

Tallulah, Louisiana  
August 12, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and Mr. Hughes 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 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: K. Wilmore, T. Winstead, J. Oliveo, D. Beckham, N. Beckham, B. Schaufele, F. Hicks, A. Bridgewater and H. Allen

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 (July 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes, July Building, Financial, Garbage/Sewer Reports 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.

The President noted the completion of the work on DeSoto Street and the job well done.

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

The Treasurer informed the jurors of the withdrawal of funds totaling 1,215,815.62 from UBS Financial Services, Inc and transferred to Guaranty Bank, where the funds originated. A total of \$206,789.23 of interest had been earned. Guaranty is local and their rate(s) were comparable.

Jurors were also told of concerns expressed by Mr. Rome of the location of the fencing at the Meditation Park by the Council on Aging. The contractor's fence subcontractor has installed three sides of the fence in the wrong place. It is about 18" off on each side. The options presented were: 1) take the fence down and locate in the correct place, or 2) leave as is and place a rock border along the sides that will cut down on the mowing of the area. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, stating to allow Mr. Rome to work the concerns out with

the contractors, although it is the Parish's project it's at their location. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Parish Superintendent discussed the lease purchase of an International LT625 low boy tractor truck for \$2,521.84 per month. At the end of the lease period, the parish will own the piece of equipment.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

Fire chiefs from the various fire districts were present, at the jury's request, to discuss the payment of the statement from the Secretary of State office for the April 27, 2024 election. They decided to have a meeting to discuss the distribution of the funds upon receipt and payment of the statement for the election from the Secretary of State's Office.

Although it had been voted on to go ahead with the elevator repairs for the courthouse, Mrs. Sanders had not been authorized to sign the contract. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to authorize Mrs. Sanders to sign all necessary documents to proceed with the elevator repairs. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to authorize the introduction of an ordinance for vacant commercial property. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to pay for the DeSoto Street repairs using ARP funds. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilmore appeared before the jurors to thank them for their support of the donated bookmobile from Concordia Parish, that will be used for the extension of services on behalf of the Madison Parish Library to the community of Madison Parish..

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Mrs. Williams request for FMLA with a start date of July 3, 2024. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Mrs. Williams request. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1	yea
District 2	absent

District 3     yea  
District 4     yea  
District 5     yea

No further 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