

POLICE JURY MEETING – March 4, 2024

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, March 4, 2024 at the hour of 6:30pm.

Present: Anthony Hebert, Heath Ardoin, Allen Courville, Joe Perkins, Rolland Hollins and Adam Hussong. Absent: Ruffin George

Motion by Mr. Sanders 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. Sanders and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held on February 5, 2024.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay George Edward Fruge \$3,700.00 to remove a pine tree and grind the stump at the LSU Ag Center.
- 2) Approve to pay Evangeline Specialties \$1,802.04 for signs for RD2.
- 3) Approve to pay Doggett \$1,704.29 for cutting edges for Motor Grader.
- 4) Approve to increase the invoice approval limit from \$1,500 to \$2,000 due to inflation.
- 5) Approve to pay DJ Bell Dirt, Inc \$3,000.00 to remove existing and install 2 new 60' 72" pipe on South Little Mill Road drainage ditch. This includes 2 Excavators with operators.
- 6) Approve to pay DJ Bell Dirt, Inc \$3,000.00 to remove existing and install 1 new 60' 72" pipe on North Little Mill Road drainage ditch. This excludes 2 Excavators with operators.

Motion by Mr. Hollins 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 March, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried to accept the recommendations of the Finance 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.

Motion by Mr. Hollins seconded by Mr. Courville and carried to authorize a letter of inquiry to be sent to the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.

Recognized the West Allen Parish Water Board.

Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried to appoint Rust Reeves to the West Allen Parish Water Board.

Recognized Larry Singleton to discuss a potential boat ramp at Carpenters Bridge.

Recognized Liz Todd with the South Central Planning and Development Commission to discuss the Restore La Business Loan Program.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried to approve to ask for the public service commission and legislative branch to look into the excessive charges on electrical bills.

Discuss Civic Center cleaning fee. The Jury will recommend the Board to amend the lease agreement to include cleaning fees.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried to adopt a resolution of participation with the Acadiana Watershed District and appoint Tyler Tullier as board member.

Motion by Mr. Hollins seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to approve a CEA with Oxy Petroleum for repairs to Turner Road.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Hussong and carried to accept the Airport Boards recommendation to award ICE the Master Service Agreement for Engineers for Airport projects and services and to authorize the Police Jury President to sign agreement.

Motion by Mr. Hussong seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried to hire Arnold Conn as a part time grader operator to be used parish wide on an as need basis for \$16.17 an hour contingent upon meeting hiring requirements.

Recognized Mrs. Colleen Sonnier for the inmate report. Expenses for the month of February 2024 totaled \$15,738.26. We are under budget \$4,982.05 for the year. Currently there are 105 Parish and 2 DOC inmates.

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

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

1. Approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement with the Workforce for 2024.

Motion by Mr. Hollins seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement with the Workforce for 2024.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried to add item to the agenda:

1. Call for a public hearing to change the Allen Parish Police Jury monthly meeting time.

Motion by Mr. Courville seconded by Mr. Hollins and carried approve to call for a public hearing to change the Allen Parish Police Jury monthly meeting time.

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

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Allen Parish Police Jury  
President

ATTEST:

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Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer