

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
June 26, 2018**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Olinde gave condolences to the family of Mr. O. J. Bello, who passed away. He was the father of former Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello.

President Olinde called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Gordon Taylor, Cornell Dukes, J. A. Bueche, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde. Arrived after roll call:
Mr. Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Watkins.

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

Resolutions:

- Approve advertisement for bids for the LA highway 419 Gas Main Improvements.
- Authorize the president to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for donation of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) from LA DOTD to the parish.
- Approval to submit an application for an USDA Housing Preservation Grant to restore homes in the parish.
- Accept quote to replace computer system at the Detention Center.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Bueche, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau and Olinde.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Hurst.

On a vote of 10-0-2, the motion carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 12, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS WITH SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS IN THE PARISH BY REPUBLIC SERVICES

Juror Dukes reported on discussions with representatives of Republic Services and that the problems with solid waste collections and carts in the parish have been resolved.

Public Utilities Billing and Collections Supervisor Linette Pascalin gave confirmation on the proposed corrective changes by Republic to address damage and replacement carts, and the collection of solid waste in the parish.

Mmes Sharon Mann and Karla Swacker of Republic commented on the proposed changes and reported they will be storing a truck and adding a new route in the parish.

Juror Jarreau recognized Mayor Rhett Pourciau of the Town of Livonia who voiced concerns about the collection of solid waste in the town by Republic. He was informed about the proposed changes.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That Republic Services be allowed to store a solid waste collection truck at the Parish Maintenance Facility.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION--AUTHORIZE THE PARISH TO JOIN IN THE NATIONAL LITIGATION IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION, AND RETAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS IN SAID LITIGATION

Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell presented the following amended resolution for approval of the Jury:

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

Authorizing the Parish of Pointe Coupee to join in the national litigation *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, and to retain special counsel to represent its interests in said litigation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, this Police Jury agrees that in order to ensure protection of the Parish's interests, a real necessity exists such that it join the aforementioned litigation and that Special Counsel should be retained to assist the district attorney in prosecution of any and all claims the Parish may have against manufacturers and distributors of Prescription Opiate drugs for any fault of theirs in causing or contributing to the Opioid Crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Crisis has recently brought national attention and has impacted communities across the country, both large and small; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health ("DHH") has filed a lawsuit alleging "Louisiana is overrun with opioid analgesic pain relievers and engulfed in a public health crisis"; and

WHEREAS, DHH alleges that as a result of that crisis Louisiana citizens bear a cost of approximately \$296 million per year in healthcare costs plus costs and strains on the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of lawsuits have been filed on behalf of government entities in the *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804, multi-district litigation in the Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury has considered the attached retainer agreement and authorizes Special Counsel to receive as compensation for their services, reimbursement of reasonable expenses, as well as twenty percent (20%) of the first twenty million dollars and fifteen percent (15%) of any funds in excess of twenty million dollars; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ the law firm of Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, LLC through its partner attorneys (Robert J. David, Gerald E. Meunier, Irving J. Warshauer, Michael J. Ecuyer, Walter C. Morrisison, IV, and M. Palmer Lambert), its associate attorneys (Claire E. Berg, Rachel M.

Naquin, and Brittany R.Wolf), and paralegals/assistants (Kathy Sokol, Magan Ennis, Denise Martin, Beth Brown, Dara Delger, and Kristina Cantrelle), as Special Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE LA HIGHWAY 419 GAS MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal and online with Central Bidding for the LA Highway 419 Gas Main Improvements.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN USDA HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT TO RESTORE HOMES IN THE PARISH

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That Providence Technical Services be authorized to submit an application for the Police Jury for an USDA Housing Preservation Grant to restore homes in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT QUOTE TO REPLACE COMPUTER SYSTEM AT THE DETENTION CENTER

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That due to an emergency, the low quote submitted by R & S Corporation in the amount of \$22,720.00 to replace the computer system at the Detention Center be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR DONATION OF RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP) FROM LA DOTD TO THE PARISH

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Police Jury and LA Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) for the donation of excess reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) material from DOTD.

Unanimously carried.

NAME A PRIVATE ROAD QUINCY LANE OFF OF VALVERDA ROAD AT MARINGOUIN FOR E-911 PURPOSES

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That a private road located off of Valverda Road at Maringouin be named Quincy Lane for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 15.9 ft.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECREATION

Chairman Hurst reported on a Recreation Committee meeting held June 14, 2018. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

Motion by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That Recreation Director Sal Genusa be authorized to contact Public Works Director James David about the availability of dirt for the football storage building foundation at PC Rec, and if dirt is unavailable that funds be allocated to purchase dirt.

Unanimously carried.

FINANCE

Chairman Cox reported on a Finance Committee meeting held June 19, 2018. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That the 2017 Annual Audit Report of the Police Jury submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the allocation of funds for the 25% local matching funding commitment by the Police Jury for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program drainage projects be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Amendment No. 2 to the Consultant Services Contract between the Police Jury and Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC be accepted, pending review and approval of Finance Committee Chairman Cox; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury allocate \$1,000 as a bronze sponsor of the 2018 Alma Plantation Harvest Festival; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the salaries of employees Dale Mayeux and Alfred Russell be adjusted to Pay Grade 206, Step 12 at \$17 per hour as Equipment Operator IV; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the President and Treasurer of the Police Jury be authorized to conduct any and all banking needs for the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Langlois, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
President