

Tallulah, Louisiana  
May 13, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, May 13, 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: P. Oliveo, P. Candler, M. Rome, K. Epps, J. Jackson, C. Haywood

President Sanders requested a motion to amend the agenda to add Dr. Candler. Mr. Hicks offered the motion that was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1     yea  
District 2     yea  
District 3     yea  
District 4     yea  
District 5     yea

Motion carried.

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 (April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes, April Building Report, April Financials, April Garbage/Sewer Report, and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

The President briefed the jurors on her recent attendance at the Workforce Development Meeting.

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

On behalf of the LSU Ag Center the jurors renewed an agreement for the Risograph Machine. Mr. Ogden offered the motion and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

The Superintendent requested a pay raise for Mr. D. Williams, since it was on medical leave when the other employees received their increase. Mr. Hicks offered the motion and Mr. Ogden seconded the request. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Rome of Madison Voluntary Council on Aging (CoA) appealed to the jurors to allow the Public Works Department to relocate the culvert in the ditch adjacent to the new park across from CoA. Following discussion, Mr. Hicks offered the motion that was seconded by Mr. Ogden to grant the superintendent permission to relocate the culvert. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

District 1	yea
District 2	yea
District 3	yea
District 4	yea
District 5	yea

Motion carried.

The Madison Parish Port Commission Board requested that Curt Collins fill the vacancy that was opened due to the resignation of Mr. Charles Vining. Mr. Ogden offered the motion to appoint Mr. Collins that was seconded by Mr. Hughes. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

District 1	yea
District 2	yea
District 3	yea
District 4	yea
District 5	yea

Motion carried.

The jurors canvass the proceedings of the 4/27/24 election. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ogden and seconded by Mr. Hughes:

#### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish on SATURDAY,

APRIL 27, 2024 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION  
(FIRE MILLAGE)

Shall the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a special tax of 4 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$440,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, improving, operating and supporting fire protection facilities, equipment and services, including purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment, to provide fire protection within the Parish?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **361** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **270** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **91** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Madison, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:           Hicks, Ogden, Wilson, Hughes and Sanders

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:       None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Mr. Hughes offered the following resolution supporting the submission of an application by Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District, that was seconded by Mr. Hicks.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Madison Parish Police Jury that said Police Jury hereby supports the submission of a grant application by the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District to the United States Department of Transportation for the **USDOT FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Program** to conduct a regional safety plan and to authorize the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to provide any parish specific data necessary for the successful submission of the application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY**, do hereby approve the foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

After being read, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

Mr. Hughes also offered the following resolution supporting the submission of an application by Delta Bike Trail Commission, that was seconded by Mr. Hicks.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-6**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Madison Parish Police Jury that said Police Jury hereby supports the submission of a grant application by the Delta Bike Trail Commission to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation for the 2024 FHWA Recreational Trails Program for the Louisiana Program to construct a connector trail and/or trailhead within the Parish to provide improved access to the Delta Bike Trail currently being studied by DOTD and to authorize the administration to provide any data to the Delta Bike Trail Commission necessary for the successful submission of the application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY**, do hereby approve the foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

After being read, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the renewal of the Alcohol Beverage Permit for Meme's Country Store. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve a request for an Occupational License by Mahoney Tree Service LLC. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve a request for an Occupational License by Punjabi Dhaba of Tallulah LLC. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to appoint the Madison Journal as the Official Journal for the Parish. No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders  
President