

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**July 10, 2012**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Courthouse Annex in New Roads, Louisiana.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Russell Young, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Mr. Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche, President.  
ABSENT: Messrs. Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk and Albert Dukes.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Amend resolution of June 26, 2012 to transfer funds to a special account from Guaranty Bank to Regions Bank for Civic Center Commission.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Nelson, Monk and A. Dukes.

On a vote of 9-0-3, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2012, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR MS. STELLA HAYNES

In the absence of Juror Monk, Juror Pourciau presented an expression of sympathy resolution to the family of Ms. Stella Haynes, grandmother of employee Beverly Francois.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Ms. Stella Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stella Haynes was a native of LaCour and a resident of Batchelor and Pointe Coupee Parish for 90 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 Ms. Stella Haynes this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

RETIREMENT AWARDS TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IDA CHUSTZ AND CONSTABLE JOSEPH BALLARD

Juror Olinde presented retirement awards to Mrs. Ida Chustz for 31 years of service as Justice of the Peace in District 5, and Mr. Joseph Ballard for 17 years of dedicated service as Constable in Districts 5 and 8, and he also served as Police Juror from 1984 to 1988.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS

Juror Vosburg presented a service award to employee Harold Ennis for his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of dedicated service as an employee of the Police Jury.

Juror Young presented a service award to employee John Pinsonat for his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of dedicated service as an employee of the Police Jury.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received.

AMEND RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO A SPECIAL ACCOUNT FROM GUARANTY BANK TO REGIONS BANK FOR CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on amending the resolution adopted at the last meeting because Guaranty Bank did not accept the transfer of funds from the Police Jury for the Civic Center Commission and funds were placed in Regions Bank.

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution adopted June 26, 2012 be amended and \$43,333.00, plus monthly contributions from the Recreation Sales Tax, be transferred by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury into a special account at Regions Bank for the Civic Center Commission for operations and maintenance of the Scott Civic Center.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED HOUSE OWNED BY CHARLES YOUNG

A hearing to have public input to condemn and demolish an abandoned house owned by Mr. Charles Young located at 13729 LA Highway 416 at Rougon was conducted at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received, orally nor written.

Juror Cline reported that Mr. Charles Young called the office and requested a 90-day extension to clean the abandoned house and property located at 13729 LA Highway 416 at Rougon.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Young be granted a 90-day extension to clean the abandoned house and property at 13729 LA Highway 416 at Rougon.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT CONSTABLE IN POLICE JUROR DISTRICT 5 TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL ELECTION IS HELD

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has accepted the resignation of Mr. Joseph A. Ballard, Constable, Justice of the Peace District 5, Parish of Pointe Coupee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard has rendered innumerable public service to his District, Parish and the

State of Louisiana and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the absence of this outstanding citizens to public service is keenly felt as a great loss; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury wishes to appoint someone to replace Mr. Joseph A. Ballard: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Mr. Steve A. Stelly be appointed as Constable, Justice of the Peace District 5, Parish of Pointe Coupee, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Joseph A. Ballard until an election is held.

Unanimously carried.

RENEGOTIATION OF LEASE REGARDING TWO BANK BUILDINGS FOR THE SHERIFF AT MORGANZA

Juror Jarreau introduced Mr. Brad Bergeron who presented a new proposal to renegotiate a lease regarding the two (2) bank buildings at Morganza that is currently leased by the Jury for the Sheriff's Office. The current lease will expire in December. This matter was referred to the Buildings Committee for further review.

Juror C. Dukes asked Mr. Bergeron to submit a proposal for a lease-purchase of the two buildings for review by the Jury.

RE-ESTABLISH A BIKE TRAIL FROM NEW ROADS TO OSCAR

President Bueche requested the support of the Jury to re-establish a bike trail from Oscar to New Roads. She reported the Tourist Commission will assist and participate in this endeavor. She reported that DOTD has offered to design and erect the signs for the bike trail, and she will seek donations to pay the cost to design the signs.

Juror C. Dukes asked the Jury to consider sponsoring an annual Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Bike Ride along the bike trail in an effort to promote historical travel and good health for the citizens. President Bueche will present this idea to the Tourist Commission.

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby offers moral support to re-establish the bike trail from Oscar to New Roads in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF CHANGING THE CLOSING DAY FOR AGENDA ITEMS

President Bueche discussed changing the closing day for placing items on the agenda of Police Jury meetings from Wednesday to Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That the closing day and deadline for placing items on the Police Jury agendas be changed to the First and Third Thursdays of each month at 3:00 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

REQUEST FROM THE PC COMMUNITY HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR USE OF PARISH OWNED PUBLIC BUILDINGS FREE OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

President Bueche reported on correspondence and a request from the PC Community Housing and Development Organization for use of parish owned public buildings free of charge for public meetings. The Jury suggested use of the fire stations, and obtain approval from the Civic Center Commission for use of the Civic Center. The secretary was asked to advise the Jury when a facility is needed for further assistance.

UPDATE ON MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN - LRA HURRICANES GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. Thomas David, III of Pan American Engineers of Alexandria gave an update on the Master Drainage Plan for the LRA Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery. After discussion and review of the plan, the following resolution was offered:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT FOR THE FOLLOWING DRAINAGE PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE POINTE COUPEE SUMMARY OF LOCAL DRAINAGE PROJECTS - MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN DATED MARCH 2012 AND REVISED JUNE 2012.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has reviewed and accepted the Pointe Coupee Parish Summary of Local Drainage Projects Report as prepared by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Parish’s Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the Parish needs to identify the initial projects to be submitted to the Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit for funding under the Community Development Block Disaster Recovery Grant Program: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following projects as described in the Summary of Local Drainage Projects Report be included in the initial application for Disaster Recovery funding:

Fisher Bayou	\$	764,872
Johnson Canal Pumping Station	\$	1,109,592
Delta Place Drainage	\$	609,742
Stumpy Bayou	\$	541,801
7970 & 8854 Island Road	\$	229,584
Lighthouse Canal Bulkhead	\$	287,359
Pecan Acres Subdivision	\$	686,692
Richey St. & St. Paul Street	\$	347,630
Frisco Ridge Subdivision	\$	211,549
LA Hwy 411 Drainage	\$	97,372
LA Hwy 78 Drainage	\$	480,731
Evelina Street @ Railroad	\$	140,931
Canezaro Road Drainage Relief	\$	458,032
Waterloo Subdivision (Cooks Landing)	\$	<u>123,861</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>6,089,748</u></b>

RESOLVED further, That the Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application and any related documents for the above listed drainage projects; and be it

RESOLVED further, That any funds remaining from the master drainage allocations will be used for Portage Canal.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE LSU AGCENTER TO SUPPORT & ADMINISTER LOUISIANA COOPERATIVE UNITS OFF CAMPUS

County Agent Miles Brashier gave a brief overview about the agreement and funds to be allocated by the Jury for the Cooperative Extension Service Office in the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement to support and administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and LSU AgCenter to fund the Cooperative Extension Service Office in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMEND TWO PERSONS FOR ONE APPOINTMENT TO CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A LOCAL JOINT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF FOR OPERATIONS OF A CENTRALIZED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (E911) IN THE PARISH

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

Authorizing the Parish to enter into a local services agreement with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District, Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff under which a central communications system will be maintained in the Parish of Pointe Coupee and operated by the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff; to provide a method of funding therefore; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, various agencies and political subdivisions within the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, previously employed communications systems which were not interrelated with one another; and

WHEREAS, a central communications system within the Parish of Pointe Coupee provides a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by simplifying the notification of public service personnel, resulting in the saving of life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of criminals and ultimately the saving of monies; and

WHEREAS, a joint effort of the various entities concerned with communications continues to be the most efficient, economical and effective method of achieving the employment of such a system; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff has undertaken and maintains the authority for the management of such a system: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, enter into a joint services agreement with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District, the Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff under which the management and maintenance of a centralized communications system in the Parish of Pointe Coupee has been undertaken by the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff; and be it

RESOLVED further, That this Police Jury agrees to guarantee under said agreement the payment of \$125,000.00 annually as its share of the cost of said system; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute the joint services agreement on behalf of this Police Jury, a copy of which is annexed to and made a part of this resolution; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all other parties to said agreement and published in accordance with law.

Unanimously carried.

PERMISSION TO ENGAGE ATTORNEY DANNIE GARRETT TO GIVE ADVICE TO THE JURY FOR A CONTRACT FOR OPERATIONS OF THE DETENTION CENTER

President Bueche requested permission of the Jury to engage Attorney Dannie Garrett to give advice to the Jury for operations of the Detention Center and craft an intergovernmental agreement.

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

RESOLVED, That Police Jury engages the services of Attorney Dannie Garrett to give advice to the Jury for operations of the Detention Center and craft an intergovernmental agreement.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Cox reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held July 5, 2012. Copies of the minutes were given to each Juror for their review.

Chairman Cox informed the Jury that the Annual Employee Appraisal forms have been completed for each employee.

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

RESOLVED, That a position vacancy announcement be posted for one (1) week for the position of Assistant Public Works Director, at an annual salary of \$39,207.00 (Pay Grade 214, minimum pay wage), depending upon experience; and be it

RESOLVED further, That if no response is received from employees, that a Position Notice for an Assistant Public Works Director be published in the official journal for two (2) weeks.

RESOLVED further, That the Organizational Chart in the Police Jury Personnel Policy Manual be amended to include the Animal Control Officer under the Parish Administrator.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Young reported that Mrs. Lionel Signater of Callegan Lane at Morganza expressed her thanks and appreciation to the employees for the outstanding drainage work they performed on her property.

Juror Jarreau commended PA Bello and staff for an outstanding job they performed in organizing the quarterly safety meeting he attended for employees last month at the Civic Center.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.