

Tallulah, Louisiana
January 22, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

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 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: G. Hall, E. Atcheson, J. Troy, F. Hicks and T. Johnson

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

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (January 8th minutes, the December Garbage/Sewer Report 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.

There was no report by the President.

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. Wilson, to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

After a discussion with the parish Superintendent regarding the need for a front-end loader, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to proceed with the purchase of the equipment using LATCF funds. The quoted cost by Louisiana Cat was \$159,501.24. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

Repairs to Lee Street was re-visited by the Superintendent. Dreher Contracting quoted the cost of repairs to be \$53,610.00. It was suggested that the cost of the necessary repairs be split between the City of Tallulah, the School Board and the Parish. The jurors agreed that Mr. Hicks and Mr. Wilson would present the proposal to the City of Tallulah and Mr. Wilson would present the proposal to the School Board. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

An overlay to Desoto Street was also discussed. The quoted cost for an overlay was \$68,450.00. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to make the necessary repairs to DeSoto Street. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

It was also noted that a statement from R. Denmon regarding the Brushy Bayou Gate replacement was that the contractor is still waiting for the gate lift to come in to begin work.

The Director of Madison Parish Office of Homeland Security, Ed Atcheson, appeared before the jurors to request use of the Parish fire station located on Hwy 577 near the intersection of Highway 80 west in Waverly. The location would be used to store vital supplies in case of a parish emergency. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve Mr. Atcheson's request. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion passed.

Ms. T. Johnson announced the Keep Louisiana Beautiful campaign to organize a cleanup or beautification event during Love the Boot Week, April 20-28. Early organizers would be given a cleanup kit. Following discussion of the event, it was agreed that Ms. Johnson would return to the next meeting with more information.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to submit the necessary assurances to DOTD's Right of Way Section to confirm the Parish's anticipation in obtaining Federal participation in any transportation related projects for the calendar year. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire required for the annual audit. No discussion. Motion passed.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, authorizing the parish to sell the E ½ lot 7, Ward 1 of Van Zelfden Addition to N. D. Larry for the consideration of \$1,666.66. Following discussion, motion carried. (Refer to Ordinance 2024-01.)

At the request of Delta Community Action Association, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to re-appoint the following members to their board:

Ms. Jane Sanders	District 5
Ms. Ora Collins	District 3
Ms. Virginia Peebles	District 1
Mr. Mike Rome	District 2

No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.