

POLICE JURY MEETING – November 4, 2019

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, November 4, 2019 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Present: Matt Fontenot, Anthony Hebert, Kent Fontenot, John Strother, and Creig Vizena. Absent: Ruffin George and Heath Ardoin.

Motion by Mr. Hebert seconded by Mr. Vizena 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. Hebert and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2019.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Truck N' Trailer \$1,532.74 for repair work to a truck and trailer for RD2.
- 2) Approve to pay Doggett \$3,594.55 for repairs to a motor grader for RD3.
- 3) Approve to pay Cottons A/C \$4,772.00 for repairs to air conditioner in the court room.
- 4) Approve to pay Cottons A/C \$3,000.00 for repairs to air conditioner at the jail.
- 5) Approve to pay Covington Sales & Service \$1,586.00 for repairs to a boom axe for RD2.
- 6) Approve to pay Woodland Fluid Power \$3,245.00 for hydraulic parts for a trac hoe for RD1.
- 7) Approve to pay Kenjabruch \$1,623.25 for parts for a PTO shaft for RD1.
- 8) Approve to pay CenterPoint Energy \$5,874.00 for the installation of a natural gas line at the DA's office.

Motion by Mr. Hebert seconded by Mr. Vizena 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 November, 2019.
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Allen Parish School Board for manpower, equipment, and material for bus turnaround at:
 - 456 North Blacktop Extension in Oakdale
 - 575 Smokey Savant Road in Kinder

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

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

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to add an item to the agenda.

- 1) Recognize Mrs. Brandi Thomas resident from RD3 to discuss drainage and flooding issues on her property.

Ms. Brandi discussed the flooding and drainage issues she and her neighbors have been experiencing and dealing with for several years. Her main concern is medical access for her two special needs children. She requested her road be put on capital outlay and for help with the drainage.

Mr. Jacob Dillehay, Parish Engineer, discussed the elevation issues with her property and let her know that the culverts would be put in the near future and in the spring, when the weather is right, they would work on the road to help with drainage issues.

Discussed and considered accepting the resignation of Jaimie Landry as the Secretary for the Recreation District #5 and appoint Jana Young as the new Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to accept the resignation of Jaimie Landry as the Secretary for the Recreation District #5 and appoint Jana Young as the new Secretary.

Recognized Mr. Lennie Boulette, Director of Allen Parish Ambulance Services, to discuss the new bylaws for the Allen Parish Ambulance Board District #1. Their bylaws have not been updated since 1995. He discussed some of the changes with the new bylaws and verified all of their board members approved them.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to adopt the new by laws for the Allen Parish Ambulance Board District #1.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to approve the following LGAP and CWEF applications.

- 1) Ward 4 Fire District #3 \$25,000 for fire truck bays.
- 2) Allen Parish Police Jury \$80,000 to purchase two excavators for RD1 and RD4.
- 3) West Allen Water District \$14,626 to buy four isolation valves.

Discussed and considered adopting a resolution for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. Mr. Jacob Dillehay explained the watershed initiative. The State has divided Louisiana into seven watershed regions Allen Parish is split into two regions. Regions 5 is headed up by the Acadian Planning Commission and Region 4 by the Calcasieu Parish Police. A temporary steering committee will be appointed initially and eventually a final commission will be appointed to continue to handle funding coming through the State.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to adopt a resolution for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadian Planning Commission for Region 5 and Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for Region 4.

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Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried to appoint Jason Hebert to Region 4 and Gardner Rose to Region 5 Louisiana Watershed Initiative Steering Committee temporary for one year.

Discussed and considered adopting a resolution to authorize Jacob Dillehay to sign Delta Regional Authority grant documents.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried to adopt a resolution to authorize Jacob Dillehay to sign Delta Regional Authority grant documents.

Res# 6481

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried to hire Lane Coker full time in RD5 for \$12.00 an hour contingent upon meeting all hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to approve to hire Jacob Lacour as an Investigator for the Allen Parish Coroner's Office to replace Ron Craiger.

Discussed littering in the parish and the fines associated with the crime of littering. Parish roads are being littered and it is becoming a problem. Mr. Vizena suggested calling a game warden if litter is found by the public especially if there is a name found inside of the litter, he stated the game warden will make an example of the offender.

Recognized Mrs. Sonnier to present the monthly inmate report. Expenses for the month of October 2019 totaled \$12,529.84. We are under budget \$4,770.16 for the month and \$85,143.35 for the year. Currently there are 100 Parish, 8 DOC, and 136 Federal inmates. Federal inmates are not being housed in parish housing.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to add two items to the agenda.

- 1) GIS System - Permission to advertise a Request for Qualifications for a Contractor to do the construct the new GIS system.
- 2) Authorization to advertise for 6-month bids, for roadway material, the official journal, and scrap metal.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to authorize permission to advertise a Request for Qualifications for the GIS System.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to authorize permission to advertise for 6-month bids roadway material, the official journal, and scrap metal.

Mr. Matthew Fontenot announced he would like to remind the public that it is early voting this week and the election is on November 16, 2019. Please go out and exercise your right to vote.

Motion by Mr. Hebert seconded by Mr. Kent Fontenot and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:

Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer