

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the regular Police Jury meeting, 3rd floor, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the following item:

1. Discuss with possible action amending Ordinance No. 321 section 15-17, Members (changing the number from 7 members to 9 members)
No public comments given.
2. Discuss with possible action adopting an Ordinance changing the speed limit on Georgia Loop (HWY 98) to 25mph.
No public comments given.
3. Discuss with possible action an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2023-001 by amending the vendor's compensation to increase the compensation from 1% to 2% and amending the interest and penalties for the late payment of taxes.
No public comments given.
4. Discuss with possible action amending Ordinance No. 2023-004, Solar Farm Ordinance.
No public comments given.

With no public comments made the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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 Steve Comeaux, seconded by Pat Daigle, and carried unanimously, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by A.J. Credeur and carried to approve the following amendments to the agenda:

- A. Discuss with possible action amending Ordinance No. 321 section 15-17, Members (from 7 members to 9 members)
- B. Discuss with possible action adopting an Ordinance changing the speed limit on Georgia Loop (HWY 98) to 25mph.
- C. Discuss with possible action an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2023-001 by amending the vendor's compensation to increase the compensation from 1% to 2% and amending the interest and penalties for the late payment of taxes.
- D. Discuss with possible action amending Ordinance No. 2023-004, Solar Farm Ordinance.
- E. Discuss with possible action appointing Chris Huesers to the Acadia Parish Planning Commission. AGENDA ITEM #15
- F. Discuss with possible action appointing Anthony Fontenot in place of Dale Trahan to Iota Fire Protection District to fill the vacant seat of James Lacasse. (01/2025) AGENDA ITEM #14
- G. Discuss with possible action a resolution entering into a CEA with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office regarding Opioid settlement funds. AGENDA ITEM #13
- H. Acadia-St. Landry Hospital Financial Report/audit

Brenda Foulcard with Local Workforce Development Area #40 (LWDA) spoke to the jury on their program. She let the public know that Acadiana Workforce Solution located on 11 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana will be relocated to 223 West 5th Street, Crowley, Louisiana. Foulcard shared that the program assists employers and job seekers with building economic opportunities. The program includes providing educational assistance to allow the person to be skilled for high demand jobs. The program also provides work experience opportunities. Mrs. Brenda thanked the jury for the opportunity to speak and greatly appreciates the support from the jury and businesses in the area.

The jail roof repairs were discussed. Acadia Parish will be accepting bids for this project. A motion was offered and carried by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Gordon Morgan to proceed with going out for bids on the Parish Jail roof.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to amend Ordinance No. 321 section 15-17, Members (changing the number from 7 members to 9 members)

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 A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to adopt an Ordinance changing the speed limit on Georgia Loop (HWY 98) to 25mph.

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 Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan and carried unanimously to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2023-001 by amending the vendor's compensation to increase the compensation from 1% to 2% and amending the interest and penalties for the late payment of taxes.

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 Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan and carried unanimously to amend Ordinance No. 2023-004, Solar Farm Ordinance.

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

Brett Bayard spoke to the jury with changes to the Solar Farm Ordinance. Water sampling has been removed and the buffer zone was reduced from 100 feet to 80 feet. The buffer zone will be 80 feet from the center of the road or 50 feet the right of way, whichever has the bigger buffer zone. Added to the ordinance was the Solar Farm permits. Beautification purposes, a Seven (7) foot minimum will be required inside the buffer zone as long as it does not conflict with any other laws, ordinances in place, public safety and security. Each fence shall have wood post and wire mesh fabric.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan to adopt a resolution for Mowata Solar Project Permit Application, Proposed Solar Farm Development. Contingent upon other specifications and changes as needed.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution accepting the border review and assessment for this year in the amount of \$400,982,250, as a certified amount for Acadia Parish which does not include the public utilities.

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 and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution for FAA AIP Grant No. 3-22-0013-019-2023 for the Airfield Drainage Improvements – Phase III (Construction) be accepted and not to exceed \$419,776.00 (*FAA funding of \$377,798.00 and LaDOTD funding of \$41,978.00*) and authorize the President to execute the grant agreement with the FAA and to execute any subsequent documents, related to this project.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution acknowledging the current members of the 2023 Local Emergency Planning Committee.

A motion was offered and carried by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux to adopt a resolution entering into a CEA with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office regarding Opioid Settlement Funds.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan to adopt a resolution to appoint Anthony Fontenot to Iota Fire Protection District to fill the vacant seat of James Lacasse. (01/2025)

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan to adopt a resolution to appoint Chris Huesers to the Acadia Parish Planning Commission.

Acadia-St. Landry Hospital Financial report, fiscal year 2021-2022 was reviewed. District 6 Juror, A.J. Credeur, spoke to the jury and mentioned that there were a few important findings. A.J. Credeur proposed to have a motion for the parish attorney read over the findings and discuss with the State Legislative auditors.

A motion was offered and carried by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle to have the parish attorney to review the findings of the Acadia-St. Landry Hospital Financial report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The Monthly Permit office report was reviewed.

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

Dexter Faulk was presented as the new Supervisor for Code Enforcement and Permitting Department for Acadia Parish.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY STEVE COMEAUX, SECONDED BY GORDON MORGAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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