

Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room
December 18, 2024
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on December 18, 2024, with Vice-President Chad Vallo presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chad Vallo, who asked Mr. Dane Hebert to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Vice-President asked Mr. Paul Moresi, III for a moment of prayer or reflection. The Vice-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:

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| Mr. Dane Hebert | Mr. Shane Meaux |
| Mr. Brent Landry | Mr. Ronald Darby |
| Ms. Liz Touchet | Mr. Errol J. Domingues |
| Mr. Chad Lege | Mr. Ronald Menard |
| Mr. Scott Broussard | Mr. Dexter Callahan |
| Mr. Brian Hollier | Mr. Chad Vallo |
| Absent: Mr. Mark Poche` | Mr. Roy Keith Meaux |
| Guest: Mr. Kim Touchet | Mr. Todd Vincent |
| Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr | |

Vice-President Vallo recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

Vice-President Vallo recognized Reading or Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to dispense and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024.

Vice-President Vallo recognized Announcements.

- (A) Information for the Public
2025 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 2025, beginning January 1, 2025. This budget represents a continuation of service levels and reflects expenditures budgeted within anticipated revenues for 2025 and balances of 2024: \$63,844,134 of balance and \$34,348,862 of revenue for a total of \$98,192,996, with a total anticipated 2025 budget disbursement of \$32,262,569 and a \$0 interfund transfer, which will end 2025 with an anticipated balance of \$65,930,427.

The Jury carefully reviewed the 2025 budget in order to line up as close to the expected revenues for 2025. 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 2025 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 2025.

APPROPRIATION
BUDGET ORDINANCE

2024-O-07

AN ORDINANCE adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2025.

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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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 2025 Budget.

Vice-President Vallo recognized a motion to approve the recommendations to implement the 2025 Budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the recommendations to implement the 2025 Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE 2025 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 \$150,000

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	\$	28,799	
MAINTENANCE OF ROAD DISTRICTS:			
SUB 1 OF 2	\$	90,630	
SUB 2 OF 2	\$	1,914	
SUB 3 OF 2	\$	62,775	
SUB 4 OF 2	\$	69,787	
SUB 5 OF 2	\$	46,865	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3	\$	30,684	
ROAD DISTRICT 4-A	\$	39,691	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6	\$	24,860	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7	\$	72,068	
10% TRANSFER TO ROYALTY ROAD FUND FROM:			
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 MAINTENANCE FUND	\$	14,400	
MAINTENANCE OF ROAD DISTRICTS:			
SUB 1 OF 2	\$	45,315	
SUB 2 OF 2	\$	957	
SUB 3 OF 2	\$	31,388	
SUB 4 OF 2	\$	34,894	
SUB 5 OF 2	\$	23,432	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3	\$	15,342	
ROAD DISTRICT 4-A	\$	19,846	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6	\$	12,430	
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7	\$	36,034	
<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 Parish District Attorney	\$	621,700	annually

Vice-President Vallo recognized a motion to approve Budget Amendment 24-02.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Budget Amendment 24-02.

Budget Amendment 24-02

To increase/decrease specific anticipated revenues/expenditures in the 2024 budget as follows and the anticipated 12/31/24 Fund Balance is to be adjusted accordingly.

SALES TAX AND BOND 1976

Expenditures:

Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay 10,000.00

Fire Protection (Rural)

Rental - Equipment 30,000.00

Unforeseen Emergency 100,000.00

CRIMINAL COURT

Revenue

Fines & Forfeitures

Court Fines (30,000.00)

Expenditures:

Judicial

Official Publication 2,000.00

Rental - Other 1,000.00

Books/CD Roms 10,000.00

Equipment Purchase 10,000.00

Office Supplies - Judges 10,000.00

PARISHWIDE

Revenue

Intergovernment Revenue

State Grants (150,000.00)

Other Revenue

CIP Project (1,070,000.00)

SALES TAX AND BOND 1978

Expenditures:

Public Safety

<u>Law Enforcement</u>	
Mtne of Property & Equipment	50,000.00
Utilities	40,000.00
<u>Economic Development & Promotion</u>	
<u>Co-Operative Extension Service</u>	
Rental - Vehicles	5,000.00
Mtne of Buildings & Grds	20,000.00
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	
Property Purchase	7,000.00

<u>Ward 8 Cemetary</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Public Works</u>	
Mtne of Cemetery	2,000.00
Utilities	1,000.00

<u>Royalty Road</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	
<u>Intergovernment Revenue</u>	
State Grant	(1,200,000.00)
<u>Other Revenue</u>	
Reimb. Property Insurance	(300,000.00)
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Other General Administration</u>	
Insurance: General Liability	50,000.00
Ins: Auto/Gen. Liability	30,000.00
<u>Transportation</u>	
Maintenance & Repair (Roads)	50,000.00

<u>SALES TAX AND BOND 1994</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Sanitation, Sewage & Waste</u>	
<u>Solid Waste Dept.</u>	
Rental - Equipment	500,000.00
Rental - Vehicles	16,000.00
Maintenance of Prop. & Equip.	200,000.00
Contract Household Garbage Pickup	200,000.00

<u>15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	
<u>Other</u>	
Court Fines	(5,000.00)
Refund-Clerk of Court	(10,000.00)
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Judicial</u>	
Jurors & Witnesses	100,000.00

<u>OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	

<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	
<u>Other Revenue</u>	
Interest Earned	(225,000.00)

<u>GOMESA SURPLUS FUND</u>	
<u>Revenue:</u>	
<u>Other Revenue</u>	
Interest Earned	(80,000.00)
Residual Revenue	(100,000.00)
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	

<u>GOMESA 2019 CONSTRUCTION FUND</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	
<u>Other Revenue</u>	
Interest Earned	(80,000.00)

<u>GOMESA 2019 BOND FUND</u>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	
<u>Other Revenue</u>	
Residual Revenue	490,000.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Bond Expense</u>	
Bonds Redeemed	100,000.00
Interest Due on Bond	100,000.00
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	
Residual Revenue Payment	500,000.00

<u>ROAD DISTRICT #1</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
<u>Road Material</u>	
Material - Limestone	30,000.00

Vice-President Vallo 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. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, 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. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 4, Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – 2023 Road Improvements: Phase III, in the amount of \$133,456.77.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to award the lowest quote (Ritter Consulting Engineers - \$950.00) for the Asbestos Inspections of 10010 Brousell Dr, Abbeville, 3319 Bethany Rd, Erath and 3408 Broadview Dr, Erath.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Vermilion Parish Communication Tower Permit, AT&T c/o Riley Company, Inc. – construct and operate a new tower located at 4651 Blaise Rd, Maurice.

Upon motion by Mr. Shane Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Borrow Pit Permit Application for Elyse Farms, LLC, ED2.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to award the lowest bidder (Glenn Lege Construction, LLC – \$559,884.00) for the Highway 699 Borrow Pit.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to award the lowest bidders for the Materials for Parish Road Maintenance through June 30, 2025.

Mr. Kim Touchet, Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, presented the following:

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Brian Hollier, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Partial Payment No. 1, L&R Construction Co Inc – 2022 Bridge Improvement Project: Phase III – Andrus Rd, Scanlon Rd, Wright Rd & Aaron Rd Bridges, in the amount of \$67,977.25.

Vice-President Vallo recognized Report of Standing Committees, Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly second by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to accept the Coastal Protection/Restoration Committee recommendations and authorize the appropriate officials to carry out the recommendations.

COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 04, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize Ducks Unlimited to utilize Schooner Bayou Saltwater Barrier Structures Project (ME-0039) as matching funds for current and future grant applications and authorize the VPPJ President to execute partner letters with Ducks Unlimited.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury authorize the President to execute an agreement or an amendment to the existing agreement with UL Louisiana Watershed Flood Center to perform additional modeling and to prepare a report related to the Youngs Coulee Flood Control Structure.

Respectfully submitted
Mr. Errol Domingues
Chairman

Vice-President Vallo recognized Report of Standing Committees, Courthouse/General Needs Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend No. 1 to add "any and all employees, who were paid by the previous procedures in the manual were paid in according to the intent of the policy".

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Vallo, duly second by Mr. Ronald Darby, 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
DECEMBER 04, 2024

ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COURTHOUSE/GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 04, 2024, AND AMENDED ON DECEMBER 18, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to amend and add the language below to the following sections of the Policy and Procedure Manual - Section I-15, #10, and Section II-1, #6 and the following section in the Employee Handbook - Section II-4, #6.

“When a designated employee takes the place of a supervisor or of another employee with more responsibilities, while that other employee is on a leave status or is out for more than 8 hours, the designated employee may be eligible to be paid his or her regular hourly pay, plus an additional 25% of the designated employee's hourly pay, for actual hours worked performing the job for the other employee. This replacement pay is not available to a supervisor or a salaried employee. Additionally, all replacement pay, overtime pay, or any other pay above normal pay, must be approved in writing by the designated employee's supervisor and the chief administrative officer of Vermillion Parish Police Jury. Any and all employees, who were paid by the previous procedures in the manual were paid in according to the intent of the policy. - AMENDED

2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to appoint Mr. Scotty Gaspard to the Fire Protection District No. 7 Board to replace Mr. J. Carrol Lemaire who has decided to step down.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment Invoice No. 36-41093, Louisiana Testing & Inspection Inc – 2023 Road Improvements Phase III, dated October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$5,110.50.
4. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the 2024 Acadiana Crime Lab Amended Budget & the 2025 Proposed Budget.
5. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of the following invoices from Sellers & Associates, Inc:
 - (A) Invoice No. 27499, Project No. 9216-04, North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077): Basic Engineering Services, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$18,000.00.
 - (B) Invoice No. 27500, Project No. 9216-08, North Vermilion Bay Shoreline Protection Project (TV-0077): Resident Project Representative, dated September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$35,930.00.

- (C) Invoice No. 27635, Project No. 9049-06, Restore Act Freshwater Bayou Canal Shoreline Protection (TV-0079), dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$787.50.
 - (D) Invoice No. 27636, Project No. 9065-09, Youngs Coulee Water Control Structure: Coordination of H&H Study, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,235.00.
 - (E) Invoice No. 27640, Project No. 9598-02, Cheniere Au Tigre Ridge Restoration: Topographic Survey, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,630.00.
 - (F) Invoice No. 27641, Project No. 9598-04, Cheniere Au Tigre Ridge Restoration: Basic Engineering Services, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$10,965.15.
 - (G) Invoice No. 27642, Project No. 9600-03, Cheniere Au Tigre Ridge Segmented Breakwater: Permitting, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,800.00.
 - (H) Invoice No. 27643, Project No. 9600-04, Cheniere Au Tigre Ridge Segmented Breakwater: Basic Engineering Services, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$11,172.86.
 - (I) Invoice No. 27633, Project No. 8937-09, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant: consolidated Compliance Order/Notice of Potential Penalty – Prepare Documentation and responses to LDEQ; Coordinate with Parish and LDEQ, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
 - (J) Invoice No. 27634, Project No. 8990-53, Miscellaneous Engineering Services: Assess LLOX Damages to Jean Marie Rd, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$570.00.
 - (K) Invoice No. 27637, Project No. 9330-16, 2023 Road Improvements: Phase III – Basic Engineering Services, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$8,880.94.
 - (L) Invoice No. 27638, Project No. 9330-19, 2023 Road Improvements: Phase III – Resident Project Representative, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$28,503.01.
 - (M) Invoice No. 27639, Project No. 9560-01, Coastal Master Plan: Plan Development, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$2,470.00.
 - (N) Invoice No. 27644, Project No. 9632-09, Pond Permits: Review Permit Application for Steve Monceaux, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$231.25.
 - (O) Invoice No. 27645, Project No. 9690-01, Bayou Queue de Tortue Drainage Investigation: Survey, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$7,996.25.
 - (P) Invoice No. 27646, Project No. 9690-02, Bayou Queue de Tortue Drainage Investigation: Report, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount of \$3,931.25.
6. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the grab truck to pick-up debris on side of road at 304 Gauraud St, Abbeville (house being torn down).

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mr. Chad Vallo
 Chairman

Vice-President Vallo recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Works Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly second by Ms. Liz Touchet, 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
DECEMBER 04, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the lowest bids for the attached Janitorial Supply and the Transportation needs (ex. Filter) for Public Works.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. INV-4646, Morton Morrow – Air Cascade Annual Service for the Erath VFD, dated October 17, 2024, in the amount of \$949.58.
3. It is recommended the Police Jury approve payment of Invoice No. 2385, EPR Systems – Fireworks Software and Services, dated January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$39,199.48.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Brent Landry
Chairman

Vice-President Vallo recognized Report of Standing Committees, Public Road Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly second by Mr. Errol Domingues, 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
DECEMBER 04, 2024
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PARISH ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 04, 2024, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the Final Plat Review for the Vermilion Charter School, ED2, contingent on the developer addressing the comments from Sellers & Associates, Inc.
2. It is recommended the Police Jury approve to grant the lowest bidder, Siema Construction LLC the Town of Gueydan Flood Protection Project (Base Bid & Alternate I). Along with authorizing the President to sign Contract Change Order No. 1, FEMA-1786-DR-LA No. 0095 Town of Gueydan Flood Protection – total decrease of \$155,839.00, making the contract price \$588,867.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Chad Lege
Chairman

Vice-President Vallo recognized New Business.

Vice-President Vallo 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. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Menard, 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. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Ms. Debbie Garrot along with Legal Counsel to attend the Abbeville City Council meeting to discuss an issue with an abundance of cats at 817 Jean Edias.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to discuss and approve the Operating Permit to the Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. for the Calendar Year of 2025.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to grant an Operating Permit to Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. for the Calendar Year of 2025, 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, to approve to adjust the salary of the Treasurer to ensure a competitive environment relative to the rate being paid in surrounding parishes. New salary \$74,500.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, a substitute motion was called to move it to the Finance Committee. A roll call was called. Ten No votes to consider the substitute motion and three Yes votes to consider the substitute motion. The substitute motion Failed.

Mr. Dane Hebert - N	Mr. Shane Meaux - N
Mr. Brent Landry - N	Mr. Ronald Darby - Y
Ms. Liz Touchet - Y	Mr. Errol J. Domingues - N
Mr. Chad Lege - N	Mr. Ronald Menard - Y
Mr. Scott Broussard - N	Mr. Dexter Callahan - N
Mr. Brian Hollier - N	Mr. Chad Vallo - N

A motion was made by Mr. Dane Hebert & Dexter Callahan, Question has been called, motion was unanimously carried.

The original motion made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, to approved to adjust the salary of the Treasurer to ensure a competitive environment relative to the rate being paid in surrounding parishes was reconsidered and unanimously approved. New salary \$74,500.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Brent Landry, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. K247070, Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC – Fraud Investigation, dated November 30, 2024, in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Upon motion by Mr. Dexter Callahan, duly seconded by Ms. Liz Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to sign an agreement with the Vermilion Parish School board for FY 2025 where the Jury will use its equipment and labor to do work in the construction, maintenance and improvement of public properties and ways owned by the School Board and the School Board will pay the cost to the Jury of all materials used in said projects.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved insurance quote from Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company for Workers’ Comp in the amount of \$131,792.99. Only bid received. Last year was \$178,683.31.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Chad Lege, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 24-035-03, Primeaux, Soirez, Touchet & Associates, LLC – 2022 Vermilion Parish Bridge Repairs

& Improvements Project: Phase III – Andrus, Hilton, Scanlon, Wright & Aaron Road, dated December 16, 2024, in the amount of \$24,574.50.

Upon motion by Mr. Brian Hollier, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 5635, The Sellers Group – Professional Services for Observation of Construction Phase (25% Base Fees) for the Additions to the Rabies and Animal Control Center, dated December 13, 2024, in the amount of \$1,376.41.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Application No. 2, L&L Erectors, Inc – Additions to the Vermilion Parish Rabies and Animal Control Center, in the amount of \$43,657.20.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the St. Mary Community Action Agency 5311 Report for the month of November 2024.

Vice-President Vallo recognized New Business, Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Administrator to sign and file an Affidavit of Lien against the lot - 12803 Wildwood Way, ED9, in the amount of \$5,440.00 plus \$100.00 Administrative Fee.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel and Mr. Gary Guidry to negotiate with the LLOX Attorney Matthew Randazzo in regard to Jean Marie Road.

Upon motion by Mr. Ronald Menard, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to amend the agenda to enter into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation in the matter of Keith Frederick.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent Landry, duly seconded by Mr. Shane Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to return to Regular Session.

Upon motion by Mr. Errol Domingues, duly seconded by Mr. Scott Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Legal Counsel to contact the Attorney General to get her opinion on whether the Police Jury can hire an independent attorney for Mr. Keith Frederick. Also, to reach out to the two attorneys to provide legal services if allowed.

Vice-President Vallo recognizes Police Juror President Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

Vice-President Vallo recognizes Police Juror Business.

No business to be presented at this time.

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

Parish Administrator

Vice-President