose No person shall drive or park any truck, other than a light pickup truck or farm produce truck on Payton Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA,

No person shall drive or park any truck, other than a light pickup truck or farm produce truck on Payton Road.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May, 2024.

Further, the Ordinance Committee recommends placing 35MPH Speed Limit signs on both ends of Martin Roy Road.

Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2440

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Sec 13-19, Maximum speed limits on specific roads and streets

AN ORDINANCE to impose a speed limit of 35 MPH on Martin Roy Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

The speed limit on Martin Roy Road shall be 35 MPH.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May, 2024.

Finally, it is the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to place a 4-Way Stop sign at the intersection of Tietje and Aylsworth Roads.

It was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2441

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Sec. 13-29.4, Four way stop signs on parish roads.

AN ORDINANCE to install A Four-Way Stop Sign at the intersections of Tietje Road and Aylsworth Road.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA that:

A Four Way Stop Signs shall be installed at the intersections of Tietje Road and Aylsworth Road.

THUS DONE AND PASSED BY THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA, on this 8th day of May, 2024.

FAIRGROUNDS: The Fairgrounds Committee met on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, as report by Chairman, Mr. Fruge. The Fairgrounds Committee made the recommendation to approve the Base Bid and Alternate 2 received from Pelican Roofing in the amount of \$183,376.09 to repair the Arena roof.

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

It is the recommendation of the Fairgrounds Committee to authorize Randy Ringuet to proceed with obtaining specs and costs in connection with a warmup arena to be placed on the east side of the main arena.

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

PROPOSAL REVIEW: Mr. Peterson reported on a Proposal Review Committee meeting held on April 17, 2024. It is the recommendation of the Committee to engage Tetra Tech in a standby contract for Emergency Debris Removal Monitoring services.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Lejeune, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Additionally, the Proposal Review Committee recommends approving standby contracts for Right-of-Way Debris Removal services with three (3) companies to be utilized in the following order: DRC Emergency Services, CERES Environmental, and Ashbritt.

Mr. Peterson motioned, which was seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Proposal Review Committee to enter into standby contracts for Waterway Debris Removal services with three (3) companies to be utilized in the following order: CERES Environmental, DRC Emergency Services, and Ashbritt.

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

Finally, the Proposal Review Committee recommends accepting the Request for Qualifications Proposal submitted by Beazley & Longo Shelter Design.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

LIBRARY: Ms. Myers informed the Police Jury of her upcoming attendance at the Library Association meeting in October.

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

June 12, 2024
DATE APPROVED