

POLICE JURY MEETING – March 6, 2023

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, March 6, 2023 at the hour of 6:30pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Strother 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. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve minutes held February 6, 2023.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Cotton's Heating & Cooling \$4,657.00 for 5-ton condensing unit for the Health Unit in Oakdale to be paid from the compact fund.
- 2) Approve to pay Simpson Security \$4,765.00 to replace the main control panel for the computer and fire monitoring system at the Courthouse that was damaged by lightning.
- 3) Approve to pay Kinder Tire and Auto \$1,853.99 for fuel repair parts for a truck for RD2.
- 4) Approve to purchase a thumb for the new backhoe in Solid Waste.
- 5) Recommendation regarding the Coroner Budget.
- 6) Approve to pay Daigle Paint and Body \$2,940.00 for repairs to unit 6-2 for RD1.

Motion by Mr. Sanders 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 March, 2023.
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Town of Reeves to finish digging Sawmill Road inside the city limits of Reeves.
- 3) Approve a JSA with the Allen Parish School Board for material, labor and equipment to repair the following bus turnarounds.
  - 523 Powell Road in Oberlin.
  - End of Eaves Lane in Kinder.
  - 370 B Simmons Road in Fairview.
  - 410 North Blacktop Extension in Oakdale.

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

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

Opened seals bids for a used backhoe. One bid received from Doggett Machinery in the amount of \$64,500.00.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to accept bid from Doggett Machinery in the amount of \$64,500 for RD1.

Recognized Kimberly Caldarera with the Allen Parish Hospital to give update.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to approve to hire Tanner Thompson FT in RD1 at \$12.76 an hour contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to move Teddy Rasberry from Part time to Full time in Solid Waste at \$13.76 an hour.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to hire Tony Seal part time in Solid Waste at \$13.76 an hour contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to approve a run an ad and adopt a resolution stating Allen Parish's support of the proposed juvenile justice system.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve adopting a resolution authorizing Executive Director Joelene Hartley to sign for all paperwork for the Allen Council on Aging and the 49 CFR 5311 and 5339 Grants.

Announced Public Meeting to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held for the continuation of an ad valorem tax.

Recognized Ms. Strother to present the monthly inmate report. Expenses for the month of February 2023 totaled \$7,943.77. We are over budget \$10,735.72 for the year. Currently there are 82 Parish and 8 DOC inmates.

Recognized Mr. Joel Johnson for the report on the airport.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to add two items to the agenda:

1. Approve to declare RD1 29 foot trailer and 9 foot box blade as surplus and add to capital outlay.
2. Approve to hire Steven LeJeune full time for RD2 contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to declare RD1 29 foot trailer and 9 foot box blade as surplus and add to capital outlay.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to hire Steven LeJeune full time for RD2 contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

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

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Allen Parish Police Jury  
President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer