

**JUNE 13, 2023**

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY met on the above date at 6:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, in regular session with President, Chance Henry presiding. At the request of the President, a prayer was offered and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

Walter Andrus  
Jeffery Morgan  
Gordon Morgan  
Steve Comeaux  
A.J. Credeur  
Pat Daigle  
Chance K. Henry

Quorum present.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by A.J. Credeur, and carried unanimously, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written.

Amendments were made to the agenda for the following:

1. RFQ- Legros Memorial Airport Acceptance
2. Amend Agenda Item #12 from Monday, July 3, 2023 to Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Move Committee Meeting to Thursday, July 6, 2023.
3. Discuss with possible action ARPA fund request for overlay project on Leger Road, District #4 (Gordon Morgan \$200,000 – Steve Comeaux \$8,770.60)
4. Remove Agenda Item #18
5. Mayor Darla Istre of Mermentau to update jury of Water System Improvements.
6. Mr. Guy Chachere to speak on permit issue. (Item #23A)

A motion was made by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan, and carried unanimously, to add and/or remove these items to/from the agenda.

Nicole D. Broussard, CFO, discussed the RFQ-Legros Memorial Airport acceptance. Acadia Parish Police Jury received two qualifications for this project and based upon the scoring of the request for qualifications received on June 12, 2023, it was recommended that Acadia Parish Police Jury enter into fee negotiations with Mader Engineering for Professional Engineering Services at the Legros Memorial Airport for the project period of approximately three years with the option for two one-year extensions.

A motion was made by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan and carried unanimously to accept Mader Engineering for Legros Memorial Airport project.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to move July committee meeting from Monday, July 3, 2023 to Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Gordon Morgan, District 4, spoke on ARPA funds needed for overlay project on Leger Road. Steve Comeaux, District 8, had pitched in the remaining amount needed to fund the project. Gordon Morgan mentioned that it is possibly the worst road that he could do for that amount of money. Corey Vincent, Road Supervisor, received three bids for this project. The lowest bidder was Skeeter Contractors. A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to move forward with District 4 ARPA fund request for overlay project on Leger Road, District #4 (Gordon Morgan \$200,000 – Steve Comeaux \$8,770.60).

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan and carried unanimously to remove agenda item #18- Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution to enter into a CEA with the City of Crowley regarding condemnation, demolition and cleanup.

Mayor Darla Istre of Mermentau gave an update on the Water System Improvements being made. She thanked the jurors for the funds in the amount of \$300,000 Mermentau received last year to help with the improvements of the waterlines. Construction on this project began in late April and is making steady progress and installed approximately 3,600 feet of waterlines thus far. When the project is complete, the village will have approximately 18,000 linear feet of new waterlines and its greatly ability to isolate waterline segments with new valves installed. She mentioned that when there is a water leak in town, there is no way of shutting it off and it drains the water tower. The extra money that was received, they are able to install valves that can shut off each part of town, so it reduces the amount of water being lost. Mayor Darla Istre, on behalf of the Village of Mermentau, thanked the jurors and was greatly appreciative for the help.

Mr. Hunter Lundy introduced himself to the jury as a candidate for Louisiana Governor. He mentioned to the jury that the first lawsuit he ever tried was in the courthouse here in Crowley, LA. Hunter Lundy is from Lake Charles, LA. He went to school at LaGrange High School. He is one of four children to Patricia Lundy and Thomas Lundy Jr. In 2021, he left the law practice. He's been a developer and subdivided subdivisions and has built churches. Over the years, he's represented a lot of small and large businesses. Mr. Hunter Lundy says he has a vast cross section of experience. In 2022, he decided to run as a Conservative Independent. He mentioned his base was the Church. His message is about crime, poverty and education. Mr. Hunter Lundy took questions from the jury. A.J. Credeur had questions on tart reform. Walter Andrus spoke to Mr. Hunter Lundy and invited him to be a speaker at the Juneteenth festival in Crowley.

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Gordon Morgan and carried unanimously to call for a public hearing to change the 45 MPH speed limit to 25 MPH on Roy Leblanc Road, Crowley, LA.

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Gordon Morgan and carried unanimously to call for a public hearing to amend Ordinance No. 2023-002, Hotel Occupancy Tax- to state – hotel rooms, motel rooms and overnight camping facilities.

Ashley Leblanc spoke to the jurors regarding an ordinance regulating the use of Recreational Park Campers in the unincorporated areas of Acadia Parish. She mentioned that this ordinance is to help keep updated with the state. This ordinance would be another step forward to try to help enforce those codes and to clearly answer a lot of questions that code enforcement and permit office receive regarding whether campers and those types of units that are built for recreational use only, not being allowed to be put as a permanent structure on a property. There is a standard timeframe of 180 days if a camper is needed if a disaster or fire to home happens. Gordon Morgan asked if this ordinance will affect citizens who have campers and RVs on their property that have them hooked up to keep everything running like electricity and to keep it climatized. Ashley Leblanc confirmed that this will not affect those citizens.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of Recreational Park Campers in the unincorporated areas of Acadia Parish.

Secretary-Treasurer, Bryan Borill, spoke to the jurors pertaining to the Juneteenth holiday. The Governor of Louisiana has the state facilities observing the holiday on the Friday, so the courthouse will be closed Friday instead of the Monday.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to move Juneteenth Holiday from Monday, June 19, 2023 to Friday, June 16, 2023.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to add Monday, July 3, 2023 to holiday schedule.

Brett Bayard with Mader Engineering spoke to the jurors on the solid waste permit renewal for the Acadia Parish Sanitary Landfill. Brett mentioned that it's a once every ten-year request, the permit is good for ten years. The one we have now expires on June 25, 2025 but the preparation for the request needs to be done a year in advance and it takes about a year to get the permit done due to the agencies needing to be contacted and getting their responses.

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to move forward with the request made by Mader Engineering to authorize preparation of the solid waste permit renewal for the Acadia Parish Sanitary Landfill.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to open the following bank accounts at Bank of Commerce – LA Opioid Abatement Program & Acadia Parish Economic Development District No. 1 – Request made by Nicole D. Broussard, Acadia Parish CFO/CPA.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Steve Comeaux, to adopt a resolution to enter into a CEA with Lyons Point Fire District No. 8 for loan request of \$14,100 to purchase 1991 Freightliner Water Tanker truck from Iota Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by A.J. Credeur, to adopt a resolution for Correct Health – Health Service Agreement – Renewal – starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution granting the request of two bulk truck purchases for Solid Waste, Mack estimate \$148,831.00 just the chassis without the equipment.

Walter Andrus discussed his request of ARPA funds in the amount of \$3,000 for District #1 for Crowley Library- Reading Month. He requested this to be tabled. A motion was offered by Walter Andrus, seconded by Steve Comeaux to table this request.

A motion was offered by Walter Andrus, seconded by Jeffery Morgan to adopt a resolution for District #1 ARPA fund request of \$2,000 to NAUW (National Association of University of Women) – Back to School Program with the condition of the NAUW match 50% of the funds (\$1,000). Steve Comeaux opposed.

A motion was offered by A. J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle, and carried to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein. (Senior Citizen Program Tax Renewal & Library Tax Renewal-Passed)

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

**YEAS:** Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Steve Comeaux, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Chance K. Henry

**NAYS:** N/A

**ABSTAIN:** N/A

**ABSENT:** N/A

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by A.J. Credeur to table appointing Mr. Chris Huesers to the Acadia Parish Planning Commission until the next regular meeting.

The Monthly Permit office report was reviewed.

Guy Chachere gave public comment on a permitting issue. Chance K. Henry informed Mr. Chachere that if he would like to appeal the process, he could do so in court with the administrative law judge.

The presentation of the monthly financials, which included budget to actual comparison on the general fund and all major funds was given by Nicole D. Broussard, CFO/CPA.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY MR. STEVE COMEAUX, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON MORGAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M.**

/s/ Huey Bryan Borill  
**HUEY BRYAN BORILL**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

/s/ Chance K. Henry  
**CHANCE K. HENRY**  
**PRESIDENT**