

Tallulah, Louisiana
October 23, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, October 23, 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 Absent
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: A. Bagley, H. Allen, L. Bering

Present Sanders asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of the Love Louisiana Outdoors Project. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to amend the agenda. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1 Yea
District 2 Yea
District 3 Yea
District 4 Yea
District 5 Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Present Sanders asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of the Enterprise Zones. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to amend the agenda. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1 Yea
District 2 Yea
District 3 Yea
District 4 Yea
District 5 Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the Consent Agenda (the Outstanding Invoice Report). No discussion. Motion carried.

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

It was announced that the 2024 PJAL Annual Convention will be held at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Lake Charles, February 28 thru March 1, 2024.

The LITA Corporation workshop held in Rayville provided information that it will assist with grant writing, management and technical assistance. They provided assistance with submitting the Parish's Letter of Interest. Each jurisdiction will be assigned someone to work with and to develop a strategy. It was noted that they do not provide funding, but assistance in obtaining funding.

The Burn Ban is still in effect by the State.

Based upon the bids received for the Love Louisiana Project, Benchmark Construction Group of LA would be the low bidder, however, there was a discrepancy with their bid. The summary page of the Uniform Public Work Bid Form showed a bid amount that was different than the unit price form. Upon review by the parish attorney of the document and the engineer's opinion, it was his opinion that the bid submitted by Benchmark Construction should be considered non-responsive due to the discrepancies outlined by the engineer's letter dated 10/18/2023. Mr. Ogden followed with a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to award the bid to Womack & Sons. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror expressed concerns in their district.

Ms. L. Bering, District Director of Delta Agriculture Research & Sustainability District Board addressed the jurors regarding the organization and what they do. They were formed to assist the rural areas in northeast Louisiana and are focusing on building the economic development in the area.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to rescind the previous motion appointing Atty. Branson to the delta Agriculture Research & Sustainability District Board. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief H. Allen appeared before the jurors to discuss the need for an increase in their present millage. Following the discussion, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the request to place this before the voters of Madison Parish. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1	Yea
District 2	Yea
District 3	Yea
District 4	Yea
District 5	Yea

No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Permit for Farmers Club & Tavern. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve an Alcohol Beverage Permit for Farmers Club General Store. No discussion. Motion carried.

Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) is currently located in the parish and requesting a resolution to amend the program to include a bond to help stabilize the rates in our program. They currently have six downpayment and closing cost assistance programs that help home buyers in Madison Parish. They are opting to issue a bond to continue to further their mission. To offer this additional bond program, they are required to ask each parish to review and execute a resolution certificate. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the resolution submitted by CAFA. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to renew the Madison Voluntary Council on Aging Transportation Agreement by issuing a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation and Development for grants for FY 2024-2025. No discussion. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2023-14

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the FY 2022-2023 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. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to update to the list of eligible tracts in Madison's jurisdiction for the Enterprise Zone Incentive program, administered by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. No discussion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN CENSUS TRACT BLOCK GROUPS ENUMERATED BELOW AS ENTERPRISE ZONES, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1784, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that data from the most recent federal decennial census shall be applied in determining areas qualified for designation as enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designates the below enumerated tracts as Enterprise Zone eligible based upon the 2020 federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1785, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that the Louisiana Department of Economic Development shall only designate eligible block groups as Enterprise Z if the local governing authority agree to participate in the Enterprise Zone program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Madison Parish Police Jury, that:

Section 1. Madison Parish Police Jury wishes to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program”

Section 2. Madison Parish Police Jury agrees to assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

Section 3. Madison Parish Police Jury wishes to designate the following as Enterprise Zones:

Census Tract	Block Group
9602	1
9602	2
9603	1
9603	2
9603	3
9604	1
9605	1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

There were no public comments nor discussion of correspondence.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn