

**AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**REGULAR SESSION, *Location LSU Ag Center***  
***Tuesday, December 14, 2021***

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, at the LSU Ag Center on Tuesday, December 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, John Earles, Kirby Roy, McKinley Keller, Amy Guidry Acadian Ambulance; , Jonathan Gaspard-Attorney for the PJ, Kevin Bordelon- Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon-Engineer; Joey Frank, Laura Gaspard, Anthony Desselle, Gumibellot, Alissa Piazza Tassin Med Express, Twyla Lemoine, David Lemoine, Jenny Fauls, Tessa Bordelon and Bruce Coulon

Absent were: Charles Jones

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by McKinley Keller.

President Roy welcomed all those attending.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Darrell Wiley, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2021, printed in the “Weekly News” and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Mark Borrel, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission Meeting held on November 22, 2021, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary-Treasurer which displayed budgeted to actual. On vote, the motion carried.

Delegate (s)

**Dr. James Bordelon, Coroner**

In reference to the recent Opioid settlement for Avoyelles Parish Dr. Bordelon is proposing an inpatient detox facility in the parish. He emphasized the need for the facility as he has seen an increase in deaths due to overdoses related to prescription opioids, heroin, methamphetamine, Suboxone, and most recently Kratom, which is commonly sold at Vape Shops. President Roy and other Jurors expressed an interest in seeing a Detox facility come to fruition. A committee will be formed and a plan will be development.

**Daniel Hamilton- Assistant Director of the Hope House in Marksville.**

His mother opened the facility in 1190, the center in an Inpatient Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. The center is non-profit, medicaid funded and they do accept private insurance. He suggested opening a Detox Facility in the old Marksville Hospital which has been completely renovated and is move in ready.

**Alissa Piazza Tassin- Attorney for Med Express**

Announced Med Express now has the backing of Global Medical Response, the largest medical transport company in the world. GMR can bring more services to the parish, lessen response times and reduce to cost burden for residents. She also asked the Jury to take action for a plan to end the monopoly .

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the 2021 Amended Budget as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Darrell Wiley to adopt the 2022 Proposed Budget as presented. On vote, the amended motion passed.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by McKinley Keller to adopt the District Attorneys 2021 Amended Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt the District Attorneys 2022 Proposed Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel to adopt the Registrar of Voters 2022 Proposed Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt the Coroners Office 2022 Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Bobby bordelon to adopt a resolution certifying the canvassing of election results from November 13, 2021. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Darrell Wiley, to approve the purchase of two scanners for the Registrars of Voters Office, \$1,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, authorizing the president the Solid Waste Contract. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, to appoint William Tebow to the Bunkie Hospital Board to fill the unexpired term of Gerard Moreau. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by McKinley Keller, to proceed with FEMA Project, Horsepen Creek, Gin Road, Jeff McCann. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by McKinley Keller, to accept Substantial Completion from Diamond B for the overlay of Hwy 1107/117. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, to replace Jean Lemoine with Anne Dorgant to the Library Board. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by John Earles, seconded by McKinley Keller to appoint Gerard Moreau (deceased) with Joseph Frank to the Library Board. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to advertise to accept bids for Road District No. 2 Round 7 Projects. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by John Earles, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to approve a 5% Cost of Living raise for all Police Jury employees. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Jacob Coco to raise minimum wage to \$10/hour. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Glenn McKinley, seconded by John Earles, to purchase an extended warranty for the Polaris UTV for 48 months, \$1,590. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Jacob Coco, seconded by Mark Borrel to send letters of support for AT&T, Star Communication, Suddenlink. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Jacob Coco, with unanimous consent to add Substantial Completion to the agenda. On vote, the motion carried.

On vote by Bobby Bordelon, seconded Jacob Coco to accept the substantial completion for Road District 2, Work Order 6. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by John Earles to convene into Executive Session. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by John Earles to convene in regular session. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded Mark Borrel agreeing to the previous agreement regarding Indian Gaming Revenue, distributing 5% of the whole amount to the Sheriff in exchange, the Sheriff will not seek reimbursement for Inmate housing and medical charges.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by John Earles to grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay bills and Waive a reading of the whole. On vote, the motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by John Earles, seconded by Jacob Coco, the meeting adjourned.

s/Kirby Roy  
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley  
Secretary-Treasurer

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