

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
September 8, 2020**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Council Clerk Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 11, 2020 regular meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF THE LATE FIRE CHIEF LESLIE LINDSLY OF STATION #1 IN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5

Parish President Major Thibaut gave recognition and honor to the late Fire Chief Leslie Lindsly of Station No.1 in Fire District No. 5 for his many years of dedicated service.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Leslie Lee Lindsly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leslie Lee Lindsly was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindsly was a member of New Roads Volunteer Fire Department (Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5) for 65 years, serving 45 years as Chief of Station No. 1; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council and Parish President Major Thibaut does and hereby offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Leslie Lee Lindsly and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thibaut gave an overview of the finances including sales tax and gas collections, adoption of millages in October, upcoming meetings with councilmembers to discuss finances for preparation of the 2021 budget; updates on the courthouse improvements and detention center projects, and future housing of the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division, and

proposed funding for additional projects in the parish; employed a part-time equipment operator; and presented the councilmembers with copies of the Louisiana parish level analysis COVID-19 impact for Pointe Coupee Parish, prepared by the Center for Planning Excellence. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 16-42 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO NOISE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 16-42 of Article IV of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to noise; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:50 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Frank Jarreau of 3235 Oakland Road at Lakeland voiced complaints about the disturbance of loud noise from vehicles traveling on the road in front of his residence.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on additional changes made by adding a table to include decibel readings to the ordinance.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 16-42 of Article IV of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to noise; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 16-42 of Article IV of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to noise; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met at 6:01 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes.

Mr. Auguste Bondy reported on the Notice of Appeal Request forms filed by A A Bondy Properties, LLC requesting the assessments on their properties be reduced by 50% per each lot.

Parish Assessor James “Jimmy” Laurent, Jr. gave an overview of the assessments for 2020, including the assessments of Mr. Bondy’s properties. Documents were given to councilmembers for their review.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO GRASS, NOXIOUS WEEDS, DEBRIS AND TRASH; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 13, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Article II of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to grass, noxious weeds, debris and trash; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 25, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOME PARKS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 13, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 25 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to mobile home parks; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO TRAIL RIDES IN THE PARISH; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 13, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to trail rides in the parish; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee

Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 22-8 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO FEES FOR MINOR, STANDARD, MAJOR AND VARIANCES FOR PLATS RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 13, 2020)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 22-8 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to fees for minor, standard, major and variances for plats relative to subdivisions; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Parish Council 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.

RESOLUTION(S):

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.

2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Pointe Coupee Parish in accordance with those Standards as delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Pointe Coupee Parish: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period 1 October 2020 through 30 September 2021:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which required load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Correction to data supplies to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Unanimously carried.

ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY FOR INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED BY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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

Assuming responsibility and liability for inspections conducted by the Fire Protection District No. 4 Fire Prevention Bureau

WHEREAS, the Parish of Pointe Coupee, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Parish of Pointe Coupee created the Fire Protection District No. 4 Fire Prevention Bureau to conduct fire safety inspections within Fire Protection District No. 4 in Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Protection District No. 4 Fire Prevention Bureau was created in pursuit to Louisiana RS 40:1563.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Parish of Pointe Coupee assumes all responsibility and liability for and releases the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal and any other State entity from responsibility or liability for those inspections performed by Fire Protection District No. 4 Fire Prevention Bureau, or the consequences thereof, within Fire Protection District No. 4 in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO NAME A PRIVATE ROAD LAWS LANE OFF OF OAKLAND ROAD AT LAKELAND FOR E-911 PURPOSES

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That a private road be named Laws Lane located off of Oakland Road at Lakeland for E-911 purposes be approved.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD CONTRACT AGREEMENT; AND APPROVAL THE PARISH WILL COMMIT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF STATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PCP COURTHOUSE ANNEX NO. 2 RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That the Parish President, Major Thibaut, be authorized to award the contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and Capitol Construction, LLC of Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the low base bid in the amount of \$388,500.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$38,000.00, Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$8,500.00, and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$17,500.00 for a total amount of \$452,500.00 for Planning and Construction, Courthouse Annex Renovations and Improvements Project 50-J-39-19-01, pending concurrence from LA Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control; and

BE IT RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government will commit all funds in excess of state funds necessary to complete said project.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE TONILYN GUIDRY & BECKY MAYEUX TO ACT ON BEHALF OF PARISH GOVERNMENT IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE SHERIFF'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION FACILITY PLANNING & CONTROL PROJECT, INCLUDING CERTIFYING REQUESTS FOR STATE DISBURSEMENTS

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

RESOLVED, That Mmes Tonilyn R. Guidry and Rebecca L. Mayeux are hereby authorized to act on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government in all matters pertaining to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division Facility Planning & Control Project 50-J39-20-04, including certifying requests for state disbursements.

Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONCERNS ABOUT MATTERS RELATED TO THE HANDLING OF COVID-19

Mr. Jonathan Stoute of Morganza voiced concerns about matters related to the handling of COVID-19 in the parish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be September 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman