East Feliciana Parish Police Jury Clinton, LA Regular Meeting May 15, 2023 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on May 15, 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 led by Mr. Jason McCray.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to approve the agenda and move the visitor's up. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to adopt the minutes from the May 1, 2023 regular meeting. Motion passed

A motion was made by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to approve advertisement to sell property at 12320 St. Helena Street. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Ronald Johnson to approve advertisement to accept bids for Overlay Project. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to set a public hearing on June 20, 2023 at 5:30 to discuss lowering speed limit on Highland Meadows Drive to install speed bumps. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Kyle Fleniken to approve transfer request of property Lot 184 Highland Lakeshore, Ethel recorded at clerk's office on #209319 to Calvin Sagely in the amount of \$200.00. Motion passed

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Kyle Fleniken to adopt Risk Rating 2.0 Litigation Resolution. Motion passed

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) "is updating the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology," titled "Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action"<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0's "methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarily sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property's flood risk"<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and the federal legislature, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and their Councils, and many other entities in Louisiana and around the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of Risk Rating 2.0's underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana's Levee Boards have made to the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana's flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana's homeowners to purchase flood insurance;

**WHEREAS**, many of those entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA's underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA's underlying methodology;

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WHEREAS, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interests of many Louisiana industries, and the interests of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be "Equity in Action" an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

The resolution was offered by Juror Jason McCray and seconded by Juror Kyle Fleniken and unanimously carried.

President Kent appointed Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, Juror Kyle Fleniken, Juror Ronald Johnson, Interim Parish Manager/Parish Secretary Yamesha Harris and Public Works Director Gwendolyn McCoy to the Parish Manager Interview Committee.

No report from Personnel Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Ronald Johnson to approve monthly invoices. Motion passed

No report from Public Works & Equipment Committee

No report form Buildings & Properties Committee

Administrative Comments were as follows:

• COA Picnic

Treasurer's Report

• Jurors were informed that a copy of the April Treasurer's Report is in their binders. Includes cash balances, profit and loss, check register and monthly invoices for each fund.

Homeland Security Report

• Update on Hurricane Response Plan

Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 23.

Public Comments

- Interim Parish Manager thanked Director McCoy and her department for cleaning dump sites and informed the public that cameras are installed and violators will be prosecuted
- Mrs. Varnado asked for an update on the new Grace Lane facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Parish Secretary

Louis Kent, Police Jury President