

Tallulah, Louisiana  
September 11, 2023

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, September 11, 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: S. Hopkins, J. Hogue, K. Marshall, B. Bell, L. Allen

A Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting to allow for comments on agenda items received no comments.

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (approval of August 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, August Building Report, Garbage/Sewer Report, and the Outstanding Invoice Report). A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Hicks to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to table discussion of Personnel policies for Consideration until the next meeting. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Mr. Hughes also offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to table the Grant Report until the next meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The president acknowledged the letter received from Terral Farms, Inc. requesting that the credit be refunded by check to Terral Farms. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to refund Terral Farms the \$4,860.00 for the error of overbilling. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1      yes  
District 2      no  
District 3      yes  
District 4      yes  
District 5      yes

No further discussion. Motion carried.

Regarding the Opioid Abatement Settlement, Mr. J. Hogue appeared before the jury to expound on Public Defender's Office role in being a part of the drug court team. His office was requested twenty-five percent (25%) (\$8,216.71) of the opiate settlement funding,

which is \$32,866.84. In addition, Delta Community Enhancement Community Program requested \$10,000 for substance abuse treatment services. It was suggested that they too receive 25% and the remaining 25% set aside for the consideration of Harm Reduction Vending Machines. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to award 25% for each entity and/or request. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1	yes
District 2	no
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	yes

No further discussion. Motion carried.

At the request of Representative Travis Johnson, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint Taryn Branson to the Delta Agriculture Research & Sustainability District Board. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The State recommended that the Scott Airport Committee open an account under the Police Jury to keep track of proceeds paid by tenants who use the ramp and property. The account would also be used for the 50% Reimbursement Program. The following resolution was offered:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting of the Madison Parish Police Jury (Jury) held on Monday, September 11, 2023, the jury authorized the Scott Airport Committee to open a checking account at Guaranty Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the account will be named Madison Parish Police Jury dba Scott Airport Committee; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that two (2) original signatures must appear on all checks drawn on an account of the Madison Parish Police Jury; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Steve Gustafson, Committee President, and Julie Gustafson, the Committee Secretary are authorized to sign all checks on this account. The Madison Parish Police Jury Secretary/Treasurer, Margaret Dew, is the designated alternate check signer.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Madison Parish Police Jury in legal session convened this 11th day of September 2023 that on motion by Mr. Hicks, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adopt this resolution by the following vote(s):

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

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to approve the Alcohol Beverage Permit Application for Ice Box of Tallulah, LLC. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The lease for the District Attorney's was presented for renewal. An increase of \$200 was noted. Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to authorize the president to sign the renewal for the leasing of the District Attorney. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1	yes
District 2	no
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	yes

No further discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to introduce the revision of the amendment of the code of ordinances relative to elections. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

#### NOTICE OF REVISED ORDINANCE

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OS THE PARISH OF MADISON, LOUISIANA RELATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND MERGER OF VOTING PRECINCTS.

A proposed ordinance bearing the above title was introduced at a regular meeting of the Madison Parish Police Jury on September 11, 2023. A Public Hearing will be held on the proposed revisions during the meeting of the Police Jury to be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023, in the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Courthouse Building. After the public hearing on the proposed revised ordinance the Police Jury will reconvene and consider its adoption.

There was no discussion of correspondence.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders  
President