

OCTOBER 18, 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 Special session with President, Chance Henry presiding. At the request of the President, a prayer was offered by Walter Andrus and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

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

A.J. Credeur was absent.
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 September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written.

Amendments were made to the agenda for the following:

1. Discuss with possible action Jerry Sonnier to replace Mike Williams contingent upon LA State Statue.

A motion was made by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously, to add the amendment item to the agenda. Item #22B.

Rajah Gharazeddine with Acadian Aviation in Lafayette, spoke to the jury on long term leases within the LeGros Memorial Airport. He is interested in expanding the flight school into a third location. They have a location in Alexandria, one in Lafayette and would like to expand at Legros Memorial Airport. He mentioned that the Legros Memorial Airport would be an ideal spot for training. They intend to do about 60 to 70 of those licenses a year at the airport. They need an office to conduct briefings with the students to hold classes and instructional courses. He also mentioned that they have the opportunity to purchase a trailer from Mr. Wayne Guillot. They are interested in purchasing the trailer and extending the lease on the trailer for an additional ten (10) years.

Secretary-Treasurer, Bryan Borill, spoke to the jurors mentioning that the lease on the land that the trailer is on is until 2026. Mr. Rajah is willing to lease the land at \$300/year. As it sits right now, the lease is \$167/year. Mr. Borill also mentioned that if the parish keeps it, parish would be responsible for damages or demolition of the property.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan, and carried unanimously to have a contract made for Rajah Gharazeddine for the lease at Legos Memorial Airport for a ten-year period at the rate of \$300/year.

A discussion was held on the possible annexation of 4.51 acres of the Rice Arena Property as well as the annexation of a portion of Cherokee Road by the City of Crowley. President Chance K. Henry had mentioned that it's the property that the Parish had recently purchased and the Parish does not pay taxes on that portion of Cherokee Road. This annexation is most likely being requested due to possible future development that the City of Crowley may collect taxes on at that time. The Parish would not lose any taxes from approving this. There is no water or sewage set up at this time.

A motion was offered by Jeff Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus, and carried unanimously to allow annexation by the City of Crowley of the stated property.

Jay Domingue, Reach4 Communications, spoke to the jurors on broadband in Acadia Parish and gave updates on the Morse GUMBO project and the progress that has been made. Jay Domingue mentioned that back in December 2021 there were proposals brought before the jury for matching ARPA funds dedicated to GUMBO projects. He stated that after that time, they were awarded twenty percent match on all of their projects, should they win a project. Reach4 Communications won one project, that project being in Morse, LA. He mentioned that there were still some remaining funds and at that time in September of 2022, Jay Domingue approached the jury requesting the remaining funds to continue the projects that were originally proposed and since that time, Reach4 Communications entered into a contract for the 20% match of Morse GUMBO project on July 21, 2023 and are almost completed in Morse, LA. They have completed the Village of Morse and have went South, a little past the Bayou, and will be stopping at Roy Road, went North on North Jackson Avenue and have already gone East to Nest Road on Whitney Street. Within approximately a month, this project should be completed. They have impacted quite a few residents with this project. Jay Domingue said almost 400 citizens will have access to fiber internet. He mentioned that after September 2022 Police Jury meeting, they continued working on various roads within the proposal. He mentioned that they are still waiting on the 2.1 million dollars that's remaining. They have not entered a contract yet for the projects of Mire, Maxie, Egan and Evangeline.

Gordon Morgan, District 4 Juror, asked Jay Domingue about District 4 broadband. Jay Domingue said that District 4 has Ardolf funds that's coming from the federal government. These are areas that were not proposed in GUMBO or didn't win an award in GUMBO and are not funded by any other projects. Ardolf took place before GUMBO projects and covered most of District 4. The timeline is longer.

A discussion took place on a contract between Acadia Parish Police Jury and Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. Brett Bayard spoke to the jurors on the renewal period and the amendment. Mr. Gilbert with Waste Connection spoke to the jurors about the RFID chips and serial numbers in the garbage cans and also the camera monitoring on the trucks.

A motion was made by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to continue the contract with the amendments with Waste Connections Bayou, Inc.

A motion was made by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeff Morgan and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) and the Acadia Parish Police Jury in all matters pertaining to the Legros Memorial Airport improvements.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan and carried unanimously to call for a public hearing on December 5, 2023 for Belle Terre Drive – Eunice, LA- speed limit change from 25mph to 15mph.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried to adopt a resolution designating the President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to Rice Arena Improvements, Planning and Construction project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution accepting the increase by the Louisiana Bureau of Nutrition Services (BONS), the WIC State Agency, for the per-participant reimbursement rate to increase to \$20/participant/month, with the increase to be effective 01/01/2024 for Nutrition Services for the WIC Program.

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing Capital Area Financing Authority (CAFA) to issue bonds for the low to moderate income borrowers of Acadia Parish - CAFA's Market Rate Mortgage Loan Program.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Legros Memorial Airport.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution for the LeGros Memorial Airport 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

A motion was offered by Jeffery Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution for the annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

A motion was offered by Walter Andrus, seconded by Jeffery Morgan and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution awarding Triton Construction, LLC, for contractor services in connection with Subtitle D Liner for Completion of Phase IV for the Acadia Parish Landfill project with the low bid of \$1,951,610.00.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go out for 12-month bids for supplies, materials and services for the different departments within the Police Jury system.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the anticipated 2024 Acadia Parish Police Jury Meeting schedule.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the anticipated 2024 Acadia Parish Police Jury Holiday schedule.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to reappoint Bill Pinac to the Acadia Parish Library Board of Control for a term of five years. (2028)

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 Nicole D. Broussard, CFO/CPA.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY GORDON MORGAN, SECONDED BY PAT DAIGLE THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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