

POLICE JURY MEETING – March 1, 2021

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, March 1, 2021 at the hour of 6:30pm.

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

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

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

Held a public hearing on Earl Miller Road. There were no comments from the public. No ordinance adopted at this time.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2021.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay \$4,543.50 to Grundy Land Management LLC for work at the LSU Ag Center.
- 2) Approve to pay \$2,511.23 to Goldman Equipment for tractor repair for RD2.
- 3) Approve to pay Covington Sales \$3,606.54 for repairs to a boom mower for RD1.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin 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 March 2021
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Town of Oberlin for manpower and equipment to change culverts starting on the corner of Garcille Road to 10th Avenue in the city limits.
- 3) Approve a JSA with the Town of Oberlin for manpower and equipment to clean ditches down Garcille Road and all the way down 9th Ave to Hwy 165 in the city limits.
- 4) Approve a JSA with Fire District 6 for manpower and equipment to clean culverts.
- 5) Approve a JSA with the Allen Parish School Board for manpower, equipment and material for the following bus turnarounds: 432 Stalsby Road in Oakdale and End of McMahon Road in Oberlin.

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

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

Recognized Mr. Joel Johnson to open sealed bids for used motor grader for RD3. One bid was received from Newman Tractor for a 2016 John Deere Motor Grader in the amount of \$129,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to accept the bid from Newman Tractor for the 2016 John Deere Motor Grader contingent upon meeting specifications.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to call for a public hearing to adopt a portion of Earl Miller Road into the parish road system.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to adopt resolution authorizing an increase in the service fee collected by Oakdale City Court and establish a dedicated Judicial Building Fund.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to readopt dump site rules.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt a resolution to authorize incurring of debt of \$86,000 to purchase a back hoe for RD4.

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. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to reappoint Robert Plante to the Northwest Allen Water Board for a 1-year term.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to appoint Greg Strother and Rhonda Beard to the Rec. District 1 Board.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to approve hiring Andrew Willis part time for Solid Waste and Road Crew at \$12.00 per hour contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to approve hiring Clark Ebarb full time for RD2 at \$12.00 per hour contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to call for a public meeting for an election to be held for the renewal of an ad valorem tax for the Allen Parish Library.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt a resolution for signature authority for 2020 LCDBG Grant and any necessary documents.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to approve the 2020 Audit Engagement letter with Steven Derouen & Associates.

Recognized Mrs. Colleen Sonnier for the inmate report. Expenses for the month of February 2021 totaled \$5,278.25. We are under budget \$12,021.75 for the month and \$24,475.43 for the year. Currently there are 56 Parish Inmates and 10 D.O.C.

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

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

1. Advertise and hold a Public Hearing to Abandon Miller Road.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to advertise and hold for a Public Hearing to abandon Miller Road.

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

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:

Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer