

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**January 30, 2014**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, 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: Mrs. Aline Vosburg Hebert, sister-in-law of Juror Vosburg, and Mr. John Richard Johnson, Sr., father of Fire District No. 5 Fire Chief Greg Johnson.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Allen Monk.

ADOPT MINUTES

Juror Vosburg voiced concerns about a resolution and motion made by Juror Cox to withdraw and reconsider appointments of members to the Health Services District No. 1 Board may have been improper, because Juror Cox voted against a previous resolution approved by the Jury appointing members to the board. She stated Juror Cox could not bring the motion up because he was not on the prevailing side.

Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell stated he and Attorney Dannie Garrett both agreed the motion should not have been made by Juror Cox, because he was not on the prevailing side of the resolution approving the appointments.

Attorney Garrett stated because it was allowed by the Chairperson, no Juror objected to the resolution being made, and it was voted upon and approved by the Jury, it is considered an action of the body. He stated until the Chairperson ruled a matter is out of order, it is presumed to be in order.

Juror Vosburg stated there are LA Revised Statutes that govern the membership of the Health Services District No. 1 Board and removal of a member.

Juror Cox stated being no one objected to his motion and the resolution was approved by the Jury at their last meeting, the Jury will reconsider the appointments of members to the HSD#1 Board at

this meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 14, 2014 meeting be accepted as presented and published in the official journal.

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

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

NAYS: Messrs. Nelson and Young.

ABSENT: Mr. Monk.

On a vote of 9-2-1, the motion carried.

#### AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cline:

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

Request LA Rural Water Association to perform an assessment of PC Sewerage District No. 1 (**Juror A. Dukes**)

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Monk.

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

#### 15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

#### PUBLIC HEARING--AN ADMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an amendment to an ordinance to provide for solid waste collection and disposal in the parish, and to further provide with respect thereto was

held at 5:38 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Attorney Garrett gave an explanation for an amendment to the ordinance. Comments were received from Jurors. There were no objections received, orally nor written.

AMEND AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:  
Adoption of an amendment to Solid Waste Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Monk.

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

ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to an ordinance to provide for solid waste collection and disposal in the parish be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Monk.

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

REQUEST LA RURAL WATERASSOCIATION TO PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OF PC SEWERAGEDISTRICT NO. 1

Juror A. Dukes commented on complaints from citizens about problems with the operation of the pumps and sewerage flow in ditches within Pointe Coupee Sewerage District No. 1. He requested approval for LA Rural Water Association to perform an assessment of the system.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to send a letter to LA Rural Water Association to perform an assessment of the sewer system of Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON THE PARISH-WIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT

At the request of Juror Cox, Attorney Garrett reported on the Attorney General's Opinion about the parish-wide solid waste collection and disposal contract which states the Police Jury does not have the authority to include the residents of New Roads in the parish-wide solid waste program without the consent of the City of New Roads. In response to Juror Cox, Attorney Garrett stated the parish is not mandated or legally obligated to give the City of New Roads a portion of the one cent solid waste tax to operate their solid waste program.

In response to Juror A. Dukes, Attorney Garrett stated the Jury should enter into a local services agreement with any municipality when fees are being collected for the Jury. In response to Juror A. Dukes, Attorney Garrett suggested the Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the city to perform drainage maintenance and other services within their corporate limits.

Juror C. Dukes read a statement and gave an overview of the solid waste collection and disposal program in the parish and reported a subsidiary from the parish of \$416,000.00 over eight years was paid to the city.

Juror A. Dukes left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Juror Cox commented on why Mr. John Matessino should be appointed a member of the Health Services District No. 1 Board. He reported on Mr. Matessino's credentials and experiences in the healthcare industry and being recently retired as the President of the Louisiana Hospital Association would be beneficial to the board. He also stated that he does not have an issue with the current members, but any of the incumbents' reappointment over this applicant's credentials and experiences would be an injustice to the parish.

Juror Vosburg reported on reappointing all incumbents to the board and gave an overview of their many accomplishments to healthcare in the parish and current and future improvements that have been made to the hospital.

Juror Jarreau commented on the Jury reconsidering reducing the number of Jurors that may serve on the board. He commented on Mr. Joseph Bergeron originally being appointed in 2008 as a Juror, thereafter, remained serving his two (2) years as a layperson, leaving only one (1) Juror serving on the board.

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

RESOLVED, That the five (5) incumbents, Messrs. Joseph Bergeron, Frank Foti, Maurice Picard, John Pourciau and William Vercher, be reappointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Joseph Bergeron be removed as a member of the board and Mr. John Matessino be appointed and the four (4) incumbents, Messrs. Frank Foti, Maurice Picard, John Pourciau and William Vercher, be reappointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Olinde and Cox.

NAYS: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, C. Dukes, Young, Cline, Mrs. Vosburg, Mr. Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

ABSENT: Messrs. Monk and A. Dukes.

On a vote of 2-8-2, the motion failed.

The President called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: Messrs. Cox and Olinde.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Monk.

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

Juror Young commented on the controversy always surrounding the appointment of members to HSD#1 Board and suggested the Jury review possible legislation to change the makeup of the board and set term limits that will be fair and equitable for each Juror.

## FIRE MARSHAL ORDER TO VACATE DEBRIS FROM THIRD FLOOR IN COURTHOUSE

Juror Olinde reported on an order received from the State Fire Marshal to vacate records and debris from the third floor in the courthouse. He reported on proceeding with the cleanup and various agencies reviewing their records prior to the cleanup.

## DISCUSSION OF GERARD LACOUR'S BUILDING PERMIT

Juror Olinde reported that Mr. Gerard LaCour is requesting his building permit fee of \$39,415.00 be waived for the construction of his assistant living facility on Memorial Blvd. at New Roads.

Building Official Johnny Pinsonat reported that Mr. LaCour is requesting to pay the fee when he first presented the concept six (6) years ago and not after the new ordinance became effective and he applied for the permit.

The Jury took no action on this matter until a response is received from Mr. LaCour.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

### **Buildings Maintenance Supervisor:**

Mr. Ken Vosburg presented a maintenance report of buildings owned by the Jury.

### **Certified Building Official:**

Mr. Johnny Pinsonat reported on residential and commercial permits issued in the parish. He gave an update on new businesses locating in the parish.

### **Multi-Use Center Director:**

Mr. Weldon Jewell reported on activities scheduled at the center in February. He gave an update on the equipment purchased and improvements at the center.

### **Parish Treasurer:**

Mrs. Becky Mayeux reported on the finances of the Jury.

### **Public Utilities Supervisor:**

Mr. Albert Sneed reported on the maintenance of the utilities in the parish. He reported on service provided during the recent severe cold weather. Juror Vosburg commended the employees for assisting False River Waterworks with restoring water to their customers. He reported on low gas pressure that occurred this morning. Juror Cox asked the Public Utilities Committee to explore additional funding for building a new regulator station.

**Public Utilities Billing & Collections Supervisor:**

Mrs. Beverly Francois presented a report on the billing & collections for December.

**Public Works Director:**

Mr. Donald Jarreau reported on maintenance of drainage and roads in the parish. He reported on work performed during the severe cold weather.

**Recreation Director:**

Mr. Sal Genusa reported on recreational activities in the parish. He gave an update on improvements at the Morganza Gym. Juror Jarreau reported on the recognition of Football Player Russell Farris of Livonia High School as recipient of the Warrick Dunn Award.

**Sales Tax Director:**

In the absence of Mrs. Ronell Roubique, Jurors were presented the sales and use tax collections and delinquent taxpayers reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PC TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fund the Commission an amount of \$13,500.00 for operation.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR JURY TO COLLECT OCCUPANCY TAX LEVIED BY THE TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission allowing the Jury to collect the Occupancy Tax for the Tourist Commission.

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Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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

RESOLVED, That the Organization Chart for the Police Jury be adopted.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Young.

ABSENT: Messrs. Monk and A. Dukes.

On a vote of 9-1-2, the motion carried.

APPROVE INVOICES FROM HUNT GUILLOT & ASSOCIATES FOR IKE/GUSTAV  
DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM AND PEC FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM  
RESTORATION PHASE I SOUTH FLATS

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

RESOLVED, That invoices totaling \$5,249.56, Interim Billing #40, from Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for Hurricanes Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$16,740.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for the False River Ecosystem Restoration Phase I South Flats be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE  
AGREEMENT WITH ADMIRAL INVESTMENTS LLC FOR OFFICE SPACE ON HOSPITAL  
ROAD AT NEW ROADS

Attorney Garrett reported on the addendum to the lease agreement with Admiral Investments, LLC for office space on Hospital Road at New Roads for the Sheriff's Office.



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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign an addendum to the lease agreement between the Police Jury and Admiral Investments, LLC for office space at 1919 Hospital Road and 2001 Hospital Road at New Roads for the Sheriff's Office.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Nelson reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held January 23, 2014. Copies of the minutes were mailed to each Juror.

Attorney Garrett gave a report on his review of the contract agreement between the Police Jury and Datamatic, Inc., for maintenance and service of equipment. He informed the Jury Datamatic filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on September 26, 2013. He reported on the termination clause in the agreement and with a 30 day written notice, the Jury may terminate the contract.

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

RESOLVED, That Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello be authorized to send a letter to Datamatic, Inc. to terminate the maintenance and service agreement with the Police Jury and discontinue payments.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That solid waste collections service be discontinued for customers who are 90 days late in payment of utilities fees; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Drainage Impact Fee (DIF) be billed annually to Pointe Coupee Public Utilities customers; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an ad be published in the official journal to inform the public that 911 addresses are to be placed on their residents, per section 7-6 of the parish ordinance; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury authorizes payment be made

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to P & C Equipment with an attorney's review of the contract.

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Police Jury seeks advice from Attorney Dannie Garrett prior to considering upgrade of equipment from Datamatic, Inc.; and be it

RESOLVED further, That cost estimates be obtained to compare amount spent on two (2) meter readers verses a third party meter reader.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin

Secretary

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Melanie L. Bueche

President

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