

## POLICE JURY MEETING – August 7, 2023

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, August 7, 2023 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to go into session.

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

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held July 6 & 19, 2023.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Iowa Farm Equipment \$2,045.00 for bullet and teeth for 3 pt grinder for parish road fund.
- 2) Approve to pay Iowa Farm Equipment \$2,065.00 for bullet and teeth for Ward1 and Ward4. \$1,032.50 for each ward.
- 3) Permission to pay OTS Production Support Services \$21,177.52 for mail services for redistricting and canvassing for the Registrar of Voter.
- 4) Approve to pay Southern Tire Mart \$5,266.73 for tractor tires for RD3.
- 5) Approve to pay Oakdale Motors \$2,230.00 for a tractor seat for RD5.
- 6) Approve to pay LED Outfitters \$3,389.88 for light bars for the new trucks. The bill will be split between the road districts and the parish road fund at \$564.98 each.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Sanders 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 August, 2023.
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Town of Kinder to replace Park Road Bridge.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to accept the recommendations of the Road Committee.

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

Recognized Representative Dewith Carrier.

Recognized Kimberly Caldarera with the Allen Parish Hospital.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to approve to advertise request for proposal for a vegetation management contract.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to advertise for bids for hay cutting contract at the Allen Parish Airport.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to advertise for RFQ for Engineer for the Airport for a 5 year period.

Recognized Jacob LaCour to discuss Burn Ban.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to approve a parish wide burn ban until further notice.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve a special event permit for the Festival Fete Du Void at the Hardwood Mill Restaurant in Oakdale for September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to authorize the Police Jury to enter into a master service agreement with Meyer and Associates for the 2023 Capital Outlay Road Improvements Project and 2023 Capitol Bridge Improvement project.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to hire Richard “Dickie” Sonnier part time in Solid Waste contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt a resolution authorizing Police Jury President to enter into a CEA with the DA for Opioid Litigation Funds.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to authorize the Police Jury President to accept the donation of right of way on Powell Road for the purpose of reconstructing an unsafe roadway curve just south of the Powell Road/CC Bel Road intersection.

Recognized Mrs. Sonnier to present the monthly inmate report. Expenses for the month of July 2023 totaled \$23,725.19. We are under budget \$1,108.15 for the month and over budget \$6,080.76 for the year. Currently there are 95 Parish and 9 DOC.

Recognized Mr. Joel Johnson for report on the airport.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to approve to add item to the agenda:

1. Recognize Phillip Johnson to discuss Paul Brown Road.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to call for a public hearing to abandon the south end of Paul Brown Road.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Allen Parish Police Jury  
President

ATTEST:

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