

Jennings, Louisiana
July 24, 2024

The Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury met in a Special 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 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

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

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator; LANCE PERSON, Legal Counsel

Absent: MELVIN ADAMS, District 6; BILL LABOUE, District 13

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

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning and Control, Division of Administration, does annually award funding for projects through the Capital Outlay Act; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury has been awarded Capital Outlay funding through FP&C for the Farm Supply Road Paving, Planning and Construction project in the amount of \$650,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Construction bid for the Farm Supply Road paving project is \$734,166.00, which is greater than the award amount; and

WHEREAS, Parish officials are committed to this project and aware of its value to the community infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury hereby commits funding for the Farm Supply Road Paving, Planning, and Construction FP&C Project No. 50-J27-23-01. The funding includes \$205,915.47 for construction and engineering services over State funds plus 5% for contingencies such as change orders and the required match. Additionally, the Police Jury commits \$22,500.00 for additional services, including geotechnical testing and recommendations, construction inspection, and construction material testing. These costs are to be paid from local funds for the Farm Supply Road Paving, Planning and Construction FP&C Project No. 50-J27-23-01.

The above resolution was unanimously approved and adopted at the Special Meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury on the 24th day of July, 2024.

It was moved by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to approve the Joint Service Agreement between the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury and the Jeff Davis Council on Aging for patient transportation and authorize the President to sign.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. LaFargue, and carried, to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Municipalities and the Drainage Districts in connection with Emergency Debris Removal and Monitoring.

It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to accept a quote received from MIP by Community Brands in the amount of \$1,115.50 for an additional License to add the Administrator to the accounting software to be paid out of the General Fund.

The motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried, to approve a bid received from Acadiana Tree Service in the amount of \$4,800.00 to trim and remove dead wood off trees located at the Fairgrounds to be paid out of the General Fund.

Mr. Donald Woods made the motion, seconded by Mr. Chad Woods, and carried, to approve a quote received from Bobby Doucet in the amount of \$4,850.00 for the refurbishing of Conference Room 204 in the Jeff Davis Parish Courthouse to be paid with Courthouse Funds.

The motion was made by Chad Woods, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to approve a quote from Winwater in the amount of \$3,939.65 to install water lines under the Lake Arthur Yard to be paid with Division One funds.

Mr. LeJeune made the motion, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried, to accept the bid received from CrawCon, LLC, in the amount of \$5,500.00 to remove and dispose of debris on Manual Road Bridge to be paid with Division Two-One funds.

It was moved by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and carried, to discuss Precinct mergers.

Registrar of Voters Joann Blair explained the requirement to complete precinct surveys after June 30, 2024, at which time recommendations are made. There are three (3) choices to be made: mergers, consolidations, or exemptions for precincts. There are two (2) precincts Ms. Blair proposes to merge.

The motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. McKnight, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Registrar of Voters to merge the two (2) precincts. Once the letter is submitted and approved, an Ordinance will need to be adopted.

President's Report

President Eastman informed the Jury of the Public Hearing and meeting of the ITEP board held prior to this meeting. The ITEP board unanimously approved the ITEP application for Cajun Crossroads Energy Center LLC, who proposes a Solar Farm near Topsy.

He further reminded the Police Jurors to submit a wish list of two (2) roads each to the Administrator by July 31, 2024.

Engineer's Report

None.

Committee Reports

E911: Committee Chairman Marcus Peterson reported an E911 Committee meeting held on July 10, 2024. The E911 Committee made the recommendation to keep the 911 Interim Director for 90 days at a cost share of 60% Police Jury 911 and 40% Sheriff, effective August 1, 2024. Legal Counsel stated there will need to be an amendment to the current agreement.

The motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Donald Woods, and carried, to accept the Committee's recommendation.

It is further the recommendation of the E911 Committee to advertise for a 911 Director as an employee under the Police Jury 911 to be effective November 1, 2024.

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

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

 August 14, 2024
DATE APPROVED