

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on January 5, 2026, 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 Juror Dexter Armstead.

The roll was called by Secretary Treasurer Yamesha Harris and the following jurors were present: Juror Dexter Armstead, Juror Kristin Chasteen, Juror Michael Cheatham, Juror Kyle Fleniken, President Louis Kent, Juror Jason McCray, Juror Richard Oliveaux, and Vice President Chrissie O'Quin. Juror Keith Mills was absent

A motion was made by Juror Jason McCray, seconded by Juror Richard Oliveaux to approve the agenda and move the visitors up. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

A motion was made by Juror Dexter Armstead, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to adopt minutes from the December 15, 2025 Public Hearing. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Juror Dexter Armstead, seconded by Juror Jason McCray to adopt minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Dexter Armstead, seconded by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin to reappoint President Louis Kent as 2026 Police Jury President. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Juror Jason McCray, seconded by Juror Michael Cheatham to close nominations for 2026 Police Jury President. There were no additional nominees.

Mr. Louis Kent was elected to be the 2026 Police Jury President

A motion was made by Juror Richard Oliveaux to nominate Juror Kyle Fleniken as Police Jury Vice President. Motion failed due to lack of a second

A motion was made by Juror Dexter Armstead, seconded by Juror Jason McCray to reappoint Vice President Chrissie O'Quin as 2026 Police Jury Vice President. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Juror Jason McCray, seconded by Juror Michael Cheatham to close nominations for 2026 Police Jury Vice President. There were no additional nominees.

Dr. Chrissie O'Quin was elected to be the 2026 Police Vice President.

A motion was made by Juror Jason McCray, seconded by Juror Richard Oliveaux to approve 20%(\$22,000.00) sustainability funds to EF Drug Council from the Opioid Fund for year 2026. Vice President Chrissie O'Quin opposed. Motion passed

Sondra Hayes, chairperson of East Feliciana Drug Council presented the Jury with a 2026 budget to administer an Opioid Abatement Program

A motion was made by Juror Richard Oliveaux, seconded by Juror Kyle Fleniken to amend CWFY FY 23-24 Project. Motion passed

A motion was made by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, seconded by Juror Richard Oliveaux to adopt resolution in support of Water Works #7 Rist Road Water Storage Tanks and System Improvements Projects. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kristin Chasteen, seconded by Juror Kyle Fleniken to adopt resolution in support of Water Works #7 submission of CWFY FY 2025-2026 grant application. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Juror Dexter Armstead, seconded by Juror Michael Cheatham to approve William Jarrell's request for a noise variance at 8596 Hwy 963, Ethel on January 31, 2026 from 12pm-6pm. Juror Kristin Chasteen and Juror Richard Oliveaux opposed. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kristin Chasteen, seconded by Juror Dexter Armstead to rebid contract for overhead dumpsters. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kristin Chasteen, seconded by Juror Kyle Fleniken to adopt Bridge Investment Program Resolution. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kyle Fleniken, seconded by Juror Dexter Armstead to set the deadline to submit applications for the Registrar Voters vacancy as January 29, 2026 by 5:30pm. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kyle Fleniken, seconded by Juror Kristin Chasteen to approve monthly invoices. Motion passed

A motion was made by Juror Kyle Fleniken, seconded by Juror Dexter Armstead to award bid for Parish Engineering/Hazard Mitigation to Quality Engineering & Surveying. Motion passed

A motion was made by Vice President Chrissie O'Quin, seconded by Juror Dexter Armstead to award bid for standby Debris Removal to Ceres Environmental Services. Motion passed

Administrative Matter/Treasurer's were as follows:

- Update on Safety Street Grant award
- Informed Jury that LSUAg would like to thank them for their support
- Update on 2026 LGAP grant application submission

Homeland Security Director Darryl Buhler informed the Jury of the upcoming Riverbend Drill

Public Comments

- President Louis Kent stated that all Jurors took an oath of office to do what is best for the Parish. All decisions will not be easy, and everyone will not be pleased but he will be fair to all citizens of the Parish.
- John Rouchon, Coroner's office representative, provided the Jury with a 2025 recap
- Debbie Kemp asked about the 1.2 million dollars the Police Jury will receive from the federal government

- Tony Rouchon asked the Jury reach out to Trash Rangers on residential garbage collection pricing for their parish
- Juror Kyle Fleniken ask that the public and Jury prepare themselves for an increase in residential garbage collection with the rebid of contract

A motion was made by Juror Jason McCray, seconded by Juror Michael Cheatham to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Parish Secretary

Louis Kent, Police Jury President