

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
August 14, 2012

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 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, Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Russell Young, Glenn Cline, Albert Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Mr. Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche, President.

ABSENT: Mr. Justin Cox.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2012, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AWARD (DONALD FRANKLIN)

Juror Monk presented an employee retirement award to Lowboy Operator Donald Franklin for thirty-one years and two months of dedicated service as an employee of the Police Jury.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD (HERMAN JACK)

Juror C. Dukes presented a service award to employee Herman Jack for his 20th anniversary of dedicated service as an employee of the Police Jury.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received.

PROPOSED BLACK BEAR CORRIDOR

Juror Monk introduced Travis Dufour of LA Wildlife and Fisheries who gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed black bear protected forested corridor from the Morganza Spillway to Three Rivers Wildlife Management. The proposal included approval of the Jury to allow access to their drainage servitudes along the canals in the parish to implement the corridor.

After discussion, Juror Monk suggested a public meeting with landowners to discuss the black bear corridor and report back to the Jury once the meeting is held.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE WASTE

Mr. Roddie Matherne of Progressive Waste discussed the upcoming solid waste contract with the Jury that is due to expire in 2014. After discussion, Mr. Matherne received approval of the Jury to submit two (2) proposals for once a week and twice a week solid waste collections in the parish at their first meeting in September.

DISCUSSION OF A SOLID WASTE CONSULTANT

Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello introduced Mr. John Nix who discussed his proposal of \$5,000 as a Solid Waste Consultant for the Jury to prepare a cost analysis for the Jury to operate their own solid waste program as opposed to contracting this service.

After a lengthy discussion, Juror Jarreau stressed that Progressive is willing to take off the remaining year left on their current contract and put new numbers and a contract in place that would result in immediate savings, if the Jury decides to go to once a week collection. **He stated that going into the garbage business would be a huge risk that we can't afford to make.**

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal of \$5,000 submitted by Mr John Nix as a Solid Waste Consultant be tabled until the proposals are received from Progressive Waste.

Juror Cline stated the reason he seconded the above motion is because he is not really ready to go into the garbage business and spend \$5,000 on someone to give them a price when they have a year and a half left on their contract and wants to see if Progressive can come back with a better price in their proposals at their upcoming meeting.

Juror C. Dukes stated the reason he's offering a substitute motion is because he is completely aware of the Jury's financial situation and he wants to do everything he possibly can with the most accurate information to protect the Jury from having to ask their constituents for additional tax dollars. He stated that he thinks this is the best shot they have and they only have a small amount of ammunition left. Adding this information needs to be in front of the Jury as soon as possible and to delay it is only putting their taxpayers' dollars at risk.

Substitute motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLVED, That the proposal in the amount of \$5,000 submitted by Mr. John Nix as a solid waste consultant to submit a cost analysis proposal for the Jury to collect their own solid waste in the parish be accepted.

The president called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Nelson, Monk, C. Dukes, Young and Mrs. Vosburg.

NAYS: Messrs. Pourciau, Olinde, Cline, A. Dukes, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

ABSENT: Mr. Cox.

On a vote of 5-6-1, the motion failed.

The original motion was unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE PROJECT IN PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION

At the request of Juror A. Dukes, Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave an update on the drainage project in Pecan Acres Subdivision at New Roads. He reported on awaiting a response from GOSHEP on the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for funding this project.

Juror A. Dukes commented on concerns received from the residents about the status of this project and being able to give them an accurate response.

UPDATE ON PUMP REPAIRS IN PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION

At the request of Juror A. Dukes, Parish Administrator Bello gave an update on repairs made to the pump in Pecan Acres Subdivision. He also informed the Jury that permanent repairs have been made to the levee in the subdivision, and they are monitoring the pond on a regular basis.

REPORT ON DIVERSITY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

At the request of Juror A. Dukes, Treasurer Becky Mayeux presented a report on diversity of professional services and a list of contractors that provide various services for the Jury and a total of 5% of the contractors are minorities.

Juror A. Dukes commented on the report and voiced concerns about minorities making up 40% of the

parish of which 37% being black and the need to have the same percentage and more minorities providing professional services to the Jury. Upon his research, the Jury has not increased their percentage of doing business with minority contractors since 1902 and their policy as a governmental agency needs to change and consider doing business with minorities and blacks in the parish.

Parish Administrator Bello stated they currently advertise for bids and/or seek proposals for various services being provided for the Jury and questioned how to increase the percentage of minorities participation if they do not respond.

Jurors and some of the audience made comments about this matter and the need to review this further. Juror C. Dukes suggested providing a professional services list for various contractors and businesses to sign. Juror Young asked that this matter be reviewed further by the Personnel Committee.

PROPOSED VARIANCE FOR MARTY GASPARD

Juror Monk and Floodplain Administrator Langlois reported on granting a proposed variance to Mr. Marty Gaspard to provide electrical service to an agricultural barn in the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That an affidavit be executed waiving the rights of Mr. Marty Gaspard for a non-residential structure and will not be used for residential purposes.

Unanimously carried.

REMOVAL OF A SUNKEN PILE DRIVER FROM OLD RIVER

Juror Monk reported on correspondence from Wade & Dena Moore requesting assistance with removal of a sunken floating pile driver in proximity of their pier in Old River that has been in the river for about four (4) months. The pile driver is owned by Mr. Sam Losavio.

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

RESOLVED, That a certified letter be sent to Mr. Sam Losavio citing the violation and requesting removal of his sunken floating pile driver from Old River within 30 days or further action will be taken.

Unanimously carried.

GRASS CUTTING FOR LEGONIER GATEWAY PROJECT

Parish Administrator Bello reported on proposals received for grass cutting at the LA Highway 1 Legonier Gateway Project.

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal in the amount of \$375.00 monthly for one (1) year submitted by Achee's Unlimited for grass cutting at the LA Highway 1 Legonier Gateway Project be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON POINTE COUPEE RECREATION

Juror Vosburg gave an update on the Pointe Coupee Recreation Program. She updated the Jury on the development of a practice football field at False River Recreation Park to be completed in 2013. She reported on the need to relocate the Recreation Director and Assistant Recreation Director from the Civic Center into another location, and suggested allocating funds in the 2013 budget to purchase a portable building to house the directors.

REQUEST MAYOR OF CITY OF NEW ROADS TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD

Juror Young received approval of the Jury to send a letter to the Mayor of the City of New Roads to appoint a member to Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 Board.

President Bueche informed the Jury that she was informed the city is planning to appoint a member to the board. Mr. Roosevelt Gremillion informed the Jury he spoke to the mayor and he has selected a female to appoint as a member of the Fire District No. 5 Board.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR ROADSIDE GRASS CUTTING IN THE PARISH

Parish Administrator Bello reported on the three (3) proposals received for the parish roadside grass maintenance. After discussion, the Jury took the proposals under advisement for further discussion at their Finance Committee meeting on tomorrow.

RESOLUTIONS:

President Bueche commented on correspondence from Registrar of Voters Shanika Olinde about the state being mandated and has chosen not to pay for the publication of the full list of inactive 2012 voters, because they do not have enough money in their budget or the Jury can publish the list at a cost of \$2,553.00. She reported that Mrs. Olinde is publishing a notice in The Banner about the inactive voters list and informing the citizens to view the Secretary of State's website at www.geauxvote.com under Elections, voter registration then inactive voters or visit the Registrar of Voter's Office in the courthouse to view the list.

After discussions, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes an seconded by Mr. Monk:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Roosevelt Gremillion be authorized to submit a proposal to the Jury to announce on KCLF Radio Station about accessing the 2012 inactive voters list for review at their Finance Committee meeting on tomorrow.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury publish a 1/8 page ad in the 2012 Chamber of Commerce Business Directory at a cost of \$225.00.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Allen Monk be appointed to serve as a member and Mr. Jimmy Bello an alternate member of the St. James Juvenile Detention Center Organization.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for the sale of surplus equipment.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute all necessary documents for additional sites to the LA Wireless Information Network for the Communications Wireless Tower sites in the parish for the LRA--CDBG Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Program.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Cline, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President