

Tallulah, Louisiana
January 23, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, January 23, 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 Jerry Hicks
District 2 Stanley Ogden
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: M. Harris, J. Sims

No one signed up for Public Comment.

The President asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Ms. Myra Harris to the agenda. Mr. Hughes made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wilson. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 yes
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes

No further discussion. Motion passed.

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (approval of January 9th, 11th and 18th, 2023 minutes and approval of December Financial Activity Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report). A motion was made by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Hicks to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the request to pay outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Dew informed the jurors that \$52,900.48 in AIO and Sales Taxes were collected in November and December.

The Parish received their first payment from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) on January 17th in the amount \$239,298.48. As discussed prior to the application, the funds would be used to assist in the repairs needed on Port Road. Mr. Wilson made a motion to amend the agenda to accept the LATCF report, seconded by Mr. Ogden. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 yes
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes

No further discussion. Motion passed.

The Secretary shared with the jurors the email received from Jeff Toms, who is with the LA Dept. of Health. The State is proposing to partner with Ochsner to provide the citizens of Madison Parish with telehealth. If agreeable Madison Parish would be a pilot parish. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to participate in the pilot program when offered. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Each juror gave a report of concerns in their district, followed by the Superintendent's report.

McKinney Oil and Texaco Companies requested the removal of garbage fees from their water bills. Confirmation was received that they utilize a dumpster service from Waste Connections of Louisiana, Inc. Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to have Tallulah Water Service remove garbage fees from their water bills effective February 1, 2023. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Jurors were informed that Workforce Investment is proposing to implement a CDL Program that will pay for individuals to obtain their CDL license, in a 4week day program or 10-week night or weekend program. The Parish cost share would be as a in-kind service, by continuing to pay them while they train. Mr. Epps would need to provide a listing to the jurors of the individuals interested in the participating. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to participate in the program. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 yes
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes

Clarification of the motion was made that all individuals are required to obtain their license unless they are disabled or physically impaired. Motion passed.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to contact Volkert to determine if they will prepare applications for FY 2023 RAISE Grant Program, and if so to prepare one for Madison. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Ms. M. Harris appeared before the jury to request them to partnership with the school to establish and secure sheltered bus stops for the students. Miss J. Sims elaborated on Ms. Harris' request. The two will meet to discuss the request and get back with the jurors.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President