Several citizens expressed fear that opening the door to one parish would draw similar requests from others. A representative from Waste Management Inc., another solid waste management firm, approached the jury requesting the same privilege for his company.

The discussion on the proposed budget was much shorter, with accountant Steve Lambeau presenting the changes made since the initial proposal and outlining the primary items in the new figures. The total budget calls for $8,305,229 in revenues and $7,848,762 in expenditures for 1988.

The vote had barely been completed when the jury was asked to amend the budget and restore $334 cut from the parish Veteran’s Service Office. Ernie Broussard, serving as a spokesman for 11 parish veterans organizations said that 4,446 veterans in Acadia were receiving benefits of more than $3 million each year from the Veterans Administration. He promised that the veterans’ groups. Juror Emerson Abshire then started the replacement fund with a $1,000 donation. Upon recommendation of the personnel committee, the jury approved the layoff of 17 more parish road employees, leaving only 13 men to serve the entire parish. The layoff was necessitated by saw cuts in state funds and leaves only three men at each of the three parish barns, two at the public works barn, one mechanic, and the parish superintendent.

In other action, the jury approved the bid of Ladd Drink of New Orleans to build a $121,231 in paving certificates for the Acadia Acres project at 8.99 cents. Bonding attorneyLonnie Broussard said that was a good bid considering the present bond market. They also approved the certification of the Richard Volunteer Fire Department which serves 1,418 people. Jurors voted to ask the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the asphalt shavings to be used to repair parish roads.

Eight bids were received on 8.5 miles of channel improvements on the Bayou Mallet Watershed project, with the low bid of $336,541.86 from Dodee Frage Contractor’s of Eunice being accepted.

In other action, the jury:
• Voted to reimburse Acadia Sheriff Ken Goss $2,000 for the purchase of a meat freezer.
• Reappointed Ronnie Broussard and Bert Young for two-year terms on the Acadia Evangeline Fire District Board.
• Approved the nomination of Russell Meche of the Crowley Fire Department to replace Dallas Domingue, who is resigning from the Rayne Fire Department, on the Acadia Parish Emergency Planning Committee.
• A public hearing was set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, on the proposed by-laws for an industrial development corporation for the parish.