

Tallulah, Louisiana
February 12, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 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 Mr. Jerry Hicks
District 2 Mr. Stanley Ogden
District 3 Mr. Dave Wilson
District 4 Mr. Johnny Hughes
District 5 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: R. L. Frazier, A. Jinks, J. Troy

No comments were made during the Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting that allows for comments on agenda.

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (January 22nd minutes, the January Garbage/Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. Frazier of LSU Ag Center announced that he will be retiring on February 25, 2024. He also introduced the new 4-H agent, Ms. A. Jinks.

Mr. R. Patterson was asked to update the jurors on the sewage conditions in the Chicago Street area.

There was no report by the President.

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

Jurors were informed of the approaching deadline for LGAP and CWEF applications. The Superintendent suggested a shed to protect the equipment. He was asked to obtain quotes to present to the Secretary in order to prepare an application.

Water companies were to be notified of the deadline for CWEF grant applications in the event they wished to have the Parish submit on their behalf.

There was a discussion of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program – Clearance Program Application Workshop. Since Mr. Waxman attends these workshops, it was suggested that he be contacted for input on the Clearance Program addressing the objective of eliminating or preventing slum and blight.

It was noted that Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilson attended the letting of projects by DOTD. In Madison Parish there were 4-5 projects scheduled for FY 2024-25.

In response to the Parish Superintendent requesting to promote Mr. Ford, Mr. Blanson and Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hicks offered a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. All promotions would be effective beginning the next pay period. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Epps also requested to hire two new employees, Mr. M. Hewitt and Mr. R. ONeal. Mr. Hewitt would be employed as a Laborer II at the range of 3-O and Mr. ONeal as a truck driver at the range of 6-O. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to hire both gentlemen at the suggested rates. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Epps also requested a 5% cost of living raise for all other employees, that would be effective next pay period. He stated that it was included in his 2024 budget. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the request. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to also give the Administrative Staff a 5% cost of living raise. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to extend D. Williams sick leave an additional six weeks without pay, but retaining his position. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to authorize the Parish Superintendent to purchase two tanks (one 4000-gallon tank for \$13,835 and an 8,000-gallon tank for \$27,400). No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Ogden offered a motion to adjourn.