

Tallulah, Louisiana
October 13, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, October 13, 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, K. Sterling, M. J. Williams, K. Wilmore

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 (September 22nd minutes, September Building, Financials, Garbage/Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report.). A motion was made by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Hicks, 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. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Jurors were reminded of the LRPIC Educational Seminar scheduled for October 30th.

It was noted that the Madison Parish Police Jury is the recipient of a line-item appropriation contained in Act 461 of the 2025 RLS, in the amount of \$20,000. The money has to be expended for road repairs. On motion given by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was agreed to use the funds to repair East Bear Lake Road. No discussion. Motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning the need for repairs to the tracks of the dozer. Since the funds in the Building Account was not designated for a specific purpose Mr. Hughes suggested that the cost of the repairs be taken from the Building Account, Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. No further discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1 yes
District 2 yes
District 3 yes
District 4 yes
District 5 yes

Motion carried.

The jurors discussed the upcoming repairs to the courthouse roof. Mr. Hughes offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to waive the permit fee due from the contractor to the parish. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary read a correspondence from Attorney Andrews concerning the use of funds in the Health Unit Account for repairs to the old Health Unit. He stated that since the building in question is no longer used by the Health Unit and upon renovation would still not be used by the Health Unit, the funds from the Health Unit tax could not be utilized to make improvements on the building in question.

Mayor Lewis informed the jurors that the city had received a Brownfield Assessment Grant and would like to include the old health unit as one of the properties to be assessed. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to permit the old health unit to be included in the process. No further discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1	yes
District 2	yes
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	yes

Motion carried.

Mrs. Sterling of the Madison Parish Port presented the jurors with a proposal for the Police Jury to hire an operator, whose time would be shared with both the Parish and with the Port. The Port will pay half the salary and benefits of the employee. In addition, the Port will purchase the equipment to be used and that it will be housed at the Parish Barn. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden to accept the Port's proposal. No further discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1	yes
District 2	yes
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	nay

Motion carried.

At 5:03 p.m. Mr. Ogden offered a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Mr. Hughes. No discussion. Motion carried.

At 5:15 p.m. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to return to regular session. No discussion. Motion carried.

At the recommendation of the parish attorney, Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ogden to terminate Mr. D. Williams' employment with the Parish. No discussion. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

District 1	yes
District 2	yes
District 3	yes
District 4	yes
District 5	yes

Motion carried.

There being no other business up for discussion there was a request for adjournment. Mr. Ogden offered a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President

