

Tallulah, Louisiana
December 22, 2025

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, December 22, 2025.

Vice-President Hughes called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted for the purposes of affording the public an opportunity to inspect and comment on the proposed budget for 2026.

No one appeared for the hearing and there were no written concerns received. A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the public hearing be closed. No discussion. Motion passed.

REGULAR MEETING

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: K. Sterling, H. Allen, J. Olivier, T. Winstead, H. Haywood

Vice-President Hughes asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of the Fire Protection. Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to amend the agenda. Upon a roll call, the votes were as follows:

District 1 Yea
District 2 Absent
District 3 Yea
District 4 Yea
District 5 Absent

No discussion. Motion carried.

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

The vice-president announced that the Delta Biker's Trail Commission Quarterly Board Meeting would be held on January 8th in Vidalia.

Vice-President Hughes requested the approval of the Consent Agenda (December 8th minutes, November Financials, 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 asked for permission to pay all 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.

Fire Chief Harold Allen of the Tallulah Fire Department appeared before the jurors to discuss the omission of the additional 2 mills from the recent tax notices. He stated that the funds were needed to complete projects that the various fire departments were already obligated to pursue based under the assumption of 4 mills being collected and distributed. It was agreed that the Secretary/Treasurer would make the necessary contacts to determine the required steps to pursue obtaining the additional mills this year.

Mrs. Sterling of the Port Commission requested the Police Jury to grant the Port Commission to increase their current millage to 4.00 mills from 3.00 mills. A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson to grant the requested permission. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt. A Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan. No discussion. Motion carried.

Based on the bids received for Public Works 2026 Material Bids, Volkert Engineers recommended to award to the following material suppliers:

Fuels, Oil, Grease and Lubes	Lott Oil Company
Asphaltic Concrete	Dreher Contracting, LLC
Corrugated Metal pipe (CMP)	Wilson Culverts, Inc.
Limestone (Crushed)	Terral River Service, Inc.
Plastic Culvert Pipe	Coastal Culvert & Supply

Mr. Wilson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to accept the recommendation of the Parish Engineer. No discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the 2026 Budget. No further discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the Amended 2025 Budget. No further discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the LA Crime Lab Amended 2025 budget and the Proposed 2026 budget. No discussion. Motion passed.

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. Wilson offered a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Hicks. Motion carried.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Johnny Hughes
Vice-President