

Tallulah, Louisiana
September 25, 2023

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 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Madison Parish Police Jury convened as a Board of Review (BoR) 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.

There was one written complaint received prior to the meeting. Cable One, Inc. submitted a Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review that was received by the BoR on September 21, 2023. Cable One has sought to acquire a reduction in valuation from business personal property taxes.

Mrs. Dew read the letter from the Tax Assessor.

She also reported that the amount of \$76,177,884.00 on the 2023 Grand Recap of Assessments had been certified.

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. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Hicks 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	yes
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	yes

Motion passed.

The president asked for a motion to adjourn as Parish Board of Review and the Police Jury convene into a Public Hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn as Parish Board of Review and convene into the public hearing. No discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted for the purposes of affording the public an opportunity to inspect and comment on the introduction of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Madison, Louisiana relative to the consolidation and merger of voting precincts..

No one appeared for the hearing and there were no written concerns received. A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the public hearing be closed. No discussion. Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION

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 Jerry Hicks
District 2 Stanley Ogden
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: 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 September 11th minutes and August Financial Report). A motion was made by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

The Parish will receive \$25,000 for the purpose of road repairs from Act 397, a line item of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

The Parish has been notified that it has a balance of \$1,322,205 from the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2023-2025 Priority. Since the replacement costs for the qualified structure exceeds the available funds, these funds are being banked for use in the future.

Regarding the 4611 Project, there were six locations (Annex, Library, Tallulah City Hall, Tallulah Community Center, Village of Richmond, and the Village of Delta) identified to receive generators if approved. No other information had been received for drainage or the early warning system.

Each juror gave a report of concerns in their district.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to rent a long reach excavator for four weeks. No discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 yes
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to adopt the ordinance providing for the merger and/or consolidation of certain voting precincts pursuant tot L.R.S. 18:532.1. No discussion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion of correspondence.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President