

POLICE JURY MEETING – May 3, 2021

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, May 3, 2021 at the hour of 6:30pm.

Present: Anthony Hebert, Ruffin George, Jr., John Strother, Creig Vizena, and Allen Courville.
Absent: Heath Ardoin, Chad Sanders

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to go into session.

The Lord's Prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 5, 2021.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Doggett Machinery \$1,865.10 to repair a backhoe for RD2.
- 2) Approve to pay AFI Construction (Adams Fence) \$2225.00 for a fence around the Solid Waste Site at the RD1 Barn.
- 3) Approve to pay B Fontenot Dozer Service \$4,700 to clear and level the area by the beacon at the Airport.
- 4) Approve to pay Southern Tire Mart \$2,391.08 for tires for Unit 8-27 for RD3.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Road Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve a JSA with the City of Oakdale for grass cutting, pothole patching and trash pick up for the month of May 2021
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Village of Reeves to install a culvert at 203 Emma Street.
- 3) Approve a JSA with the Village of Elizabeth for manpower, material and equipment to repair road on Sycamore Street in Elizabeth.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. George and carried to accept the recommendations of the Road Committee.

Recognized Mr. Charles Smith, Commander of VFW 12203 and Mr. Eric Kuyper to inform the public about the Memorial Service being held at Kinder Mc Rill Cemetery at 9:30am on Memorial Day.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried for the purchasing agent to take necessary action for fuel, materials, and supplies for the month.

Recognized Ms. Colleen Sonnier to open sealed bids for adjudicated property. For Parcel Number 0540105500 one bid was received from Tameka Arvie in the amount of \$500 and for Parcel Number 0540150600 one bid was received from Tameka Arvie in the amount of \$1000.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. George and carried to accept the bids from Tameka Arvie for Parcel Numbers 0540105500 and 0540150600. Even though the bids were less than the minimum bid the bids were accepted due to the fact that 1.) Mrs. Arvie was the only bidder and 2.) she provided a signed affidavit saying she was an adjoining landowner and that she had been maintaining the property for more than one year.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to advertise for 6 month material bids.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to advertise for the official journal.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to hire Jordan Vickers full time at \$12.00 per hour for RD2 contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. George and carried to reappoint Carl Ritter as a Board Commissioner for West Allen Parish Water District for a 5 year term.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to accept the resignation of Mr. Carl Ritter from the Allen Parish Ward 3, Fire District 2 and appoint Mr. Al Ritter for a 5-year term.

Motion by Mr. Vizona seconded by Mr. George and carried to accept recommendation to hire Rapides Area Planning Commission for grant management projects and Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc for professional services for the Allen Parish Hurricane Laura HMGP projects.

Motion by Mr. Vizona seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to enter into a JSA with the Village of Reeves to donate the parish interest in adjudicated property to the Village of Reeves.

Recognized Mr. Jacob Dillehay for the discussion of floodplain mapping in the Reeves Area. There will be no call for a public meeting at this time.

Motion by Mr. Vizona seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to apply for FAA grant for fencing at the Airport.

Recognized Mrs. Colleen Sonnier for the inmate report. Expenses for the month of April 2021 totaled \$9,137.09. We are under budget \$8,162.91 for the month and \$43,258.11 for the year. Currently there are 52 Parish Inmates and 12 D.O.C.

Recognized Mrs. Joel Johnson for the report on the airport. No news to report.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:

Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer