

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
October 13, 2015**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Jurors Jarreau and Pourciau extended condolences and prayer to the family of restaurant owner Vincent Sartoria and farmer Wade Self, who passed away.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche. Mr. Albert Dukes arrived after roll call.

ABSENT: Mr. Russell Polar.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 22, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

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

- “We Support Our Police” Sign Program. (Dudley Jarreau)

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

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, Cline, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Polar.

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

RESOLUTION--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR RETIRED BRIDGEDAIRE GENERAL JOSEPH LEVY DABADIE, JR.

Juror Vosburg presented the following expression of sympathy resolution to the family of Bridgedaire General Joseph Levy Dabadie, Jr.:

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Bridgedaire General Joseph Levy Dabadie, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Bridgedaire General Joseph Levy Dabadie, Jr. was a native and resident of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish for 89 years; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Bridgedaire General Joseph Levy Dabadie, Jr. this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE MERGER OF VOTING PRECINTS

A hearing to obtain public input to an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee relative to the merger of voting precincts in the parish with less than 300 active registered voters that have been identified by the Secretary of State's Office was held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:14 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana.

Mr. Mike Hefner of Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC gave an overview of the proposed ordinance and the Secretary of State's Office has approved the proposed mergers of precincts 8B into precinct 9 and precinct 21 into precinct 20B. The mergers will become effective in 2016.

There were no objections received orally nor written.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE MERGER OF VOTING PRECINTS

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II of the Code of Ordinances relative to the merger of voting precincts in the parish with less than 300 active registered voters be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Jarreau, Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Polar.

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

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE AT 9011 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY SPENCER BOATNER ESTATE

A hearing to obtain public input to condemn and demolish an abandoned house owned by the Spencer Boatner Estate located at 9011 Island Road at Ventress was conducted at 5:18 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received orally nor written.

CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE AT 9011 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY SPENCER BOATNER ESTATE

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That upon the results of the public hearing and the recommendation of the Parish Building Official, that an abandoned house owned by the Spencer Boatner Estate at 9011 Island Road at Ventress be condemned and demolished; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby orders that an abandoned house at 9011 Island Road at Ventress be demolished or removed within 45 days.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON LRA-CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM

Mr. Mark Tizano of Providence Technical Services gave an update on the LRA-CDBG Disaster Recovery Housing Program. He reported Phase I (roof repairs) of the program was completed in August, and is in the process of beginning Phase II (minor home repairs) of the program. The Phase II program has a budget of \$971,000, and estimated \$15,000 per homeowner.

Juror A. Dukes entered the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

“WE SUPPORT OUR POLICE” SIGN PROGRAM

Business owner Dudley Jarreau of Livonia gave a presentation on his idea of “We Support Our Police” sign program that has blossomed throughout the parish and cities outside the parish in support of the law enforcement officers who sacrifice their lives to protect and serve. Sheriff “Bud” Torres, Livonia Chief of Police Brad Joffrion and the Jury thanked and applauded Mr. Jarreau for a wonderful idea to support the law enforcement officers. The signs are available at Nell’s Floral Designs located in the old Livonia Lumber Co. building at Livonia.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT & HR REVIEW & EFFICIENCY STUDY OF PARISH FINANCES & IN ADDITIONAL TO OVERVIEW OF DETENTION CENTER AND E-911 FUNDING PROBLEMS BY SPRINGSTED INC.

Juror Jarreau discussed and asked the Jury’s consideration of a revised proposal submitted by Springsted Incorporated to perform an organizational management and HR review and efficiency study of parish finances, in addition to an overview of the Detention Center and E-911 funding problems at a cost of \$15,000.00. Via a conference call, Mr. Nick Dragisich commented on their proposal and presentation originally submitted in January and revised in April. After discussion and comments from Jurors, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the revised proposal submitted by Springsted Incorporated to perform an organizational management and HR review and efficiency study of parish finances, in addition to an overview of the Detention Center and E-911 funding problems of the Police Jury at a cost of \$15,000.00 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MUSEUM COORDINATOR

Juror Vosburg asked that the discussion and consideration of a museum coordinator be tabled and referred to the Finance Committee for review at their meeting on October 26, 2015.

FUNDING FOR THE PC COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Juror A. Dukes asked the Jury’s consideration of allocating and properly funding the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization that was created by the Jury. Juror A. Dukes stated the organization has not received any additional funding from the Jury since they provided \$35,000.00 in 2006 when the organization was created.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That any monies the Jury spends in the future be spent according to priority.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO LETTER RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEYS USRY, WEEKS & MATTHEWS REPRESENTING SHERIFF TORRES MARKED AS JAIL FUNDING ISSUES

Juror Jarreau asked that the discussion of all information pertaining to a letter received from Attorneys Usry, Weeks & Matthews, representing Sheriff Torres, marked as jail funding issues be referred to the October 26, 2015 Finance Committee meeting for discussion.

RESOLUTIONS:

AWARD BIDS FOR MASTER DRAINAGE PROJECT NO. 5 - ISLAND ROAD DRAINAGE, PROJECT NO. 11 - PORTAGE CANAL DRAINAGE, PROJECT NO. 13 - EVELINA STREET AT RAILROAD & PROJECT NO. 14 - CANEZARO STREET DRAINAGE

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Monk:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, the low total base bid submitted by Pointe Coupee Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$191,250.00 for the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 5 – Island Road Drainage be accepted, pending LRA approval.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. A. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, the low total base bid submitted by L. King Company, LLC in the amount of \$198,555.20 for the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 11 – Portage Canal Drainage be accepted, pending LRA approval.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, the low total base bid submitted by Industrial Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$154,653.94 for the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 13 – Evelina Street at Railroad Drainage be accepted, pending LRA approval.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, the low total base bid submitted by Atlas Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$329,251.66 for the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 14 – Canezaro Street Drainage be accepted, pending LRA approval.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DOTD FOR DONATION OF RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and the LA Department of Transportation and Development for the donation of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) State Project No. H.010435.

Unanimously carried.

REQUEST LADOTD TO INCREASE CLEARANCE ELEVATION FOR THE PECAN ISLAND BRIDGE AT JARREAU

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

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of

Transportation and Development and the engineering firm, T. Baker Smith, the following requested changes to the Pecan Island Bridge structure over Bayou Chenal as follows:

1. Reference is made to T. Baker Smith drawings in parish hands marked for Federal Project – H010724, State Project – H.01074.5 – Sheets 1 thru 7 & 101, 401, 402, 403 & 404.
2. Parish request that the low chord bridge elevation be changed to 26.5' in lieu of 23.81' per existing drawings. This change will directly affect future residential and commercial growth along Bayou Chenal to allow greater access clearance to False River for water crafts both recreational and construction equipment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury also request that all support piles be installed with the least amount of vibration as not to cause a ground ripple effect due to location of this bridge near an established residential area, and request a drilling process (auger & casing method) be utilized in lieu of driving required bridge pile supports.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A HISTORICAL MONUMENT SIGN POST FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of a historical monument sign post for the Daughters of the American Revolution in the amount of \$325.00 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ALLOW THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TO SUBMIT HIS QUARTERLY REPORTS THROUGH HIS SUPERVISOR

Juror C. Dukes presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

Juror Cox stated that prior to this vote, even though the Animal Control Officer is not a department head/supervisor, the Jury is aware he was to attend meetings. He has a problem with the officer missing meetings and refusing to attend meetings and this is insubordination and how this matter was being handled.

Juror C. Dukes stated the resolution will not prohibit the Jury from asking the Animal Control Officer to attend meetings when needed or requested. He also stated department heads/supervisors are required and must attend meetings unless they are excused because of medical reasons.

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the Animal Control Officer be allowed to submit his quarterly reports through his supervisor, Public Works Director Blaine Bordelon, because he is not a department head.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE "AMENDMENT NO. 2" TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE LRA-CDBG PARISH WIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Services between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the LRA--CDBG Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project.

Unanimously carried.

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. A. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015 in the rural areas of the parish for children 12 years old and under.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICES FROM HGA FOR HURRICANES GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$11,721.51 (Interim Billing #55) submitted by Hunt Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for Hurricanes Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT A DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR THE LA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING & DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Cox:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Mr. Albert Sneed, Jr. to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Mr. Terry Pascalín to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director hereinabove named: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Mr. Albert Sneed, Jr. to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is

approved and that the appointment of Mr. Terry Pascalín to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LIGHTHOUSE CANAL BULKHEAD – PROJECT NO. 6

Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Monk:

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 6 – Lighthouse Canal Bulkhead Improvements.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Cox reported on a Detention Center Committee meeting held October 5, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by AMELA, LLC for the home device tracking bracelets be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Electronic Monitoring Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and AEMLA, LLC for the home device tracking bracelets.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Nelson, Monk, Olinde, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, Cline, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

PRESENT,

NOT VOTING: Messrs. C. Dukes and A. Dukes.

ABSENT: Messrs. Pourciau and Polar.

On a vote of 8-0-2-2, the motion carried.

SELECTION REVIEW

Parish Administrator John Grezaffi reported on a Selection Review Committee meeting held October 12, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Cline seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

TO HIRE ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
RELATIVE TO LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has solicited qualifications statements from engineering firms for the implementation of the FY 2016-2017 LCDBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm chosen for the LCDBG Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury will not receive “bonus points” through the Program as the Engineering Costs will be paid for through the State’s LCDBG Program. Invoices for these services shall be submitted to the State for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, costs will include but not be limited to basic design, resident inspection, topographic and/or property surveying, testing, staking, etc. Costs will be based on a fee curve percentage of the estimated construction cost in accordance with the Engineering Fee Schedules for the LCDBG Program. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the engineering services be performed by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President