

POLICE JURY MEETING –October 2, 2023

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, October 2, 2023 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

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

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 abandon a portion of James Goode Road off of Gabe Briscoe Road.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to adopt an ordinance to abandon a portion of James Goode Road off of Gabe Briscoe Road.

Held a public hearing for the FY 2020 LCDBG Closeout.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ruffin and carried to approve the FY 2020 LCDBG Closeout.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held September 5th, 2023 & September 14th, 2023.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay Doggett Machinery \$4,742.96 for parts to repair a backhoe for RD5.
- 2) Approve to pay Doggett Machinery \$13,736.00 for a thumb for the backhoe at Oberlin Solid Waste.
- 3) Approve to pay Scott Equipment \$5,106.82 to replace the under carriage on a track hoe for RD2.
- 4) Approve to pay Southern Tire Mart \$1,790.00 for dump truck tires for RD3.
- 5) Approve to pay H&E Equipment \$2,490.82 for a thumb and pin for a track hoe for Solid Waste.
- 6) Approve to pay River Runs Dirt Services \$67,748.38 to build a concrete ramp for Solid Waste at Oakdale.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin 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 October, 2023.

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

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

Recognized Mr. Bruce Emley with Waste Connections.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to approve to table the discussion of liquidated damages in the amount of \$14, 315.99 from Waste Connections until November 2023 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to call for a public hearing for the LCDBG 2024-2025 Cycle.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to call for a public hearing to discuss precinct mergers.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to award the vegetation management contract to EDKO.

Discussed burn ban.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to approve to adopt a resolution to designate the Parish Administrator to act in behalf of the Allen Parish Police Jury in matters pertaining to the CEA 50-J02-23-02 Road Rehabilitation and the CEA 50-J02-23-01 Bridge Improvements.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to adopt a resolution approving and adopting a Comprehensive Master Plan for Allen Parish.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to adopt a resolution to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for boat ramp.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to approve Matt Fontenot to be moved from contract to part time employee with no change in pay or benefits.

Recognized Mrs. Sonnier to present the monthly inmate report. Expenses for the month of September 2023 totaled \$37,195.72. We are over budget \$12,36.38 for the month and over budget \$2,184.30 for the year. Currently there are 100 Parish and 4 DOC.

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

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:
