

Tallulah, Louisiana
April 13, 2026

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, April 13, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

President Sanders called the meeting to order and Vice-President Hughes 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. Rome, E. Whitaker, L. Ezell A. Hall, W. Nettles, S. Gilfoil, T. Ezell, G. Hall, K. Wilmore, D. Williams, C. Collins, L. Love

A Public Comments Period held at the beginning of the meeting to allow for comments on agenda items received no comments.

President Sanders requested permission to amend the agenda to add the Port Commission. Mr. Hughes offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda (March 23rd minutes, March Building Report, March Garbage/Sewer Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report) was approved by a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Ogden. No discussion. Motion carried.

During the President's report, Interim Mayor Lewis informed the jurors that the City and Terracon Consultants had entered into an agreement for their assessment services to include the old health unit as a site. An asbestos lead survey will be included. Mr. Hicks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to grant permission for the survey and to authorize the president to sign the necessary documents. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer asked for permission to pay all invoices based on available funds. The President asked for a motion to pay outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. A motion was offered by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Hughes to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Secretary inquired as to whether or not there would be a summer program for students. Mr. Hughes confirmed that there would be a program by offering a motion, that was

seconded by Mr. Wilson. The program would begin June 1st and end July 31st . No discussion. Motion carried.

The plans have been completed for the replacement of the flag poles and the interior repairs. The engineers requested permission to send both of these projects to contractors for quotes. Mr. Hicks offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to authorize the engineers to solicit quotes. No discussion. Motion carried.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

The Superintendent requested permission to hire two tractor drivers at \$15.83 per hr., 1 truck driver at \$21.21 per hr. and 3 laborers at \$15.07 per hr. Mr. Hughes offered the motion to hire the applicants as recommended. At the request of the President a roll call vote was taken and the vote was as follows:

District 1 Yes
District 2 Yes
District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

No discussion. Motion carried.

There was one accident reported. One employee accidentally backed into another vehicle.

Ms. Whitaker appeared before the jurors to express concerns regarding the number of containers that the garbage truck was picking up. She stated that upon review of their contract it did not state a limited number. Following discussion, the president stated that she would follow-up with the contractor.

There was a discussion on the location of a drainage ditch on Montrose Road. The issue was between two adjoining residents that was resolved.

A vote to oppose proposed House Bill 116 in the Legislative Regular Session related to the establishment of the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District and its possible effects on Madison Parish, more specifically its port and rail system, was discussed. Mr. Hughes led the opposition with a motion to oppose the Bill and authorize the president to notify the appropriate authorities. At the request of the President a roll call vote was taken and the vote was as follows:

District 1 Yes
District 2 Yes
District 3 Yes
District 4 Yes
District 5 Yes

No discussion. Motion carried.

The jurors also addressed the vacancy on the Madison Parish Board of Commissioners. Mr. Ogden offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes to appoint Mr. Clinton Wade Hargrave to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Robert Brown. No discussion. Motion carried.

RCH Engineering submitted for review plans for a proposed RV Park on Hwy 65 South. It was concluded that once approval the Fire Marshall approved the plans it would be placed back on the agenda.

As sponsor of the Scott Airport, the jury is mandated to enroll in Docusign for electronic signatures. They are also to adopt a single, updated governing body resolution to satisfy all required assurances, authorizations, and obligations for doing business with the Aviation Department, including applications and grants. A motion was offered by Mr. Hicks and second by Mr. Ogden to authorize Mr. Steve Gustafson authority to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Madison Parish Police Jury. No discussion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY AUTHORIZING STEVE GUSTAFSON, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF MULTIMODAL COMMERCE ON PERTAINING TO THE SCOTT AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Madison Parish Police Jury, as the governing body responsible for the operation and management of Scott Airport, seeks to ensure the efficient execution of official agreements and documents necessary for airport operations, development, and funding; and

WHEREAS, such documents include, but are not limited to, applications, grant agreements, capital improvement plans, local funding matches, enrollment forms, and other related documents required for state programs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Scott Airport to designate a qualified individual to act on its behalf to execute such agreements and documents to facilitate timely and effective administration of airport-related activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY:

1. **Authorization:** That Steve Gustafson is hereby authorized and empowered to act as the official representative of the Scott Airport to execute, on its behalf, all necessary agreements, supplemental agreements, project applications, sponsor certifications, local funding matches, enrollment and certification forms, and other related documents required for the operation, maintenance, and development of Scott Airport.
2. **Scope of Authority:** The authority granted herein includes the ability to sign, submit, and certify the accuracy and completeness of all such documents, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local regulations.

3. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for one year or until revoked or modified by subsequent action of the Madison Parish Police Jury.
4. **Notification:** The Madison Parish Police Jury shall provide an original of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and Development – Office of Multimodal Commerce, as required, to confirm Steve Gustafson's authority to act on behalf of the Madison Parish Police Jury.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2026, by the Madison Parish Police Jury.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Mr. Hughes.

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President