

**VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

DATE: December 20, 2023

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

**PLACE OF MEETING: COURTHOUSE BUILDING
POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
100 N. STATE STREET, SUITE 200
ABBEVILLE, LA 70510**

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Jason Picard

- (A) Pledge of Allegiance**
- (B) Moment Of Silent Prayer or Reflection**
- (C) Please turn all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or set to silent mode for the duration of the Police Jury meeting.**

2. ROLL CALL

3. PERIOD FROM PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED-

4. TIME ON AGENDA-

- (A) Rosalyn White, Mayor of Abbeville – Update on Abbeville**
- (B) Homer Stelly – Discuss, consider & approve the 911 budget**

5. READING OR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING-

Budget & Regular PJ Meeting of November 15, 2023, Special PJ Meeting of November 27, 2023 & Special PJ Meeting December 04, 2023

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) Need a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-17

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

**LIBRARY PROPOSITION
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 4.46 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,478,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction and support of the public library and its branches in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, said millage to represent a .10 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 4.36 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on April 5, 2014?

(B) Need a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-18

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, (ii) Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District No. 4-A of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 6 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana and (v) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**PARISH OF VERMILION, STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.26 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,106,600 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads and highways of the Parish?

**ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.72 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$150,400 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the District?

**ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4-A OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Road District No. 4-A of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 6.93 mills on all property subject to taxation in the district (an estimated \$157,200 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the district?

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 6 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 6.27 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$108,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the District?

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION, STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.06 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$416,700 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the District?

(C) Information for the Public

2024 BUDGET

VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY
PARISH OF VERMILION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

BUDGET MESSAGE
AND
NARRATIVE

Members of the Police Jury:
I submit to you the Budget for the fiscal year 2024, beginning January 1, 2024. This budget represents a continuation of service levels and reflects expenditures budgeted within anticipated revenues for 2024 and balances of 2023: \$72,119,184 of balance and \$44,498,223 of revenue for a total of \$116,617,407, with a total anticipated 2024 budget disbursement of \$51,948,841 and a \$0 interfund transfer, which will end 2024 with an anticipated balance of \$64,668,564.
The Jury carefully reviewed the 2024 budget in order to line up as close to the expected revenues for 2024. Careful monitoring will enable projects that are on the shelf to perhaps be put forward if revenues increase.
The Police Jury will pursue avenues of funding to assist in the expansion of water and fire protection services, along with other programs that promote quality of life opportunities for Vermilion Parish citizens.
The Police Jury continues to work with local, State and Federal agencies to obtain grants along with sharing the cost of projects through mutual aid or cooperative agreements.
The 2024 budget will present opportunities. As your Parish Administrator, the proposed budget offers a challenge after its adoption. Providing the best services for the least cost equals efficient government service, the mandate of the people of Vermilion Parish. I urge good fiscal management by both the Jury and myself.
May the upcoming holiday season provide a joyous, family filled and prosperous 2024.

APPROPRIATION
BUDGET ORDINANCE

2023-O-09

AN ORDINANCE adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION, in special session convened that:
SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Parish during the same period.
SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a Budget of Expenditures for the Parish during the same period.
SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.
SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2024 Budget.

(D) Need a motion to approve the recommendations to implement the 2024 Budget

INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
FROM GENERAL FUND TO:	
VERMILION PARISH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$130,000	
15TH JUDICIAL COURT - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$120,000	
FROM SALES TAX & BOND - 1976 TO:	
1994 SALES TAX & BOND FUND - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,500,000	
FROM SALES TAX & BOND - 1978 TO:	
PARISHWIDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE FUND - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000,000	
GENERAL FUND - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,020,000	
FROM ROYALTY ROAD FUND TO:	
PARISHWIDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE FUND - AN AMOUNT UP TO \$750,000	
20% TRANSFER TO PARISHWIDE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE FUND FROM:	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 29,670
MAINTENANCE OF ROAD DISTRICTS:	
SUB 1 OF 2	\$ 86,934
SUB 2 OF 2	\$ 1,792
SUB 3 OF 2	\$ 53,717
SUB 4 OF 2	\$ 68,434
SUB 5 OF 2	\$ 39,685
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3	\$ 26,611
ROAD DISTRICT 4-A	\$ 32,806
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6	\$ 23,129

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7	\$ 67,808	
10% TRANSFER TO ROYALTY ROAD FUND FROM:		
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 14,836	
MAINTENANCE OF ROAD DISTRICTS:		
SUB 1 OF 2	\$ 43,467	
SUB 2 OF 2	\$ 896	
SUB 3 OF 2	\$ 26,858	
SUB 4 OF 2	\$ 34,217	
SUB 5 OF 2	\$ 19,843	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3	\$ 13,305	
ROAD DISTRICT 4-A	\$ 16,403	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6	\$ 11,565	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7	\$ 33,904	
<u>GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS:</u>		
Clerk of Court	\$ 49,000	annually
St. Mary Community Action Agency	\$ 47,530	annually
Vermilion Association For Retarded Citizens	\$ 5,000	annually
Vermilion Parish Assessor's Office	\$ 14,500	annually
Vermilion Soil Conservation Service	\$ 5,000	annually
Veteran Service Office	\$ 24,224	annually
Vermilion Economic Development District	\$ 35,000	annually
Vermilion Parish District Attorney	\$ 603,365	annually

7. Consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Engineering & Architectural reports

8. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

(A) Coastal Protection & Restoration Committee

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 06, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended to approve a Letter of No Objection for Vermilion Corporation, through GIS Engineering to remove 2 – 2" gas pipelines.

(B) Courthouse/General Needs Committee

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 06, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended to approve to amend the agenda to vote to offer Mr. Keith Roy \$31,500.00 more with agreement of two more years.
2. It is recommended to approve to contract Mr. Keith Roy for a period of two (2) years with a \$31,500.00 increase.
3. It is recommended to approve Partial Payment No. 4, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – Oxidation Pond Leachate Control System (has been paid already, presenting with signatures).
4. It is recommended to approve Partial Payment No. 5, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – Oxidation Pond Leachate Control System.
5. It is recommended to approve Change Order No. 3, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – Oxidation Pond Leachate Control System, total decrease in the amount of \$41,040.00.
6. It is recommended to approve Change Order No. 4, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – Oxidation Pond Leachate Control System, total decrease in the amount of \$51,975.00.
7. It is recommended to approve Partial Payment No. 2, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements – Phase I: Margaret Street and Landry Street, in the amount of \$95,345.61. Along with approval of Change Order No. 2 – total decrease in the amount of \$12,381.26.
8. It is recommended to authorize the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance from Glenn Lege Construction, LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for 2023 Road Improvements Phase I: Margaret Street and Landry Street.
9. It is recommended to approve Partial Payment No. 2, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements Phase: II-A: ED 5 (Eaton Park Drive).
10. It is recommended to approve Change Order No. 1, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements Phase II-A: ED 5 (Eaton Park Drive).
11. It is recommended to authorize the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance from Glenn Lege Construction, LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for 2023 Road Improvements Phase II-A: ED 5 (Eaton Park Drive).
12. It is recommended to authorize Mr. Kim Touchet to get with Legal Counsel to send a letter in regards to Jude Road Bridge.
13. It is recommended to request for Judge Hulin to come to the meeting to discuss the security at the Courthouse.
14. It is recommended to approve to move the January 3rd, 2024 meeting to January 10th, 2024 with the new Jurors being sworn in.
15. It is recommended to table the approval to move Precinct 31/38 from Live Oak Masonic Lodge (1002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Abbeville) to Club Mirage (520 S Myles Street, Abbeville).
16. It is recommended to approve to change the wording on the sign for the Tax Assessor's Office to read: Assessor's Office 15 Minute Parking.
17. It is recommended to authorize Legal Counsel to look into 204 South Lamar for purchase by Michael Smith.
18. It is recommended to authorize Legal Counsel to send a Blighted Property Letter in regards to 15813 Bea's Drive, Kaplan.
19. It is recommended to approve payment of Invoice No. 5491, The Sellers Group – Professional Services for Blighted Property Investigations & Evaluations.
20. It is recommended to approve to ratify the usage of three (3) dumpsters for the Annual Christmas Event in Erath, December 2, 2023, located in downtown Erath.
21. It is recommended to approve the Application for Permit to Sell Alcoholic Liquors for Perry Outfitters, 14120 Elm St, Abbeville, ED 9.
22. It is recommended to approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc:

23. It is recommended to approve to reappoint the following:
 - PECAN ISLAND WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3**
 - Mr. Randall H. Broussard, 5 yr term
 - WARD 8 CEMETERY BOARD**
 - Abbie Mouton, 4 yr term (originally appointed March 03, 2017)
 - Robert Guilbeaux, 4 yr term
 - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 7**
 - Rodney Sagera, 2 yr term
 - COULEE DES JONS DRAINAGE DISTRICT**
 - Glen Ray Trahan, 4 yr term
 - ISLE MARRONE DRAINAGE DISTRICT**
 - Mr. Marty Hebert, 4 yr term
 - CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 – WARD ONE**
 - Seth Landry, 4yr. term
 - VERMILION PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION**
 - Victoria Bourque, 3 yr term
24. It is recommended to approve to replace Mr. Jacob Landry on the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board with Mr. Vance Landry.
25. It is recommended to approve Sellers & Associates as the consultants for the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program and allow for the President to sign the contract.
26. It is recommended to approve payment of the attached bills that were submitted.

(C) Public Road Committee

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 06, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended to approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc:
2. It is recommended to approve the usage of two (2) dumpsters for the Meaux Nunez Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Fundraiser, January 14, 2024, located at 9124 Romules Rd, Abbeville.
3. It is recommended to approve payment of the attached bills submitted.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Consider action to amend the agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Parish Administrator
- (B) Legal Counsel Business
- (C) Police Jury President Business
- (D) Police Juror Business

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024, 5:30 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT –

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the Vermilion Parish Police Jury at (337) 898-4300, describing the assistance that is necessary.