

Tallulah, Louisiana
March 27, 2024

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, March 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.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 Mr. Stanley Ogden
District 3 Mr. Dave Wilson
District 4 Mr. Johnny Hughes
District 5 Mrs. Jane Sanders

Visitors: J. Troy,

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 (March 11th minutes, February Financials, January 202 Financials, and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the Consent Agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

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.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the Secretary's Report.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

The president asked the Board to support the HELPER Act, a bill to make homes more affordable for Louisiana law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and preL-12 teachers. The bill would create a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to send a letter of support to our Congressional representatives. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion carried.

In response to a request from the parish superintendent, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to grant him permission to hire two laborers, M. Skinner and J. Davis. They will began work on April 3rd at a rate of \$15.83 per hour. No discussion. Motion carried.

The parish superintendent informed the jurors that the three trucks that he had been given permission to purchase were ready for delivery. The cost was \$56,000.00 per truck, noting that the total cost was \$168,000.00.00. The secretary/treasurer stated that the purchase would be covered by LATCF. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to proceed with the purchase. No discussion. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of the financial aspects of the use of the dozer. It was agreed that the parish should continue to lease the dozer at \$2,126.00 per month. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The superintendent stated that had been informed that everything was in to repair the gate of the dam.

The president suggested that the parish authorize Dr. P. Candler make application to DRA for renovation of the old health unit. Mr. Hughes offered the motion to accept the president’s suggestion, and it was seconded by Mr. Wilson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to authorize the LSU/SU AgCenter Research & Extension office to use the courtyard on Monday, April 22nd, for the 4-H Pet Parade and Earth Day Celebration. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to purchase a new refrigerator for the Extension office. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughes offered the following resolution to renew the contract with the Police Jury and the State Department of Health for the WIC Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Madison Parish Police Jury that said Police Jury hereby authorizes its President, Jane Sanders, as signatory part to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Parish of Madison and the State of Louisiana Department of Health, for nutrition services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the federal monthly appropriation of \$4,386.67 be used for the eligible participants of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogden offered the following the proclamation for National Fair Housing Month, seconded by Mr. Wilson. No discussion. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

April, 2024

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

WHEREAS, strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the 56^h Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice – selection of the home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana, are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Sanders., President of Madison Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the Parish of Madison, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this state to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Issued 27th day of March 2024

/s/Jane Sanders, President
Madison Parish Police Jury

Mr. Ogden offered the following the proclamation for National Community Development Month, seconded by Mr. Hughes. No discussion. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

April 2024

“PARISH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH”

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided Madison Parish with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents by funding sewer, water, and street improvement projects, clearance/demolition, and Make a Difference projects; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the Nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Sanders., President of Madison Parish Police Jury, by virtue of the authority vested in me do proclaim the month of April 2024, as

“PARISH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH”

within Madison Parish, and call upon all citizens of this community to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program and the important role it plays in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of Madison Parish to be affixed this 27th day of March 2024.

Issued 27th day of March, 2024

/s/Jane Sanders., President
Madison Parish Police Jury

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

Mr. Ogden offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President