

Tallulah, Louisiana  
May 27, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, May 27, 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 Stanley Ogden  
District 3 Dave Wilson  
District 4 Johnny Hughes  
District 5 Jane Sanders

Visitors: T. Holdiness, M. Clay, P. Candler, K. Wilmore, C. Collins, K. Sterling, F. Williams, M. Williams, S. Fountain, E. Fountain

President Sanders requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the discussion of Port Road. Mr. Hicks offered the motion that was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The president also requested a motion to amend the agenda to add Dr. P. Candler. Mr. Hughes offered the motion that was seconded by Mr. Hicks. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

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 (April 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, March Building Reports, 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. 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.

The Parish Superintendent requested permission to hire 2 tractor driver M. Artis and D. Young) at \$15.83 an hour, effective 5/28/25. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the superintendent's request. Following a brief discussion. Motion carried.

The Superintendent also request to increase M. Hewitt, a laborer with his CDL, salary to \$16.62 an hour. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the superintendent's request. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sterling appeared before the jury to discuss the current condition of Port Road. The discussion was centered around sharing the costs of the repairs, the culverts and the road. Following the discussion, Mrs. Sterling was to confer with the Port Commission and return to the Police Jury.

Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to purchase three culverts for Port Road for \$8,625.00. No discussion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Superintendent informed the jurors of the need for a new flatbed vehicle for Public Works. He was advised to obtain quotes for presentation to the jurors.

In accordance with R.S. 43:141 and R.S. 43:150, Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to appoint the Madison Journal as the parish's official journal for the next year. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Ogden, to appoint F. Williams, A. Fountain, R. Fletcher and J. Murray to the Recreation Board to serve for a period of 4 years. No discussion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The following individuals, K. Wilmore, M. Williams, R. Morris, L. Harvey, and A. Cooper were also appointed to the Madison Parish Economic Development Board for a period of 4 years. No discussion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

District 5        yea  
Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adopt an ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hughes, authorizing Madison Parish Police Jury to sell adjudicated property at 406 W. Levee Street to B. Lee since all requirements had been met. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

District 1        yea  
District 2        yea  
District 3        yea  
District 4        yea  
District 5        yea  
Motion carried.

Dr. Candler appeared before the jurors to request formal support for the Joseph Candler, Jr. Memorial Foundation's proposal to the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Community Infrastructure Fund to establish the ***Tallulah Commons: Resilience and Opportunity Center*** in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

There was no discussion of correspondence.

During public comments, Mr. M. Clay addressed the jury regarding concerns of the condition of Sharkey Road.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders  
President