

Tallulah, Louisiana
July 10, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, July 10, 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: G. Marsh, L. Young, G. Shepherd, C. Norris, B. Bell, F. Saldana, F. Young,
D. Williams, D. Frazier, J. Davis, Jr., K. Epps, H. Allen

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 June 12th minutes, June Building 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.

Mr. Shepherd of Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry appeared before the jurors to expound on a concern/complaint that was received regarding the spraying of the bayou. His presence to let the jury know that he was offering to assist in getting the bayou cleaned up and will contact Wildlife & Fisheries to aid.

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

Following a lengthy discussion of the billing of garbage on Terral Farms, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that Walnut Bayou will bill for two garbage containers at that location. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Each juror gave a report of concerns in their district.

The Superintendent stated that the lease was up on the track hoe/excavator. After discussing his options, he requested permission for the parish to enter into a lease agreement for a new excavator at \$5,975 per mo. for 48 months, with no option to purchase at the end of the lease. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, 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 carried.

Mr. G. Marsh, representing Bear Lake Fire Department, gave an update on the fire department. As a result of their recent fire rating with PIAL they were required to provide updated digital copies of their boundaries. They have built a new station at the port Road. He submitted an amended boundary map and description for the jury's approval. (Refer to Appendix A.) Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to accept the amended boundaries, i.e. boundary map and description. No further discussion. Motion carried.

In response to a request from the Port Commission to reappoint Latasha Griffin, Donald Frazier, Isaiah Ross, Jim Tucker and Charles Vining, Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hick, to approve their request. 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 carried.

In addition, the port wished to fill the vacant seat of Harold Allen. There were two names submitted for the vacancy. The floor was opened for nominations. Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Williams and Mr. Ogden nominated Mr. Norris. Nominations were then closed.

Mr. Wilson offered a motion, to appoint Mr. Williams to fill the vacancy, seconded by Mr. Hicks. The roll call votes were as follows for Mr. D. Williams:

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

No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion to appoint Mr. Norris, there was no second, and the motion died for lack of a second.

Thus, Mr. Dave Williams was appointed to fill the vacancy on the port Commission created by Mr. Allen.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve VTR's Proposed 2024 Budget. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve a request for an occupational license to Carol's Pretty Pomeranians. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered for the following permanent polling location moves:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF
PRECINCTS 21 AND 22 POLLING PLACE**

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 18:401.2; authorizes a parish governing authority to change a polling place; and

WHEREAS, due to the closure of the current location, McCall Jr. High School at 900 West Askew St., Tallulah, LA Precincts 21 and 22 will need to be relocated; and

WHEREAS, Wright Elementary School, located at 901 Wyche Street, Tallulah, LA can accommodate additional precincts; and

BE IT ORDAINED, that Precincts 21 and 22 will relocate PERMANENTLY to Wright Elementary School; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison Parish Police Jury in legal session convened this 10th day of July 2023 that on motion by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Hughes, to adopt this resolution by the following vote(s)

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

There was no discussion of correspondence nor were there any public comments.

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President