

SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2016

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY
PARISH OF ACADIA
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

LADIES & GENTLEMEN:

Notice is hereby given that a **Special Meeting** of the Acadia Parish Police Jury will be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, at 8:00 A.M., on, Tuesday, August 23, 2016 to consider the following items:

AGENDA:

New Business:

1. Adopt the 2016 millage rate(s).
2. Salary adjustment for Police Jurors.
3. General Fund budget adjustments.
4. Deferred Compensation.
5. Consider waiving permit fees for flood victims.
6. Disaster compensation for salaried employees.

Old Business:

None.

Dated at Crowley, Louisiana
this 19th day of August, 2016.

/s/ David Savoy
 DAVID SAVOY, PRESIDENT
 ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY

We, the undersigned members of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, do hereby accept such service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice and consent and agree that said Police Jury of Acadia shall meet at the time and place named therein and for the purpose therein stated.

/s/ Danny Hebert
 /s/ Ronnie Fabacher
 /s/ Chuck Broussard
 /s/ Kerry Kilgore

/s/ Jimmie Pellerin
 /s/ Richard Faul
 /s/ David Savoy
 /s/ Robert Guidry

James "Jimbo" Petitjean, Acadia Parish Assessor, addressed the Police Jury and gave a presentation regarding the 2016 adjusted millage rates.

RESOLUTION

BY MESSRS: DANNY HEBERT AND ROBERT GUIDRY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Acadia Parish Police Jury:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Exempted Municipalities	2.16 Mills
General Alimony	4.33 Mills
Health Unit Maintenance	2.15 Mills
Road & Bridges Maintenance	3.23 Mills
Library Maintenance	4.32 Mills
Cooperative Extension Maintenance	2.15 Mills
Senior Citizen Programs Maintenance	1.52 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2016, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Danny Hebert, Ronnie Fabacher, Chuck Broussard, Kerry Kilgore, Jimmie Pellerin, Richard Faul, David Savoy, and Robert Guidry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ADOPTED: AUGUST 23, 2016

ATTEST:

/s/ Laura Faul
LAURA FAUL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ David Savoy
DAVID SAVOY
PRESIDENT

Mrs. Laura Faul, Secretary-Treasurer, explained that there was a budget deficit within the General Fund due to the Police Jury not receiving Severance Tax funds from the State and suggested that the Police Jurors receive a twenty (20 %) percent reduction of salary.

Juror Ronnie Fabacher asked that Mr. Terry Lacombe please address the Police Jury regarding the budget.

Mr. Terry Lacombe, resident of Egan, Louisiana and former Secretary-Treasurer, addressed the Police Jury and stated that a budget was only a guideline for funds. He stated that it was admirable for the Police Jurors to take a cut in pay but he figured that the jurors salary was approximately two (2%) percent of the General Fund budget. He also stated that he was asked to review the budget and see if there were monies not being utilized. He questioned if the Police Jury still used the Bank of Commerce as there central bank. He further stated that the Bank of Commerce submits a monthly report to the Secretary-Treasurer outlining all the money that the Police Jury has available with every financial institution and it details if the funds are restricted or non-restricted. He stated that the Secretary-Treasurer also receives reports from Edward Jones and LAMP regarding funds the Police Jury has in accounts with those institutions. He also stated that anyone wanting to review the funds should request copies of the 2011 audit, the 2014 audit, and the 2015 audit to compare revenues, expenses, and fund balances.

Juror Ronnie Fabacher moved that all the jurors receive the aforementioned documents.

Juror Ronnie Fabacher asked Mr. Lacombe to explain what a legislative audit entails.

Mr. Terry Lacombe stated that an audit looks to see how revenues and expenditures are handled and to make sure that there are no commingling of funds. He also stated that when he left the Police Jury in 2011 there were 15-20 million dollars in revenue amongst all funds.

Juror Ronnie Fabacher asked if the 21 million dollars was still there.

Mrs. Laura Faul, Secretary-Treasurer, explained that the aforementioned money was dedicated tax monies and could not be used to supplement the General Fund.

Juror Ronnie Fabacher stated that he was told by Ms. Donna Bertrand that those monies did not exist and were a hoax or lie. He also stated that he was not informed of current happenings at the Police Jury Office until things were already done. He referenced the current debris pick up situation.

Mrs. Donna Bertrand, Acadia Parish Police Jury Human Resources Director, stated that she did not say that the monies were a lie or a hoax and asked that Juror Fabacher call or visit the Administrative Office in the future if there is any information he wants or needs.

Juror Jimmie Pellerin also stated that he would have liked to have been informed about the debris pick up requirements.

Mrs. Laura Faul, Secretary-Treasurer, stated that if all employees paid by General Fund would receive a twenty (20%) percent salary cut then according to preliminary numbers the budget would be able to balance.

Mr. Terry Lacombe asked if the Police Jury could adjust the Police Jurors salary without a public hearing.

Mr. Brad Andrus, Parish Attorney, stated that he felt that as long as the Police Jurors were voluntarily taking a temporary reduction in pay then the ordinance setting their salaries did not need to be amended.

A motion was offered by Mr. Robert Guidry, seconded by Mr. Chuck Broussard and carried, to amend the budget to reflect a twenty (20 %) percent reduction of salary for all employees paid out of the general fund, including the Police Jurors, and a decrease in expenses as well.

President David Savoy stated that a special meeting would be called Friday, August 26, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. to adopt the budget adjustments.

Discussion was held regarding the elimination of the Police Jury's participation in the Deferred Compensation plan.

A motion was offered by Mr. Robert Guidry, seconded by Mr. Chuck Broussard and carried, to table this item until the adoption of the budget adjustments.

Mrs. Peggy Romero, Budget Director, stated that according to our policy manual employees who work during a disaster will be paid double time and she requested that the Police Jurors allow salaried employees to also receive compensation for working during that time. She further stated that the monies used to pay for the aforementioned compensation could be reimbursed by emergency funds.

A motion was offered by Mr. Danny Hebert, seconded by Mr. Chuck Broussard and carried, to allow exempt salary employees to receive disaster compensation.

A motion was offered by Mr. Robert Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kerry Kilgore and carried unanimously, that an item be added to the agenda to consider aerial spraying for the City of Crowley and the City of Rayne in addition to the unincorporated areas of the Parish.

President David Savoy stated that there is a potential for aerial spraying and asked if the City of Crowley and the City of Rayne would be included. He explained that Crowley and Rayne do not contribute taxes to the Acadia Parish Police Jury Mosquito Control Program.

Mrs. Peggy Romero, Budget Director, stated that FEMA would pay seventy-five (75%) percent of the cost to aerial spray and the Police Jury would be responsible for twenty-five (25%) percent of the cost.

A motion was offered by Mr. Chuck Broussard, seconded by Mr. Kerry Kilgore and carried, to only allow for areas that are in the Acadia Parish Police Jury Mosquito Control taxing district to receive aerial spraying through the Police Jury.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED DULY SECONDED, THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P. M.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

PRESIDENT