

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on January 23, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. by Police Jury President Louis Kent. Opening prayer was offered by President Kent and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Mr. Chris Hall.

The roll was called by Parish Secretary Yamesha Harris and the following jurors were present: Mr. Michael Cheatham, Mr. Kyle Fleniken, Mr. Chris Hall, Mr. Ronald Johnson, Mr. Louis Kent, Mr. Jason McCray, Mr. Richard Oliveaux, and Dr. Chrissie O'Quin. Mr. Keith Mills was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to approve the agenda and move the visitors up. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to adopt the minutes from the December 19, 2022 Public Hearing. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to adopt the minutes from the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to nominate Mr. Louis Kent as Police Jury President.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to close nominations and appoint Mr. Louis Kent as Police Jury President. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Mr. Chris Hall to nominate Dr. Chrissie O'Quin as Police Jury Vice President.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to close nominations and appoint Dr. Chrissie O'Quin as Police Jury Vice President. Motion passed

Ginger Butler addressed the Jury with concerns on Internet/Cable Services in the Parish. Parish Manager Moreau informed Ms. Butler that Starlink has 3 years to implement

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray at approve hardship variance to allow Natasha Davis Franklin to live in mobile home behind her father Earl Davis at 4077 Mill Lane, none transferable to review in 1 year. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to approve advertisement for Parish Livestock Manager to serve a two-year term. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Ronald Johnson to appoint Mr. Jeff Williams to the 911 Communications District Board as the Police Jury representative. Motion passed

A motion was made by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, seconded by Mr. Ronald Johnson to appoint Dr. Gene Thompson as East Feliciana Parish Coroner. Motion passed

A motion was made by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, seconded by Mr. Kyle Fleniken to adopt resolution to call a special election to fill the office of East Feliciana Coroner. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION #EFPPJ 23-001
CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT
FOR CORONER OF EAST FELICIANA PARISH**

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Ewell Dewitt Bickham, MD., Coroner, Parish of East Feliciana, has created a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury, at a regular meeting held on January 3, 2023 has appointed Ernest Gene Thompson, Jr. MD to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Ewell Dewitt Bickham, MD.; and

WHEREAS, His resignation has caused a vacancy in the office and an election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury do hereby call a special election to fill the position of Coroner, Parish of East Feliciana

- 1) The qualifying dates: August 8, 2023 – August 10, 2023
- 2) The Primary Election date: October 14, 2023
- 3) The General Election date: November 18, 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

The resolution was offered by Juror Chrissie O'Quin and seconded by Juror Kyle Fleniken and unanimously carried.

No report from Executive Committee

No report from Personnel Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Kyle Fleniken to approve monthly invoices.

No report from Public Works & Equipment Committee

No reports from Buildings & Properties Committee

Administrative Comments were as follows:

- Informed Jury that a copy of Audubon Regional Library's Financial Audit was place in their binders

Homeland Security Report

- No report from Homeland Security Director

Treasurer's Report

- No report from Treasurer

Public Comments

- Mr. Richard Oliveaux addressed concerns of Sports Betting
- Mr. Marvin Anthony asked if the Jury would consider widening Brown Road
- Ms. Darlene Anthony addressed the Jury with concerns of Public Cemetery on Brown Road

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Parish Secretary

Louis Kent, Police Jury President