

Tallulah, Louisiana
March 23, 2026

The Madison Parish Police Jury met in regular session and convened at the Courthouse Building, Tallulah, Louisiana on Monday, March 23, 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 - Absent
District 3 Dave Wilson
District 4 Johnny Hughes
District 5 Jane Sanders

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

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 Patriot Rail. Mr. Hughes offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to add Patriot Rail to the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda (February 26th minutes, February Financial Report and the Outstanding Invoice Report) was approved by a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Wilson. No discussion. Motion carried.

President Sanders also requested action on a request to recognize the administrative staff during Administrative Professionals Week (April 20-24, 2026). The fee is \$100 per administrative professional. Mr. Hughes motioned to participate in the festivities and Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. 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. Wilson to pay the outstanding invoices with available funds or as funds become available. No discussion. Motion carried.

Jurors were reminded that our consultants HGA (Hunt, Guillot & Associates) were going to attempt to change the parish disaster status from state to federal. They were also informed that FEMA had approved the request for Madison Parish to be under the major declaration for Fern (Jan Winter Weather). The Parish is now moved over from EM3638 to DR4900 to apply for public assistance.

Each juror reported on concerns within their district.

During the Public Works Superintendent's report, he made a request to hire a laborer to cut grass. Mr. Hughes offered the motion, that was seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve his request. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Tisa, Chief Commercial Officer for Patriot Rail addressed the jury regarding their opposition to House Bill 116, that creates the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District.

The Port Commission's Executive Director, Mrs. Sterling, also addressed the jury expressing concerns of the potential impact that support of House Bill 116 could have locally. The jury was asked to consider rescinding their earlier support by way of a formal letter. There was no commitment at this time to the sending a letter.

During public comment, Mr. Tim Holdiness announced that he was President of the Chamber of Commerce and their meeting date and time. Ms. Tina Johnson expounded on what the Chamber does and encouraged everyone to come out to support and perhaps join the Chamber.

April 25th was announced as being the annual cleanup day for the Parish.

President Sanders also stated that she would be contacting members of the Madison Parish Economic and Industrial Development District to find out the status of the district.

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

/s/ Margaret Dew
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Jane Sanders
President