

Tallulah, Louisiana
January 9, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, January 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. The roll call followed the announcement of a quorum. The following members were present at roll call:

District 1 Vacant
District 2 Stanley Ogden
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: J. Gibson, M. Abendroth, F. Eubanks, T. Trichell, J. Sims, C. Machen, B. Bell

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. Sanders acting as chair for the organizational meeting declared all offices vacant.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to have all offices remain the same as 2022. (Ms. Sanders as president, Mr. Hughes as vice-president and Mr. Ogden as Finance Chairman) Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

A Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting to allow for comments on agenda items received no comments.

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (December 19th minutes, December Building and Garbage /Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report) A motion was made by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the consent agenda. No discussion. Motion passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked for permission to pay all invoices based on available funds. The President asked for a motion to pay outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. A motion was offered by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Ms. Buchanan pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion passed.

The jurors were also informed that a total of \$52,900.48 in Sales Taxes and AIO fees were collected for November and December. Also, the Parish has been approved for an LGAP Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for road repairs.

Each juror gave a report of concerns in their district.

Mr. Eubanks of Northeast Louisiana Alliance appeared before the jury to discuss supporting a new occupant, RailCarCo, at the Madison Parish Port. \$134,000 is needed to make necessary replacement & improvements to allow for expanding to the next level of production. The proposal is for the Police Jury to bear 1/3, Madison Port 1/3, and RailCarCo 1/3 of the project cost.

Filling the vacancies for District 1 Police Juror and Districts 1 and 3 Constable were table until the next meeting.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to offer a resolution (Appendix A) certifying Section 125 Premium Only Plan for Plan year ending January 31, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approval North LA Criminalistics Lab Amended 2022 Budget and their 2023 proposed Budget. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the proposal by the Sheriff to build a car wash station on the grounds of the jail behind the Courthouse Annex Building at their office expense. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to submit the necessary assurances to DOTD's Right of Way Section to confirm the Parish's anticipation in obtaining Federal participation in any transportation related projects for the calendar year. No discussion. Motion carried.

During public comments, Joy Sims updated the jurors on Healthy Community Project, physical activity, that the LSU Ag Center was working on for the parish.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President