

POLICE JURY MEETING –November 6, 2023

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

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

Motion by Mr. George 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 to discuss precinct mergers.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to adopt an ordinance to merge precincts.

Held a public hearing for the FY 24/25 LCDGB Program. Ross Hughes from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson delivered a presentation on the Restore Louisiana – Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program as a part of the APPJ's citizen participation efforts for the grant. Mr. Hughes discussed the amount of the allocation received by APPJ to respond to the disaster impacts of Hurricanes Laura and Delta, the range of eligible activities that may be undertaken, how the Police Jury must follow the Uniform Relocation Act for persons who may be actually displaced as a result of program activities, and the program National Objective of benefitting LMI persons. Mr. Hughes noted that the Police Jury has successfully participated in the "regular" State CDBG program. Mr. Hughes took comments and questions from meeting attendees. Potential projects that were discussed included building a rail terminal, renovating the Parish Registrar of Voters building including removal of architectural barriers for the elderly and disabled, and fixing/improving streets and bridges.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt resolution for Citizen Participation Program.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt resolution for the Procurement Policy.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held October 2, 2023 and special meeting held October 23, 2023.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Scott Equipment \$1,807.93 for parts to repair the motor grader for RD1.
- 2) Approve to pay Southern Tire Mart \$1,979.62 for backhoe tires for RD5.
- 3) Approve to pay Bayou Forest \$2,112.00 for pilings for Chinquapin Creek Bridge in RD1.
- 4) Approve to pay Covington Sales & Service \$1,642.01 for parts to repair the pot hole patcher in RD3.
- 5) Approve to pay Covington Sales & Service \$5,814.93 for parts to repair the boom axe in RD5.

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 November, 2023.
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Town of Oberlin for material, labor and equipment to repair JJ Storer Road.
- 3) Approve a JSA with the Town of Oberlin and with the Allen Parish Ambulance Service for material and equipment to repair a section of Tiger Lane.

Motion by Mr. Vizona seconded by Mr. Ardoin 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.

Recognized Jackie Reviel with the Allen Parish Hospital.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of \$500,000 of Water Revenue Bonds for West Allen Parish Water District.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve a special event permit for the Festival Fete Du Void/2023 Krampus Gumbeaux Cook-Off at the Hardwood Mill Restaurant in Oakdale for December 8 – December 9.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to call for a public hearing to abandon a portion of Shorty Odom Road and George Turner Road.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to call for a public hearing to adopt the 2024 Budget.

Discussed the burn ban.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to adopt a resolution approving the annual certification of compliance with the State of La for the Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to adopt a resolution to award the Hometown Revitalization Grant Engineering Services.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to authorize to bid the Park Road Bridge project.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to advertise RFQ for Airport Consultant and Engineers.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to advertise for 6-month bids.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to approve the resignation of Adam Hussong from the Water District 1 Board and appoint Caleb Hussong to complete his term.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to accept the resignation of Weston Monceaux from the Bayou Blue Drainage District and appoint Sherwin Carrier to complete his term.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to appoint Emily Earl to the Allen Parish Library Board for a 5-year term.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to approve to amend the existing policy on sexual harassment to include a mandatory State approved sexual harassment training course.

Recognized Mrs. Sonnier to present the monthly inmate report. Expenses for the month of October 2023 totaled \$15,836.53. We are under budget \$8,996.81 for the month and under budget \$6,812.51 for the year. Currently there are 96 Parish and 8 DOC.

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

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:
