

Tallulah, Louisiana  
May 22, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, May 22, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and Juror Hughes 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: S. Hutchinson, B. Bell, M. Jr. Williams, A. Bugby, T. Johnson, L. Lee, B. Kiomara

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 (approval of April 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> minutes with correction noted, approval of April Building, Financial Activity Report, Garbage/Sewer Report, and the Outstanding Invoice Report). A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. Motion passed.

The President informed the jurors that GOHSEP has given Madison under DR-4611 Hurricane Ida, a federal allocation of \$1,000,000.00 for project cost. Hunt, Guillot & Associates have contacted the Parish to offer their project management services. The program management costs are not included as part of the allocation as they are funded from a separate pot of money and paid at 100% by FEMA. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to take advantage of HGA's services under their GOHSEP contract and to authorize President Sanders to sign the necessary documents. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to grant the Secretary permission to confer with ServPro to inspect the offices on the lower west end of the building for mold and

to determine the air quality. Once the report is received the Secretary is authorized to have it corrected. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Each juror gave a report of concerns in their district.

Mr. Ogden led the discussion of garbage billing errors on Terral Farms water bills. Terral had been overcharged \$135 per month since 2018. Following a discussion of the matter, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to give Terral a credit for only three years toward future billings. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

Following a discussion on the need for a motor grader, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to authorize the Superintendent to lease a new 2023 motor grader. No further discussion. Motion passed.

After a discussion regarding Sam's Club membership, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to reimburse Mr. Epps for the cost of the one-year membership. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Mr. Epps requested to use the tractor dedicated for cutting the sewage plant to use for parish-wide cutting since one of Public Works machines were down. Moving forward Public Works will do all the mowing.

Ms. S. Hutchinson appeared before the jury to discuss her termination at Madison Parish Hospital. She was referred back to Madison Parish Hospital Service District Board.

Ms. T. Johnson of the Tourism office gave an update on a recent conference she attended. One of the items of interest was the status of broadband in the parish and the provider. Also, she gave an update on Juneteenth activities. One of the activities was an exhibit of inventions by black inventors. A contribution of \$500 was requested from the Parish to bring the exhibition to Tallulah. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to contribution the \$500 to bring the exhibit to Tallulah. 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.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint the Madison Journal as the official journal. No discussion. Motion passed.

As part of the millage process, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Ogden and seconded by Mr. Hughes:

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 07**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Madison Parish Police Jury:

MILLAGE

General Fund – Inside	1.63 mills
General Fund – Outside	3.27 mills
Library	3.56 mills
Library - 2002	1.94 mills
Health Unit	1.18 mills
Health Unit - 2002	1.50 mills
Courthouse & Jail	2.71 mills
Courthouse & Jail - 2007	7.00 mills
Garbage Collection	9.03 mills
Roads, Bridges, Drainage	17.10 mills
E-911	2.90 mills
Madison Voluntary Council on Aging	1.00 mills
Parish of Madison Public Transportation	1.00 mill
Fire	2.00 mills

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Hicks, Ogden, Wilson, Hughes, Sanders
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

There was no discussion of correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders  
President