

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, Clyde Benson, Travis Franks, Allen Thomas, Earnest Anderson, Tookie Pearce, Jenny Falls, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Joseph Frank- Director of Homeland Security, Adam Bordelon, Twyla Lemoine, Assistant District Attorney- Jonathan Gaspard, District Maria Trichell, Library Director- Nealie Hale, Amy Guidry, Jacob Gauthier, and Assessor-Heath Pastor, Noah Joffrion, Johnny Rogers, Patrick Harmson, Julie LarCart, Jimmy Landry, Christine Rabalais, KK Rabalais, Hux Pias, Rick Rabalais, Anthony Desselle and Kevin Bordelon

Absent: McKinley Keller

The meeting opened with the prayer by Earnest Anderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sam Pearce presented KK Rabalais and Hux Pias a resolution for winning the Javelin Thrower Championship.

Clyde Benson presented a resolution to the Marksville High School boys' basketball team.

President Wiley announced all items in the agenda are open for public comment. Anyone desiring to speak, should fill out a Request to Speak card. None requested.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt the minutes of the Police Jury Meeting held on April 9, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on April 29, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Heath Pastor, Avoyelles Parish Assessor

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco to nominate Gerald Ducote and Bruce Soileau to the Port Commission. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Earnest Anderson, calling for a public hearing on June 11th at 4:40 p.m. to hear comments regarding millage rates. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel, calling for a public hearing on June 11th at 4:40 p.m. to hear comments regarding garbage can requirements. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Jacob Coco, to advertise in the Weekly News seeking a Litter Abatement officer. There was discussion whether the officer should be POST certified.

The Jury agreed the officer should be certified. The requirement will be included in the ad. Juror Franks requested the ad run for 60 days. On vote, the motion carried.

After a public hearing and no objection from the audience, on motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas to adopt the 2024 Library amended budget as presented by Nealie Hale. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce to adopt a resolution supporting Rapides Parish Police Jury in their efforts to change the daily limit of Crappie fish in the Saline-Larto Complex. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Earnest Anderson, to call for a public hearing on June 11th, at 4:50 p.m. to hear comments regarding nuisance property, condemnation, and blighted property. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Sam Pearce to table “the sale of adjudicated property in Simmesport”. On vote, the motion to table carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson to table “enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with Friends of the Old Sarto Bridge”. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas to appoint Donald Sampson to the Avoyelles Ward 3 Water board for 4 years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Earnest Anderson, seconded by Clyde Benson, to appoint Chris Burke to the Avoyelles Ward 3 Water board for 3 years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel, to appoint Arlene Schexynder to the Avoyelles Ward 3 Water board. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Travis Franks, to approve repairs to the library book store, repairs not to exceed \$6,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to enter a Intergovernmental Agreement for the District Attorney to provide legal services for Rubert Ward Buy-out. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas to proceed with the sale of adjudicated property in Bunkie to Craig Foster, for the Fair Markert value of \$4,000, Jonathan Gaspard to handle cash sale. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, authorizing the president to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, requesting addiotnal funding to total \$24,000/year. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to approve repairs to a concrete water well slab in Tricia Park, repairs not to exceed \$7,200. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco, to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tunica Biloxi for Garan Lane roadway improvements. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, to pay HLA invoice for Colonel Charles Jones sign, \$5,874.52.

Jurors Mark Borrel questioned how this happened. Juror Franks said he was not against the sign and changing the name, he was against the way it was done. Juror Benson informed the Jury the family has agreed to pay \$4,000 towards to total bill of \$9,874.52, the parish would be responsible for the remainder. On vote:

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| Yea | Earnest Anderson, Jacob Coco, Clyde Benson, Allen Thomas, and Sam Pearce |
| Nay | Mark Borrel & Travis Franks |
| Abstain | None |
| Absent | McKinley Keller |

The motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

There being no further business, on motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, the meeting adjourned.

s/ Darrell Wiley
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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