

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
August 8, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche asked that the following persons, who passed away, be remembered in prayer:

Ms. Jean Purpera Brazelton, a retired educator and employee of the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Joseph "Boy" Ballard, a former Police Juror for 4 years and a retired Constable with 18 years of service in District 5.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Kyle Olinde.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 25, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE FROM WASTE CONNECTIONS

Mr. Joey Reppond of Waste Connections announced the merger with Republic Services for the collection of solid waste in the parish that will occur on September 1, 2017. He introduced Manager of Business Development & Municipal Services Karla Swacker and General Manager Sharon Mann of Republic who gave brief comments about their company and offered assistance to the Jury. After responding to questions from Jurors, Mr. Reppond requested approval of an acknowledgement letter from Waste Connections regarding the merger.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign an acknowledgement letter confirming the merger of Waste Connections with Republic Services for the collection of solid waste in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S)

President Bueche introduced Assessor James Laurent, Jr., who reported there were no changes in the millage(s) since last year because all taxing districts were at their maximum, with the exception of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1. He reported they have reduced their millage, due to their bond debt service.

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

RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

MILLAGE

Parish Tax	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.71 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.81 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)	1.35 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.97 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)	3.00 mills
Fire District No. 4	10.91 mills
Fire District No. 5	5.00 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.03 mills
Sewerage District No. 3A	24.24 mills
Water District No. 1	4.52 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Olinde.

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

UPDATE FROM GOHSEP FOR DRAINAGE IN THE PARISH

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois asked that the update from GOHSEP for drainage in the parish be tabled until the next meeting.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

President Bueche gave an update on False River and reported the water level is 15.9 ft., and all gates are closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL TO PLACE SPEED BUMPS ON ST. JOSEPH STREET AT NEW ROADS

Juror Dukes reported on a signed petition of over 50% of the residents requesting speed bumps be placed on St. Joseph Street at New Roads.

Juror Bazile, who represent a portion of the residents on said street, stated the residents are requesting the speed bumps.

Juror Cox commented on the disadvantages of placing speed bumps on roads in the parish that

causes damage to vehicles and roads. He reported that the speeding should be enforced by the law enforcements and not speed bumps, and that he is not in favor of spending monies on speed bumps.

Juror Dukes stated the signatures and petition was obtained by the residents, and he is only responding to their concerns and request to bring this matter to the Jury for approval.

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Bazile.

RESOLVED, That upon the result of a signed petition, that speed bumps be placed on St. Joseph Street at New Roads.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cline, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith and Bueche.

NAYS: Messrs. Cox and Langlois.

ABSENT: Messrs. Olinde and Hurst.

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

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS TO REPLACE COURTHOUSE CHILLER

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise for proposals in the official journal for the purchase and installation of a chiller at the Parish Courthouse.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR FOR CIRCLE K STORES, INC.

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

RESOLVED, That a Liquor License for Mr. Randy C. Horne for the Circle K Store #2706804 (8141 False River Road, Oscar, LA) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO REPLACE A 36" CULVERT ON RUSSELL LANE

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of a 36 x 20 culvert at a cost of \$1,532 from Coburn's to replace a collapsed culvert underneath Russell Lane at Glynn to alleviate a drainage problem be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO BE FORWARDED TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MRS. FRANCES RABALAIS FIRMIN

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Frances Rabalais Firmin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Frances Rabalais Firmin was a native of Simmesport, Louisiana and a resident of Erwinville, Louisiana for total of 83 years; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mrs. Frances Rabalais Firmin this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their

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loved one.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR DESIGN OF AIRPORT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,627.00

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute an Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, Sponsor, and the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration as acceptance of a \$245,627.00 grant identified as AIP Grant No. 3-22-0074-019-2017 to Rehabilitate Runway 18/36 and Parallel Taxiway: Design Only for the False River Regional Airport.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President