

CATAHOULA LEGALS

Advertisement for Bids

Project No. 20-06-683E (CWEF NO. 1920-CWEF-CTH-0001)

Owner:
Catahoula Parish Police Jury
Owner
P.O. Box 258
Address
Harrisonburg, LA 71340

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows: Lake Lilly Road Water Main.

Proposals shall be addressed to the Catahoula Parish Police Jury, and delivered to the Office located at (address) Courthouse, 301 Bushley Street, Harrisonburg, LA 71340.

not later than 10:00 AM, on the day of Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Sealed bids to be marked "Sealed Bid – Catahoula Parish Police Jury, Lake Lilly Road Water Main, Project No, 20-06-683E, #1920-CWEF-CTH-0001". Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on the day of Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at the Catahoula Parish Police Jury located at Courthouse, 301 Bushley Street, Harrisonburg, LA 71340. The information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

**Catahoula Parish Police Jury
McManus Consulting Engineers, Inc.
301 Bushley Street
116 Smelser Road
Harrisonburg, LA 71340
Monroe, LA 71202**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is to inform the Taxpayers of Jonesville, Harrisonburg and Sicily Island, that the 2020 Municipality Tax Notices, were dated incorrectly. The correct Due Date for these notices should be March 1, 2021 and not December 31, 2020. The Catahoula Parish Assessor's Office apologizes for any inconvenience this error may cause.

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to certify that in compliance with Louisiana R.S. 39:1309. MATT TAYLOR, ASSESSOR of CATAHOULA PARISH does hereby amend the Budget of CATAHOULA PARISH ASSESSOR-GENERAL FUND for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**MATT TAYLOR, CLA
CATAHOULA PARISH**

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to certify that the CATAHOULA PARISH ASSESSOR has complied with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1306 relative to public participation in the Budget process for the Year Ended December 31, 2021. Notice of availability for public inspection and public hearing was held in compliance with applicable statute.

**MATT TAYLOR, CLA
CATAHOULA ASSESSOR**

Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020
Harrisonburg, LA 71340

The Police Jury of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room at the Courthouse, on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: President Harold Sones and Jurors Brady Nelson, Rodney Sones, Jeffery Estes, Rickie Crumpton, Debra Hawkins and Johnnie Adams; Secretary-Treasurer Patti Mizell, Assistant Secretary Frankie Tolar, Road Supervisor Charles Atkins and Attorney Karla Shirley-McHand.

Absent: Vice President Jerel Evans and Juror Glen McCormack

A quorum being present, the Police Jury of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said parish by President Harold Sones, who called upon Rodney Sones for Prayer and requested that the Jurors and the public remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance after which the following business was transacted.

On motion by Rickie Crumpton, seconded by Debra Hawkins and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and adopt same as published in the Official Journal.

On motion by Rickie Crumpton, seconded by Brady Nelson and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to open the Public Hearing to consider ordinance to impose fee per residence for household trash pickup.

Leo Chappelle presented several questions pertaining to this matter with President Sones providing a reply.

1. How will JCP Management be paid to bill for this fee? Their charge of \$1.75 per bill sent will be paid from the \$12.00 fee collected from each residence.
2. Was the contract for billing put up for bid? No, this is a professional service and does not require being bid.
3. Will any one be able to opt out of this service fee? Not unless the location being billed is just a water well, irrigation pump, etc. The number to call for billing questions will be on the bill.
4. Has there been any consideration of re-opening the landfill? Yes, but it is not feasible.
5. Will there be disposal service for white goods? A plan is being worked on to provide dumpsters for white goods (metal) and other large household items. The public will be notified when this will be available.

John Tiser inquired as to how much the shortage is at this time to pay for household garbage pickup. President Sones stated that it is approximately \$100,000 this year. There will be a provision in the ordinance to either lower or raise the fee as necessary to cover the contract cost of household garbage pickup.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Debra Hawkins, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to add the following item to the agenda:

Approve opening a bank account at Catahoula-LaSalle Bank for garbage fee collection.

On motion by Rickie Crumpton, seconded by Rodney Sones and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to approve

President Sones opened the Public Comment Period for agenda items. There were no comments.

ORDINANCE #2975

Motion by: Johnnie Adams Second by: Rickie Crumpton To assess a \$12.00 per residence fee for household trash pickup starting March 1, 2020 See attached Ordinance

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Debra Hawkins and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to authorize payment of current invoices authorized by the Finance Committee.

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury approve the following deletions to Selective Maintenance:

- Area II:
Area III:
Gambrell Road Trim Limbs
Jolly Lane Trim Limbs
Ditto Road Pot Holes
Maycel Road Grade & Repair
Big A Plenty Road Ditching
Wildwood Road Grade & Repair
Boothe Bend Ditching/limbs

- Area IV:
clean culvert
Moody Road Repair culvert surface
Ray Morris Road Side Hog/limbs
& Bush Hog Webb Camp Road
Scarfire 2 mile
Parhams Road Pot Holes/Grading @ south end

- Davis Road Check for water damage/pot holes
Firetower Road Scarfire south end
Sanders Loop Check road
Old Columbia Road Scarfire to

- Big Bayou Road Bush Hog/Scarfire .4 @ end
Prudhomme Bottom
Thompson Road Bush Hog/Scarfire .4
Hunters Lane Trim Limbs
Paulk Road Bush Hog
Cockerham Loop Trim Limbs
Charlie Road Pot Holes
Daisy Lane Ditching

On motion by Brady Nelson, seconded by Rodney Sones and unanimously passed, the Jury awarded bids for 2021 supplies and materials as follows: (Bids are on file at the Police Jury Office)

1. CRS2 and MC30 Prime – Accept Asphalt Products
 2. Cold Mix – Accept Diamond B Construction
 3. Fuel – Accept McCartney Oil
 4. Motor Oil & Hydraulic Fluid – Accept McCartney Oil
 5. Pit Run – Reject Blain Sand & Gravel due to not bid by cubic yard.
- Accept withdrawal of bid from T & L Dirtworks
Will be on next meeting agenda to rebid.
6. C-1, C-2, C-3 – Reject Blain Sand & Gravel due to all three classes not bid
 7. Limestone – Accept Little River Services, Inc.
 8. Grader Blades – Accept Scott Equipment
 9. Metal culverts – Plain & Galvanized – Accept lowest bid for each size
 10. Plastic Culverts – Accept Southwest Sales
 11. Tires – Accept D&J Tire

On motion by Johnnie Adams, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury approved the 2021 Worker's Comp insurance with Arthur J. Gallagher for Larto/Mayna Recreation District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2975

AN ORDINANCE TO ASSESS A SERVICE CHARGE PER CATAHOULA PARISH RESIDENCE (EXCLUSIVE OF MUNICIPALITIES) FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SUCH COLLECTION FEE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury, due to the increased cost of residential household garbage collection/disposal and a decrease in a current dedicated sales tax revenue for such collection costs, the Jury has the right to assess a service charge per residence;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a service charge of \$12.00 per month per Catahoula Parish residence (exclusive of municipalities) shall be assessed starting March 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Catahoula Parish Police Jury has the right to increase or decrease this service charge if and when necessary to ensure the ability to cover the contract cost of garbage collection subject to approval of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that liens may be filed against those properties failing to pay such garbage collection fees in accordance with Louisiana law.

On motion by Johnnie Adams and seconded by Rickie Crumpton, ordinance passed, approved and adopted this 14th day of December 2020 by the following vote:

Yea: 7
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2
Harold Sones, President Patti C. Mizell,
Secretary Catahoula Parish Police Jury

Resolution 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY TO THE LOUISIANA SENATE AND THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the Catahoula Parish Police Jury strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically, and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents, and

WHEREAS residents of Catahoula Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high speed internet, and WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested

thus far, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas and these funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Rodney Sones, seconded by Johnnie Adams and the following vote was recorded:

Yea: 7
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2

Resolution declared adopted this 14th day of December 2020.

**Harold Sones, President Patti C. Mizell, Secretary
Catahoula Parish Police Jury Catahoula Parish Police Jury**

**Special Meeting
December 17, 2020
Harrisonburg, Louisiana**

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Present: President Harold Sones and Jurors Rodney Sones, Jeffery Estes, Rickie Crumpton and Johnnie Adams; Secretary/Treasurer Patti C. Mizell and Assistant Secretary Frankie Tolar.

Absent: Vice President Jerel Evans, Jurors Brady Nelson, Glen McCormack & Debra Hawkins

A quorum being present, the Police Jury of Catahoula Parish, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as governing body of said parish by President Harold Sones who called upon Rodney Sones for prayer and requested that the Jurors and public remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance after which the following business was transacted.

On a motion by Rickie Crumpton, seconded by Johnnie Adams and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to approve the Agenda.

President Sones opened the floor for public comments on agenda items. There were no public comments.

On a motion by Rickie Crumpton, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to open the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budgets.

There was no discussion.

On a motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION 12-17-2020

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2021 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Motion by: Rickie Crumpton Second by: Rodney Sones WHEREAS, the Catahoula Parish Police Jury has appointed Patti C. Mizell, Secretary/Treasurer,

to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, Patti C. Mizell, Secretary/Treasurer has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on November 25, 2020 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 17, 2020, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves/fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Catahoula Parish Police Jury of the State of Louisiana:

1. That the budget as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury for the year stated above.
2. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by Harold Sones, President, and made a part of the public records of the Parish of Catahoula.

Resolution approved, passed and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 4
Abstain: 0

Harold Sones, President Patti C. Mizell, Secretary
Catahoula Parish Police Jury Catahoula Parish Police Jury

General Fund

Revenues:	
Ad Valorem	\$475,000
Beer Tax	3,500
Occupational License	110,000
2% Fire Rebate	4 2 , 0 0 0
State Revenue	15,000
Severance- Oil	130,000
Severance Timber	100,000
Interest	400
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	400
Refuge Revenue Sharing	2,300
Accounting Fees (other funds)	9,000
LGAP	40,000
OEP EMPG Grant	25,000
OEP SHSP Grant	25,000
Total Revenues:	\$977,600
Disbursements:	
Legislative	\$175,150
Judicial	17,710
Court Systems	49,930