

Tallulah, Louisiana
April 14, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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 Jerry Hicks
District 2 Absent
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: J. Troy, X. Bell, R. Denmon and K. Sterling

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

President Sanders requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (March 24th minutes, February Building Reports, March Financials, March Garbage and 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer requested permission to pay all invoices based on available funds. A motion was offered by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Hicks, to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district, followed by a report from Superintendent.

Mr. Randy Denmon of Volkert addressed the concerns of the jurors in regards to the Brushy Bayou Dam.

Mrs. Sterling, Assistant Director at Madison Parish Port, approached the jurors requesting the Parish to support the Madison Parish Port's DRA Application for facility and rail improvements. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks to issue letters of support to reflect support of the application and project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

No discussion. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Wilson:

RESOLUTION 2025-07

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3 (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 7 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$796,200 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, to be used for constructing, improving, equipping, operating, maintaining and supporting the Madison Parish Courthouse and Jail?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3 (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 1.18 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$134,200 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of supporting the general fund?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3 (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 9.03 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,027,100 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, to be allocated as follows: 50% for providing and maintaining garbage collection and disposal services and 50% for constructing, improving, equipping, operating and maintaining public works and roads of the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 North Cedar Street, Tallulah, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Madison Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Madison Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Hicks, Wilson, Hughes and Sanders

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ogden

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of April, 2025.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Consortium Agreement along with nine other parish presidents, establishing the Local Workforce Development Area #83, and to authorize President to sign the agreement. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adopt Ordinance 2025-01, authorizing the Madison Parish Police Jury to sell the property at the municipal address of 711 Van Zelfren, that the Parish Attorney approved as to legal form. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adopt the revised Driver Safety Policy as recommended by the insurance carrier. No discussion. Motion carried.

Ms. Bell approached the jurors to obtain their decision on supporting the Juneteenth event. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilso, to donate \$500 to the event as requested initially by the Tourism Office. No discussion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion of correspondence.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion to adjourn.