



DESOTO PARISH POLICE JURY

December 18, 2023 at 5:05 PM

Regular Meeting

Police Jury Meeting Room, 101 Franklin Street, Mansfield, LA 71052

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

District 1A Jimmy Holmes

District 1C Keith Parker

District 2 Kyle Kennington

District 3 Greg Baker

District 4A Richard Fuller

District 4B Jeri Burrell

District 4C Ernel Jones

District 4D Trina Boyd-Simpson

District 5 Reggie Roe

District 6 Rodriguez Ross

ABSENT

District 1B B. D. Mitchell

B. INVOCATION

Done in previous meeting

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Done in previous meeting

D. PRESENTATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE AWARDS

1. Steve Brown - Retirement
2. Phillip Daniels, Administrator of E911, Serving as Vice President of NENA 911 since April

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of

the Police Jury Annex, 101 Franklin Street, Mansfield Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

F. CALL FOR ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Authorize reimbursing the property owner at 355 Fire Tower Road for cutting and removal of a tree in the Road Right of Way which fell during a storm

Motion made by District 4A Fuller, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

G. GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Jackson spoke regarding Item 18 on the agenda

H. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

I. COUNSEL'S REPORT

None

J. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

4. Michael Norton, Parish Administrator

Michael Norton, Parish Administrator, gave his report

K. LOBBYIST'S REPORT

5. Chance McNeely with Delta Resource Group

Mr. McNeely presented his report and answered questions posed by individual Jurors

L. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

6. Accept the Financial Statements as of November 30, 2023 and Year to Date Budget to actual report

Ms. Garcia, Parish Treasurer, presented the Financial Report ending November 30, 2023 and reported one (1) deficit

Motion made by District 3 Baker, Seconded by District 2 Kennington.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Approve the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting, November 27, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, November 28, 2023 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, December 4, 2023 Administrative, Budget and Finance, Buildings and Properties, Personnel, Policy and Procedures, Solid Waste, Insurance, Road and Special Meeting

Motion made by District 4A Fuller, Seconded by District 5 Roe.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

N. OLD BUSINESS

8. Authorize the President to sign a Resolution requesting the designation of certain census tract Block Groups enumerated below as Enterprise Zones, for participation in the Enterprise Zone Program Administered by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and sign the Enterprise Zone Program Approval Letter

Motion made by District 4C Jones, Seconded by District 2 Kennington.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross
Voting Abstaining: District 4B Burrell

O. NEW BUSINESS

9. Authorize the President to sign the Indemnification with Louisiana Midstream Gas Services LLC for access to their pipeline on the north side of Mundy Landfill to perform erosion control.

Motion made by District 3 Baker, Seconded by District 4C Jones.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

10. Authorize reimbursing the property owner at 355 Fire Tower Road for cutting and removal of a tree in the Road Right of Way which fell during a storm

P. RESOLUTIONS

11. Approve a Resolution adopting an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024.

Motion made by District 3 Baker, Seconded by District 5 Roe.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

12. Recommends authorizing the President to sign a Resolution appointing Michael Rister as a director to the board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for a two year term

Motion made by District 4B Burrell, Seconded by District 5 Roe.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

Q. ORDINANCES

R. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

13. Recommends approving the 2024 Holiday Schedule

Motion made by District 2 Kennington, Seconded by District 4D Boyd-Simpson.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

14. Recommends approving the 2024 Meeting Schedule

Motion made by District 4B Burrell, Seconded by District 2 Kennington.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

15. Recommends approving the 2024 Liquor License Renewals

Motion made by District 4C Jones, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 3 Baker, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6

Ross

Voting Abstaining: District 2 Kennington, District 4A Fuller

16. Recommends approving the 2024 DeSoto Parish Tourism Commission Budget

Motion made by District 4D Boyd-Simpson, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

S. BUDGET AND FINANCE ITEMS

17. Recommends selecting Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway and Todtenbier, CPA's for the 2023-2025 audits

Motion made by District 5 Roe, Seconded by District 2 Kennington.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

Voting Nay: District 4B Burrell

T. BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES & PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ITEMS

18. Recommends authorizing the President to sign a 3 year renewal service agreement with Johnson Controls for HVAC and Controls at the Courthouse with recommended changes per legal counsel

Motion made by District 2 Kennington, Seconded by District 1A Holmes.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

U. INSURANCE ITEMS

19. Recommends approving the Property and Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance for 2024

Motion to use AmGuard Insurance for Property and Casualty and LUBA Indemnity Insurance for Workers Compensation.

Motion made by District 1A Holmes, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.

Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS

20. Recommends approving the Compensation Study

Motion made by District 4D Boyd-Simpson, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington,
District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District
4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

21. Recommends approving the new step increase schedule

Alternate motion that existing employees stay at the 6 step increase and new hires start at the 12 step increase

Motion made by District 3 Baker, Seconded by District 5 Roe.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District
4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson,
District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross
Voting Nay: District 1C Parker

W. ROAD ITEMS

22. Recommends authorizing the President to sign the Change Order No. 1 to include asphalt resurfacing on Cody Lane

Motion made by District 6 Ross, Seconded by District 5 Roe.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington,
District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District
4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

23. Recommends authorizing the President to sign Change Order No. 3 for sheet pile headwall on Mounce Road (2016 FEMA)

Motion made by District 4B Burrell, Seconded by District 1A Holmes.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington,
District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District
4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

24. Recommends authorizing the Parish Administrator to sign the agreement between owner and engineer for professional service on Brazzel Road.

Motion made by District 6 Ross, Seconded by District 3 Baker.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B
Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 6 Ross
Voting Nay: District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 5 Roe

25. Recommends authorizing compensation to Pat Loftus for fence replacement on Powell Road as per the servitude agreement

Motion made by District 2 Kennington, Seconded by District 4B Burrell.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross

X. SOLID WASTE ITEMS

26. Recommends accepting the price increase for Municipal Solid Waste from Bossier per the recommendation of Live Oak from \$23.00 per ton to \$28.00 per ton for 2024, \$30.50 per ton for 2025, and \$33.00 per ton for 2026.

Motion made by District 5 Roe, Seconded by District 1C Parker.
Voting Yea: District 1A Holmes, District 1C Parker, District 2 Kennington, District 3 Baker, District 4C Jones, District 4D Boyd-Simpson, District 5 Roe, District 6 Ross
Voting Nay: District 4A Fuller, District 4B Burrell

Y. ADJOURN

Motion made by District 4C Jones, Seconded by District 4A Fuller.