

Tallulah, Louisiana
December 8, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, December 8, 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 Stanley Ogden
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Absent

Visitors: T. Holdiness, K. Sterling, H. Haywood

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

The vice-president requested to amend the agenda to add the Port Commission. On motion by Mr. Hicks, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the agenda was amended. The roll call was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Vice-President Hughes requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (November 24th minutes, Building 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.

Mr. Hughes reported that he and Juror Wilson attended a LA DOTD meeting and received information on bridges on West Bear Lake Rd., four Highway 80 projects and the bike trail project.

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

The Secretary also presented the following resolution to authorize the E-911 Communications District to administer its millage.

RESOLUTION 2025-15A

WHEREAS the Madison Parish Police Jury is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, authorized to levy property taxes for the Parish of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Parish Police Jury does not collect, distribute or handle the public funds pertaining to taxation for E-911; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to not one statute but rather a framework allowing local governments to agree to share or transfer millage administration under general intergovernmental relations laws, subject to oversight by the Legislative Auditor's office; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Parish Police Jury has determined that the efficient administration of the millage for E-911 can be better managed by the E-911 Communications District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Madison Parish Police Jury, that:

1. The Madison Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes and directs the E-911 Communications District to assume the responsibility
2. The millage rate to be levied shall be 2.96 mills for the 2025 tax roll; and the authorized approved millage rate in future years
3. The Madison Parish Police Jury delegates the authority to set, adopt, and certify this and future millages to the E-911 Communication District
4. The Secretary/Treasurer is authorized to execute necessary documents

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, following all applicable public notice and hearings

M. Hicks offered the motion, No discussion. Motion carried.

The jurors also adopted the following annual resolution for the state's off-system bridge replacement program for the fiscal year 2026. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2025-17

INITIAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges is under the authority of Madison Parish, in accordance with those Standards delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Madison Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF MADISON, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 8th day of December, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by the DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically

- reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings.
3. All parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and
 4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
 5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridges Replacement Program. No discussion. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Sterling, director of the Madison Parish Port Commission presented their annual report.

During public comment, Mr. Herman Haywood inquired about the cleanup timeline for the Buckner area.

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

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Johnny Hughes
Vice-President