

Tallulah, Louisiana
September 23, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met as Parish Board of Review and in its regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on September 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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 Absent
District 3 Mr. Dave Wilson
District 4 Mr. Johnny Hughes
District 5 Ms. Jane Sanders

Visitor: M. J. Williams, B. Rogers, J. Troy

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Madison Parish Police Jury convened as a Board of Review for the purpose of receiving comments and hearing complaints in regards to the ad valorem tax structure and the assessments as they pertain to a taxpayer's property.

No one physically appeared to protest the tax assessments. It is also noticed that no complaints or comments (written or oral) had been received prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Dew read the letter from the Tax Assessor.

She also reported that the amounts on the 2024 Grand Recap of Assessments had been certified. The taxpayer amount is \$12,564,348.04, not including homestead exemption. With home exemption it's \$14,180,574.78.

The President asked for a motion to issue a resolution for submission to the Louisiana Tax Commission the results of this Board of Review Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Walker to issue a resolution for submission to the Louisiana Tax Commission the results of the Board of Review meeting. No discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 Absent
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes
Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 09
Ad Valorem Taxation

WHEREAS, the Madison Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Review, as advertised, on Monday, September 23, 2024, to hear complaints from the taxpayers on the assessed valuation as fixed by the Madison Parish Assessor for the year 2024, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison Parish Police Jury sitting as a Board of Reviewers, that it accepts and approves the 2024 Grand Recap with the Taxable Value of \$113,927,628.00 as fixed by the Madison Parish Tax Assessor. There are no additional changes or corrections expected.

The Madison Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular board meeting, which convened on Monday, September 23, 2024 and the vote of the Police Jurors, thereon, was as follows:

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

The president asked for a motion to adjourn as Parish Board of Review and convene into the Police Jury’s regular session. A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ogden to adjourn as Parish Board of Review and convene into regular session. No discussion. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

President Sanders called the meeting to order.

The roll call followed the announcement of a quorum. The following members were present at roll call:

District 1 Mr. Jerry Hicks
District 2 Absent
District 3 Mr. Dave Wilson
District 4 Mr. Johnny Hughes
District 5 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: M. J. Williams, B. Rodgers, J. Troy

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

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (September 9th minutes, August Financial Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report). A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

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.

The Secretary informed the jurors that every four years the Assessors must reassess real property. State law provides that the tax collected in the year following a reassessment is adjusted so that it is equal to the tax collected the previous year on the same property tax base. The amount of millage is then adjusted up or down to satisfy this requirement. If the millage is lowered because of an increase in property values, it may be rolled up to the prior year's millage after a public hearing and approval by a 2/3 vote of the taxing authority. The Assessors must reassess personal property every year and the Louisiana Tax Commission reappraises public service property every year. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjust the millage rate based on the aforementioned circumstance. No discussion. Motion carried.

Following a discussion of the status of the Public Works Fund, it was noted that funds were not available at this time to cover the expense of the bayou cleanup. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$30,258.46 from the Building Fund to Public Works to cover their current payables. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

Jurors were previously presented with a draft of the Compensatory Time Policy. There was no further discussion of the policy and Mr. Hicks offered a motion to approve and adopt the policy in its current format, which was seconded by Mr. Hughes. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. B. Rogers, President of the Rotary Club, appeared before the jurors to request permission for the club to sell fish dinners on the courthouse square on Thursday, October 10, 2024. She also invited the jurors to become members of the organization, noting the meetings were held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12-1 p.m. at the truck stop. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to permit the Rotary Club to sell the dinners on that date. No discussion. Motion carried.

The jurors approved the annual renewal of the Madison Voluntary Council on Aging Transportation Agreement. Mr. Hughes offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to offer the following resolution.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2024-10

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the FY 2025-2026 with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas
- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Madison Parish Police Jury (Applicant)

1. That Mike Rome, Executive Director of the Madison Voluntary Council On Aging is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Madison Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That Mike Rome, Executive Director MVCOA is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That Mike Rome, Executive Director MVCOA is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That Mike Rome, Executive Director, The Madison Voluntary Council On Aging is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That Mike Rome, Executive Director, The Madison Voluntary Council On Aging is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Madison Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects and can sign all reports and vouchers for reimbursement.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to authorize Mr. M. Rome to be the signer on the above-mentioned agreement. No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margarett Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President