

Tallulah, Louisiana
August 11, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, August 11, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Juror Hughes. 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: K. Sterling, C. Haywood, I. Ross, T. Holiness, M. Williams

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 (July 28th minutes, July Building Report, Bank Balances and Investment Report, Garbage/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 requested permission to pay all outstanding 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.

There was a discussion regarding the use of AIO Taxes to purchase equipment for Public Works. It was first suggested that funds be used to purchase an Asphalt Zipper. The Superintendent suggested discontinuing leasing the two dump trucks and use the funds to purchase the trucks at a cost of \$82,000.00 each. The trucks are currently under warranty until 2026. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to purchase the dump trucks. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Mrs. Williams gave highlights from the Parish Administrative Conference attended by the Administrative Staff.

The jurors were informed that the FY 2024-2025 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) application submitted on behalf of the Madison Parish Port had been approved in an amount up to \$100,000.00. Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to authorize the President to sign all documents pertaining to the grant as necessary. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sterling and Rev. Ross of the Port Commission asked the Police Jury to assist the Port in submitting an application for a grant to the Delta Regional Authority. The grant would be in the amount

of \$500,000.00 to construct a turning lane off Hwy 65 into the Port. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hicks reported on he and Mrs. Williams met with the Ms. Lewis, Interim Mayor of the City of Tallulah and Ms. Ramshur, Supervisor at Tallulah Water, regarding the outstanding Tallulah water bill for the jail. Their discussion included review of the jail's water billing history and resulted in the City of Tallulah agreeing to reduce the bill by 50%.

Mrs. Haywood acknowledged the work the Parish was doing in Buckner. She also stated that she would be willing to assist in identifying owners of properties that are vacant and overgrown in Buckner.

Mr. Hughes stated that Weed Pro had been contacted to spray approximately three miles of bayou on both sides from the dam to the end of the bayou at the barbed wire fence. He also had spoken to the City of Tallulah and they were agreeable to share 50% of the cost of the application, which is \$4,000.00. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to proceed with the spraying. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve a request to relocate Precinct 3 (Warsaw) polling location from the Warsaw Fire Station to the Warsaw Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. No discussion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion of correspondence or public comments.

Mr. Hicks offered a motion to adjourn.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President