

Jennings, Louisiana
September 17, 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 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present:

DONALD WOODS	District 1		District 8
CHAD WOODS	District 2		District 9
MARCUS PETERSON	District 3	BYEON BULLER	District 10
KORI MYERS	District 4	BUTCH LAFARGUE	District 11
	District 5	OWEN CORMIER	District 12
	District 6	BILL LABOUVE	District 13
STEVE EASTMAN	District 7		

BEN BOUDREAUX, Administrator; ALEX GUINN, Legal Counsel

Absent: TIM MCKNIGHT, District 5; MELVIN ADAMS, District 6; WAYNE FRUGE, District 8; DAVID LEJEUNE, District 9

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

Mr. LaFargue reported the Finance Committee meeting was held on September 9, 2024, at 7:00 A.M. All bills were reviewed and declared in order with the Committee recommending approval.

It was moved by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. Cormier, and carried, to pay the following bills, to wit:

• GENERAL FUND	\$ 36,874.67
• COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	1,580.49
• E911 & 911 WIRELESS	23,331.03
• CRIMINAL COURT	6,980.00
• OPIOID ABATEMENT	0.00
• COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	17,445.50
• SPECIAL REVENUE	9,427.59
• SECTION 8	32.08
• SUB ROAD DISTRICT #1	11,703.77
• SPECIAL WARD, ROAD & BRIDGE	134,514.88
• ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT #1	25,799.79
• REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED JAIL	140,623.24
• FIRE DISTRICT #1	0.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #2	0.00
• FIRE DISTRICT #3	2,768.21
• FIRE DISTRICT #4	37,974.04
• FIRE DISTRICT #5	4,899.04
• FIRE DISTRICT #6	0.00

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to disengage with the current auditor, Langley, Williams & Co., for the 2023 Audit and hire Gragson, Casiday & Guillory LLP, at a cost of \$50,000.00 for the audit and \$5,000.00 for the Agreed Upon Procedures.

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

Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends proceeding with the Administrator's proposed parish wide improvements, utilizing parish forces and materials procured through public bid. This includes rental equipment necessary to perform these improvements. The Administrator will be responsible for keeping track of cost and reporting back to the Police Jury.

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

The Finance Committee recommends the purchase of the John Deere 75G Excavator (which has been on lease) at a purchase cost of \$48,575.00.

The motion was made by Mr. LaFargue, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, 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.

Mr. Peterson made the motion, seconded by Mr. LaBouve, and carried, to authorize the President to approve the lowest bid for Type 1L Soil Cement in connection with bids opened September 16, 2024, and to sign all related documents.

President's Report

None.

Engineer's Report

None.

Administrator's Report

None.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

