

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
November 8, 2016

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Stephen Smith.

As President of the Jury, Juror Dukes will generally abstain unless his vote will alter the outcome on a matter by voting to break or make a tie.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mmes Sandra Mayers and Babette Allen made comments about an introduction of a proposed ordinance to revoke the dedication of a portion of Callegan Lane East, which is their family property.

Messrs. Robert Allen, George LaCour, Paul Bergeron and Mrs. Missy Hess made comments against a proposed ordinance to amend the regulation of livestock in the parish.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 25, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK

Juror Taylor asked that the proposed ordinance be referred to the Planning Commission for further review. He explained the reason he proposed the ordinance that includes the keeping of horses in certain residential areas, and not intended to hurt farmers or anyone who is properly taking care of their horses.

Motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That an ordinance to amend the regulation of livestock be referred to the Planning Commission, and that an ad be placed in The Pointe Coupee Banner advertising the date of the commission meeting.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, SECTION 8-31 REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE SUNSET DATE OF THE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FEE

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31 regarding the assessment and removal of the sunset date of the drainage maintenance fee was conducted at 5:52 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received orally nor written.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, SECTION 8-31 REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE SUNSET DATE OF THE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE FEE

Juror Hurst stated that he does not agree with removing the sunset date and suggested that a sunset date of December 31, 2018 be include in the ordinance for the drainage maintenance fee.

The Jury discussed assessing and increasing the drainage maintenance fee to \$4.50 monthly.

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

RESOLVED, That the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee be amended and reenacted by amending Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31 regarding the assessment and removal of the sunset date of the drainage maintenance fee and to further provide with respect thereto be adopted:

To hereby assessed a drainage maintenance fee of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per month. The effective date of the assessment shall be January 1, 2017. The drainage maintenance fee provided for in this Section shall cease to be authorized after December 31, 2018 unless otherwise provided for by ordinance.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee be amended and reenacted by amending Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31 regarding the assessment and sunset date of the drainage maintenance fee and to further provide with respect thereto be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Olinde, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau and Dukes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Smith.

On a vote of 11-0-0-1, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND 2017 BUDGET OF THE PC POLICE JURY

CPA Jacob Waguespack presented amendments to the 2016 operating budget and gave an introduction and overview of the 2017 operating budget of the Police Jury. He reported the budget was introduced to the Finance Committee on October 20, 2016 and the committee has scheduled another meeting on November 30, 2016 to review and accept any changes to the budget before the public hearing in December.

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

RESOLVED, That upon introduction of the amendments to the 2016 operating budget and the 2017 operating budget of the Police Jury, that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to review and consider adoption of the budget.

Unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HOLDING AN ELECTION IN SEWERAGE DSTRIC NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN

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

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 20, 2016, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Supervisors of Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a tax of five (5) mills on all of the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$15,045 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of paying the cost of maintaining and operating sewers and sewage disposal facilities in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF CALLEGAN LANE EAST

Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell presented an introduction of a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana to revoke the dedication of a portion of Callegan Lane East for the Jury's consideration.

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana to revoke the dedication of a portion of Callegan Lane East and to further provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing

will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinance may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON MEETING WITH DOTD ON US HIGHWAY 190 SAFETY ISSUES

Juror Jarreau gave an update on a meeting he attended with Senator Rick Ward, Secretary Shawn Wilson of LA Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), and other representatives of the parish to discuss the safety issues and possible funding for the installation of two (2) turning lanes on US Highway 190 in the Livonia area. This is due to the numerous accidents and fatalities that occurred in the area. He reported this project would be in conjunction with the Highway 190 guardrail project recently awarded by DOTD.

UPDATES ON ALL STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY PATIN ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

Land Surveyor Cletus Langlois gave an update on the final collection of storm debris in the parish by Boudreaux Trucking.

At the request of Juror Cox, Mr. Langlois presented a written report detailing updates on all the state and federal mitigation projects in the parish being administered by Patin Engineers & Surveyors. Mr. Langlois was asked to define his report in the future to include target dates and status on each project and present to the Jury monthly.

Juror Watkins requested a status report on repairs needed to the road on Driftwood Drive at the entrance of Riverbend Subdivision at Ventress. After discussion, Engineer Gravois and the contractor for the road project will assess the damages for repairs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois gave updates on various drainage and road projects in the parish. He reported the contractor has begun the Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program in New Roads.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FINAL DRAFT OF THE PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY OF NEW ROADS AND AUTHORIZATION OF PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAID EXCHANGE

Attorney Jewell gave an overview of the final draft of the property exchange of park property with the City of New Roads, which includes the Scott Civic Center, and authorization for President Dukes to sign said exchange. He reported with the exchange the Civic Center Commission would be abolished and the remaining funds of \$24,356.52 as of August 31, 2016 will be expended solely for the center, upon agreement from both the City and Jury.

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

Authorizing the Parish of Pointe Coupee to enter into a partition and exchange agreement with the City of New Roads, Louisiana, through which the property presently known as False River Park and the William H. Scott Civic Center shall be divided with each to own in full ownership a separate parcel, and further authorizing the Parish of Pointe Coupee to enter into an exchange agreement with the City through which each party shall transfer to the other a certain parcel of land, each of which is situated near False River Park, and to further provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the City of New Roads presently are equal co-owners of the 42 acre tract of land presently known as False River Park and the William H. Scott Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, said owners are desirous of partitioning said property so that a portion thereof shall be owned by each in full ownership, viz: the City will own the Scott Civic Center Building and a parcel of land containing 12 acres on which it is located, and the Parish will own the remainder of the 42 acre tract; and

WHEREAS, said parcels are depicted on the attached plat of survey dated September 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to transfer to the City of New Roads ownership of a 2 acre tract depicted on the attached plat as "Tract I-B" in exchange for which the City desires to transfer to the Parish the City's 1/12th undivided interest in a tract containing 10.5 acres on which the parish's walking trail is presently situated, same being shown as "TRACT JL-2" on the attached plat of survey dated Marth 27, 2000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury that it enter into an act of partition and exchange agreement with the City of New Roads, Louisiana, in the form of the agreement attached to this resolution, through which the aforementioned property transfers will take place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cornell Dukes, President of this Police Jury, be and he is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Parish and this Police Jury, and to do any and all other things which may be necessary in the premises.

Unanimously carried.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION AND LAWSUIT OF DELJOAOTI SMITH VS POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury convene in executive session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss litigation and lawsuit of Deljoaoti Smith vs the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Olinde and Dukes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Smith.

On a vote of 11-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury return to open session at 7:01 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

As a result of executive session, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell be authorized to make an offer in the amount of \$6,000 as a settlement in the lawsuit of Deljoaoti Smith vs the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River, and reported the water level was 11.0. He reported there was another fish kill on the north end of the river Sunday. He asked the public to use caution when traveling in the river.

President Dukes reported on initiating a campaign to ask residents along the river to donate and plant Cypress trees along the river to give a cooling effect to the shallow end of the river. He ask that this matter be placed on their December agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

AWARD BIDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT & APPROVAL TO SELL REMAINDER OF SUPPLIES AS SCRAPE MATERIAL

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

RESOLVED, That the following bids submitted by Mr. Randy Soileau for the purchase of surplus equipment be accepted: 2 black push mowers \$ 5.25, 3 weed eater mowers \$8.25 and 2 Murray mowers \$12.25; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the following supplies be sold as scrap material: Groen steamer, 2 Univex mixer, Hobart mixer, color point warming table, NSF dishwasher, fryer and servewell 4 bay steam table.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT MEMBER TO CAPITAL AREA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jens P. Rummler be appointed to serve as member of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Rosemary Rummler.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 40 FT. CULVERT FOR DRAINAGE PROJECT ON MORGAN ROAD

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

RESOLVED, That a proposal from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$278.00 for the purchase of a culvert to be installed on Morgan Road at Valverde to alleviate a drainage problem in Police Juror District 10 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 15 X 30 OVAL COATED CULVERT FOR CLAY STREET IN PLEASANT VIEW SUBDIVISION

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

RESOLVED, That a proposal from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$904.05 for the purchase of a 15 x 30 oval coated culvert to be installed on Clay Street in Pleasant View Subdivision at New Roads to alleviate a drainage problem in Police Juror District 3 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held November 7, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolutions for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of 100 used solid waste carts at a cost of \$40 per cart from Waste Connections be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a letter be sent to Waste Connections about the numerous complaints received about their trucks taking solid waste carts and to perform an evaluation of their system to prevent further loss of carts.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That a house count be performed in the parish by the Police Jury to be conducted by employees of the Public Utilities Maintenance Department for the solid waste program.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That an adjustment be made to the gas bill of Ms. Chelsea Batiste so that her bill will equal a total of \$140.00 for the last two (2) months because of a gas leak be approved.

Unanimously carried.

Upon announcement of receiving a letter of resignation from Utility Clerk Ashley Smith, Juror Cox voiced concerns about Ms. Smith needing help in the Public Utilities Collection Office. He suggested Utilities Billing and Collections Supervisor Beverly Francois be mandated to place her equipment and move into the collection office and both run the department. He state Ms. Smith is a valuable asset to the Jury because of her knowledge of the department and years of employment. He inquired if anyone had spoken to her about what it would take for her to stay.

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

RESOLVED, That the letter of resignation from Utility Clerk Ashley Smith be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Mark Bourgeois be transferred from the Maintenance Facility to the Public Utilities Collection Office as a Utility Clerk until the position is permanently filled, effective immediately.

Unanimously carried.

The Jury asked President Dukes to talk to Ms. Smith to find out her reason for leaving and what it would take to keep her employment with the Jury.

Juror Hurst reported he observed Mrs. Francois helping in the collection office because twice this month he paid a utility bill and Mrs. Francois waited on him during normal working hours.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dukes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and God bless them and their families.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Langlois, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Cornell T. Dukes
President