

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La
Tuesday, April 9, 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, McKinley Keller, Travis Franks, Allen Thomas, Earnest Anderson, Heath Pastor, Judge Bennett, Allen Holmes, Tookie Pearce, Clerk of Court -Connie Desselle. Jenny Falls, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Josph Frank-Director of Homeland Security, Laura Gaspard-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Adam Bordelon, Twyla Lemoine, Todd Rabalais, Mike Gremillion, Assistant District Attorney- Jonathan Gaspard, District Attorney-Charles Riddle, Maria Trichell, Library Director- Nealie Hale, Amy Guidry, Jacob Gauthier, and Assessor-Heath Pastor

Absent:

The meeting opened with the prayer by President Wiley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Sam Pearce, to adopt the minutes of the Police Jury Meeting held on March 12, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 25, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Jerry Fowler with the Louisiana Water Company

Solomon Northup Committee-Charles Riddle, Jacques Goudeau, Allen Holmes

Clerk of Court, Connie Desselle-Courthouse entrances

After a Public Meeting was held, no objection was heard, a motion was offered by Clyde Benson, seconded by Earnest Anderson to adopt a resolution to merge and consolidate qualifying precincts. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to relinquish interest in property to the Town of Cottonport, Parcel #0131113950, Quit Claim Deed. On vote, the motion carried.

After a Public Hearing was held, no objection heard, a motion was offered by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt the revision to the Special Permit Ordinance (must apply for

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Special Permit to sell alcohol at events, e.g., Trail Rides, Banquets, Church Fairs) Permit shall be approved by the president of the APPJ prior to issuance. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to begin Direct Deposit for payroll, mandatory checking account (will begin in 30 days). On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt a resolution calling for an election authorizing the renewal of a 3.5 mill tax for the purpose of drainage maintenance and improvements. Election will be held, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

After a Public Hearing was held, no objection heard, on motion by Allen Thomas, second by Mark Borrel, to abandon a certain part of Katie E, Lane in Plaquemine. Civil Works Director to provide coordinates. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by McKinley Keller, to require the Library Board present all capital projects to APPJ prior to advertisement. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, Planning Commission board members reappoint/appoint in 2024 Districts, even number district- 2,4,6 & 8 & 2025- odd number districts in 1,3,5, 7 & 9, reappoint/appoint will be made in January when term has expired. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Earnest Anderson, to call for a public hearing May 14th to adopt the library amended budget. On vote, the motion carried.

Mark Borrel-change position of Solomon Northup statute. Items discussed and agreed to continue with original plan of placement.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to appoint Zachary Zaunbrecher to the Gravity District 1, replacing Stanley Bordelon. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by to purchase Ice machine for OEP from Coburns, \$4,765. On vote, the motion carried.

Allen Thomas-issue Employees/Visitor badges. All employees/visitors must enter through the main entrance (Sally port). Item tabled pending a Security Meeting.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco, to approve Gremillion Painting to paint the Health Unit, \$3,890.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco to approve Excavator repairs, \$3,400.00 On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson to approve plan specs for Health Unit generator. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to advertise Road District 2 projects. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to add the Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Industrial District No. 1 to the agenda for consideration. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson to enter an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Industrial District No. 1. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Earnest Anderson, seconded by Mark Borrel, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

There being no further business, on motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned.

s/ Darrell Wiley
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer