

Tallulah, Louisiana
May 12, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, May 12, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Vice-President Hughes 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 Absent

Visitors: J. Troy, F. Hicks, A. Jinks, W. Wallace, M.J. Williams

Mr. S. Ogden arrived at 4:04 p.m.

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

Vice-President Hughes requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (April 28th minutes, April Building Reports, Financials, Garbage and Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson, 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. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hicks, to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Following discussion of uniform shirts for the Administration Office, Mr. Hicks offered a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson, to grant permission to purchase uniform shirts for the staff from the Sales Tax or Building Fund. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

During the discussion of East Bear Lake Road, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to cleanout the ditch on East Bear Lake. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Epps requested permission to enter into a 36-month lease for a new Kobelco SK 140 SR Excavator, for \$2,950.00 per month. Following discussion, Mr. Hicks offered a motion to approve the lease that was seconded by Mr. Wilson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jinks and Mr. Wallace of LSU Extension Office gave a brief report of the activities that he youth have been involved in this past year.

Upon review of the Capitalization Policy, Mr. Ogden offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks to Revise the amount to capitalize items from \$2,000 to \$5,000. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary read a request from Mr. A. Rollins expressing interest in purchasing the old health unit. Mr. Wilson motioned to contact the historical society prior to responding to Mr. Rollins request. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-08

A resolution approving the holding of an election in the Madison Parish Communications District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Communications District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Madison Parish Communications District (the "District"), adopted a resolution on May 8, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 11, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to give its consent and authority for the District to hold the said election, and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Communications District, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Madison Parish Communications District (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 3 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$341,000 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 acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating an enhanced 911 telephone system (including the payment of necessary dispatch personnel), in the Parish?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

There was no discussion of correspondence or public comments.

Mr. Ogden offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Johnny Hughes
Vice-President