

Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room
January 17, 2024
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on January 17, 2024, with President Mark Poche' presiding.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Poche', who asked Mr. Scott Broussard to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the President asked Mr. Paul Moresi, III for a moment of prayer or reflection. The President then reminded all present to turn all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or set to silent mode for the duration of the Police Jury Meeting.

The following members were present:

Mr. Dane Hebert	Mr. Shane Meaux
Mr. Brent Landry	Ms. Liz Touchet
Mr. Mark Poche'	Mr. Chad Lege
Mr. Ronald Menard	Mr. Scott Broussard
Mr. Dexter Callahan	Mr. Brian Hollier
Mr. Chad Vallo	

Absent:	Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. Roy Keith Meaux
	Mr. Errol J. Domingues	

Guest:	Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr.
	Mr. Todd Vincent

President Poche' recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

President Poche' recognized Announcements. Need a motion to approve the recommendations to implement Budget Amendment 23-03.

Budget Amendment 23-03

To increase/decrease specific anticipated revenues/expenditures in the 2023 budget as follows and the anticipated 12/31/23 Fund Balance is to be adjusted accordingly.

GENERAL FUND

Revenues:

Intergovernmental Revenue

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act	749,857.00
Grant-Restore Act	(4,921,878.00)
St Surplus - N Verm Bay Shoreline	(7,421,218.00)
Elevation of La Hwy 14 Bypass	(175,000.00)

Other

Transfer In	2,800,000.00
LWI-Bridge Debris Barrier	(550,000.00)
Opioid Settlement	400,000.00
Sports Wagering Allocation	75,000.00

Expenditures:**Other General Administration****Courthouse & Annex**

Insurance - Building	71,596.00
Mtne of Buildings & Grds	50,000.00

Planning and Zoning

Blighted, Grass Viol, Adjudicated	32,000.00
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Public Works**Capital Outlay**

Elevation of LA Hwy 14 Bypass	(236,000.00)
Rstr Act - FWB Bank Stabilization	(4,921,878.00)
St Surplus - N Verm Bay Shoreline	(7,411,218.00)
St Surplus - FWB Shoreline - Little Verm Bay	243,295.00

Other

SW Point at SW Pass Scour Protection	2,400,000.00
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SALES TAX AND BOND 1976**Revenues:****Taxes**

Sales and Use Tax	600,000.00
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Other

Interest Earned	300,000.00
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CRIMINAL COURT**Expenditures:****Other**

Transfer Account	30,000.00
Misc. Expend-Jury Trial	1,000.00

PARISHWIDE**Expenditures:****Transportation****Road Maintenance**

Insurance - Building	30,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs (Roads)	110,000.00
Purchase Heavy Equipment/Vehicles	(900,000.00)
Vehicles - Parts	75,000.00
Rental - Vehicles	120,000.00

Road CIP Program

2023 Road Improvement Prof Fees	(900,000.00)
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Other

Transfer of State Routes	(2,997,494.00)
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SALES TAX AND BOND 1978

Capital Outlay	200,000.00
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15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Revenues:

Other

Transfers In	(50,000.00)
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Expenditures:

Judicial

Jurors & Witnesses	20,000.00
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OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Revenues:

Intergovernmental Revenue

Grant - SHSP (2022)	(40,310.00)
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Transfer In - General Fund	(100,000.00)
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Expenditures:

Other Expenditures

Grant - SHSP (2020)	2,500.00
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Grant - SHSP (2022)	20,000.00
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Revenues:

Other Revenue

Interest Earned	450,000.00
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Misc. Revenue	80,000.00
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Expenditures:

Broadband Expenses

Contractor Payment	(600,000.00)
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GOMESA SURPLUS FUND

Revenue:

Other Revenue

Transfer In	400,000.00
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Misc Revenue	40,000.00
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Expenditures:

Other Expenditures

Transfer Out	2,800,000.00
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GOMESA 2019 BOND FUND

Revenues:

Other Revenue

Transfer In	2,200,000.00
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Residual Revenue	450,000.00
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Expenditures:

Bond Expense

Interest Due on Bond	200,000.00
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Other Expenditures

Bank Service Fee	5,000.00
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Transfer Out	2,100,000.00
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Residual Revenue Payment 490,000.00

ROAD DISTRICT #1

Revenues:

Taxes

Ad Valorem (10,000.00)

ROAD MAINTENANCE FUNDS 71-79

Expenditures:

Road Material

Material - Asphalt Hot/Cold 250,000.00

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the recommendations to implement Budget Amendment 23-03.

President Poche' recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- Regular Meeting of December 20, 2023 & January 10, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2023 & January 10, 2024.

President Poche' recognized to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering and Architectural reports.

Mr. Todd Vincent, Sellers & Associates, Inc., presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 3, Luhr Crosby, LLC – Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection (TV-0079), in the amount of \$2,918,742.74.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Change Order No. 1, Luhr Crosby, LLC – Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection (TV-0079), total decrease of \$17,012.50.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt the Resolution of Acceptance authorizing the President to execute an Act of Acceptance from Luhr Crosby, LLC,

pertaining to the completion of the contract for the Freshwater Bayou Shoreline Protection (TV-0079).

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to reject the bids for tires and pipes for the Materials for Parish Road Maintenance from the businesses out of the parish and approve the next lowest bids. Along with approving the rest of the bids for the Materials for Parish Road Maintenance.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to sign Amendment No. 2 for Task Order No. 2 to the Contract Between the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and Sellers & Associates, Inc. for Administrative Consulting Services for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury rejected the Borrow Pit Permit from Trey Hebert on Hoover Road, ED1.

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Courthouse/General Needs Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Ms. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to remove No. 13, "It is recommended the Police Jury approve to send advertisements to the Gueydan & Kaplan Paper as well."

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Courthouse/General Needs Committee recommendations as amended and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to grant an Operating Permit to Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. for the Calendar Year of 2024, based on the compliance and occurrence that they will operate in accordance with the Parish ordinance regulating the operation of Ambulance Service in the Parish.

2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to adopt the compliance questionnaire presented by Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC, related to the audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023, and for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and authorize the President to sign the compliance questionnaire.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Budget Amendment 24-01.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the Preliminary Plans for the New Emergency Operations & 911 Communications Center.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve an IGA between the Municipalities, VPPJ, the Sheriff's Office and the School Board in regards to working together to make voluntary mutual aid assistance readily available to each other in the case of a locally declared emergency event whether declared or not by the State or Federal Government.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to give Mr. Rodley Roy the Assistant Superintendent at the Landfill a raise to \$26.00 an hour.
7. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the Administrator to put together a document to bring to the next meeting in regards to his recommendations for filling positions in the Public Works Department.
8. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to appoint Mr. John Boudoin to the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission Board, replacing Mr. Henri Deshotels who is stepping down in January.
9. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to appoint Ms. Sandra Hebert to the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission Board, replacing Ms. Karen Broussard - term has ended.
10. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to reappoint the following:

CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 - WARD ONE

- Craig LeBlanc, 4 yr. term to expire on 02/06/2024

LIBRARY BOARD

- Anita Levy, 5 yr term to expire on 02/17/2024
- Mr. John LeBlanc, 5 yr. term to expire on 02/17/2024

11. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc.:

- (A) Invoice No. 26163, Project No. 9230-03, Surplus Fresh Water Bayou Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0082): Basic Engineering Services, dated July 23, 2023, in the amount of \$11,200.00.
 - (B) Invoice No. 26164, Project No. 9230-07, Surplus Fresh Water Bayou Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0082): Resident Project Representative, dated July 23, 2023, in the amount of \$13,285.00.
 - (C) Invoice No. 26695, Project No. 8397-06, DOTD Right Sizing Program District 8 – Road Improvements (Topo Surveys and Design): Phase II, dated December 3, 2023, in the amount of \$16,200.00.
12. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 20231014-57000-57-231, Secretary of State – October 14, 2023 Election, dated December 13, 2023, in the amount of \$8,242.76.
13. It is recommended the Police Jury to approve payment of the attached bills that were submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Chad Vallo
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Works Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly second by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Works Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to waive the subdivision partition requirements for the property near the landfill the Jury is purchasing.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to move forward with the purchase of the property near the landfill.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the quote from Delta Fire and Safety to repair the engine for Abbeville VPPJ Unit #1011, in the amount of \$28,100.39.

4. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Legal Counsel to send a letter to Jason Dutil (7932 W. Wildcat Rd, Abbeville) regarding illegal dumping and burning of trees on his property located on South Hospital Drive, Abbeville as part of a commercial operation.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the usage of one (1) dumpster for the Indian Bayou Community VFD's Annual Jambalaya Fundraiser, February 4, 2024, located at 4723 Hwy 700, Kaplan.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to give the owners of 14024 Campisi Drive, Abbeville four months from January 10, 2024 to rehabilitate the blighted home.
7. It is recommended that VPPJ adopt an ordinance declaring as surplus an adjudicated property described as Lot 3 Block Y Nilson Smith Addition (AKA Nelson and Smith Addition), along with any improvements located thereon, and authorizing the publication of said ordinance and private sale of said adjudicated property to Mary Castille, who owns the adjoining property and has maintained the adjudicated property, for the appraised value of \$5,000, and authorizing its president to execute the necessary documents in connection with said private sale.
8. It is recommended that VPPJ adopt an ordinance declaring as surplus an adjudicated property described as Lot 23 of Motty's Country Manor Subdivision, located in Section 18, T12S, R3E, along with any improvements located thereon, and authorizing the advertising of said ordinance and public sale of said adjudicated property to the highest bidder, by sealed public bid, to be received by VPPJ on February 24, 2024, with a minimum bid of \$4,500, and a 10% deposit to accompany said bids.
9. It is recommended the Police Jury approve fire investigative authority to the fire departments in Vermilion Parish. Therefore, all Fire Departments in Vermilion Parish are authorized to conduct fire related investigations in their assigned area of coverage.
10. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to recognize rural schools as properties with large fire loss potential in the parish.
 - FIEB Elementary School, 19635 Columbus Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510 (District 13 Fire)
 - Indian Bayou Elementary School, 1603 LA Hwy 700, Rayne, LA 70578 (Indian Bayou Fire)
 - LeBlanc Elementary School, 4511 LA Hwy 338, Abbeville, LA 70510 (LeBlanc Fire)
 - Meaux Elementary School, 12419 LA Hwy 696, Abbeville, LA 70510 (Meaux/Nunez Fire)
 - Seventh Ward Elementary School, 12012 Audubon Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510 (7th Ward Fire)
11. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the Jury to pay the match for Federal Grants for the Fire Departments.

12. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the attached bills submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Brent Landry
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Road Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Public Road Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to award the lowest bidder, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC, Election District 8 Road Improvements Phase II.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Change Order No. 1, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements: Phase II, total increase of \$204,196.45.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve Final Plat of Ruby Nell Delahoussaye (Partition of Property), ED3. Along with approving the request to waive the retention requirement.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the request for the abandonment of Giles Road, ED2. Along with authorizing the President to sign the Act of Abandonment.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to make Trent Meaux the Shop Foreman (replacing Mr. Terry Bourque).
6. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Gary Guidry to send the surplus equipment to sale.
7. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the attached bills submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Chad Lege
Chairman

President Poche' recognized Report of Standing Committees, Finance Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly second by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the Finance Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to adopt the IGA with the District Attorney's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Ronald Menard
Chairman

President Poche' recognized New Business.

President Poche' stated to consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by the Parish Administrator.

Upon motion by Mr. Brian Hollier, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items by the Parish Administrator.

Mr. Keith Roy, Parish Administrator, presented the following:

- Provided to the Police Jurors is the Statement of Operations prior monthly budget-to-actual comparisons for all of the major funds of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to renew the current agreement with Abbeville General Hospital in regards to the Emergency Management Assistance (MEOC).

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc.:

- a) Invoice No. 25686, Project No. 9049-05, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Land Rights, dated January 29, 2023, in the amount of \$7,555.00.
- b) Invoice No. 25687, Project No. 9049-06, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Grant Administration, dated January 29, 2023, in the amount of \$4,177.50.
- c) Invoice No. 25982, Project No. 9049-06, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Grant Administration, dated April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$1,820.00.
- d) Invoice No. 26664, Project No. 9049-05, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Land Rights, dated November 26, 2023, in the amount of \$1,082.50.
- e) Invoice No. 26665, Project No. 9049-06, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Grant Administration, dated November 26, 2023, in the amount of \$8,247.50.
- f) Invoice No. 26666, Project No. 9049-07, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Basic Engineering Services, dated November 26, 2023, in the amount of \$6,660.00.
- g) Invoice No. 26667, Project No. 9049-10, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Permitting, dated November 26, 2023, in the amount of \$112.50.
- h) Invoice No. 26668, Project No. 9049-11, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV0079) – Resident Project Representative, dated November 26, 2023, in the amount of \$970.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following employee changes:

- Billy will be the new Landfill Supervisor and will keep Mosquito Control Director – Salary \$105,000.00 Salaried Position
- Gary will become the Public Works Director keeping the duties of Road Supervisor – Salary \$85,000.00 Salaried Position
- Rachel will become the Assistant Public Works Director and maintain some of her duties as Account Payables – Salary \$57,000.00
- Ashley will assume additional Account Payable duties – Salary \$29,608.00
- Hire a parttime employee for the Public Works Building to answer the phones and provide support when another employee is out

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Brian Hollier, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the attached bills submitted.

President Poche' recognized New Business, Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III.

Mr. Paul Moresi, III, Legal Counsel, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to send a letter to the contractor, Guinn Construction, and DOTD of Lafayette in regards to Placide Road and Jude Road Bridges.

Upon motion by Mr. Roanld Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Mr. Keith Roy as the Parish Administrator.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror President Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

President Poche' recognizes Police Juror Business.

Upon motion by Mr. Brian Hollier, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to appoint Mr. Sandrus Stelly, Jr to the Coulee Baton Drainage District Board, replacing Mr. Brian Hollier who has stepped down.

Upon motion by Mr. Brian Hollier, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Vallo, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.



Parish Administrator



President