

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
February 25, 2014

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche asked that Mr. John Cline, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. He served as Justice of the Peace in District 10 for 18 years and a retired Pointe Coupee Parish School Bus Driver with 31 years of service. He was the brother of School Board Member James "Bado" Cline.

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. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Justin Cox.

ABSENT: None.

ADOPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 11, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Constable George Miller, relative to the Jury's consideration of intergovernmental agreements with all municipalities for public works projects, thanked Juror Vosburg for resolving a drainage problem in Major Subdivision, where he resides.

PUBLIC HEARING--AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 LOUISIANA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ORDINANCE

A hearing to obtain public input from citizens to amend the 2012 Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Ordinance, and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:05 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Certified Building Official John Pinsonat commented on the need to amend the ordinance. There were no objections received, orally nor written.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to the 2012 Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Ordinance be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Cox.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH ALL MUNICIPALITIES FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Attorney Dannie Garrett presented an intergovernmental services agreement for consideration of the Jury to enter into with all municipalities for public works projects.

Juror Cox entered the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

President Bueche suggested sending a letter to all municipalities with an explanation and asking for their approval and execution of the agreement.

Juror Jarreau suggested scheduling a meeting with the mayors of each municipality to discuss and explain the agreement.

Juror A. Dukes reported on two (2) businesses on Hospital Road at New Roads needing culverts changed out by the Jury. He was hoping the agreement would be approved to proceed with obtaining approval from the City of New Roads to install the culverts. Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello informed the Jury a letter was received from the Mayor and Public Works Director of the City of New Roads approving the installation of a culvert for one of the businesses.

After discussions, President Bueche asked the Jurors, who represent municipalities, to contact the office staff if they are interested in scheduling a meeting with the mayors to discuss the agreement.

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

RESOLVED, That the Intergovernmental Services Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and the Town of Fordoche, Town of Livonia, Village of Morganza and City of New Roads to perform public works projects in all municipalities be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Services Agreement between the Police Jury and all municipalities in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

PC COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION PARTNERING WITH PROVIDENCE FOR PHASE II HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. President Peter Williams reported on the organization partnering with Providence Technical Services for the Phase II housing rehabilitation project to assist them with obtaining their recertification of their CHDO from the LA Housing Corporation.

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PRIOR RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT 2/11/14 MEETING RELATIVE TO LEGISLATION INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, POINTE COUPEE PARISH HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Juror Vosburg asked the Jury to consider rescinding prior resolution adopted at their February 11, 2014 meeting relative to legislation increasing the number of members of the Board of Commissioners on the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One from nine (9) to 12. She stated to require each Juror to appoint a representative from their district can cause misguided political motives and disruption of the board. She gave a detailed overview of the many accomplishments and improvements to the hospital and healthcare in the parish by the board. She commented on the makeup of the board and how every citizen has the opportunity to serve on the board if they desire. She commented on letter from doctors in the parish and resolution from the board opposing increasing the number of members.

On behalf of the doctors in the parish, Dr. Louis Montelaro addressed the Jury about the proposed changes and opposes the increase in members on the board.

Juror A. Dukes commented on why 12 members need to serve on the board instead of nine (9) and the makeup of the board should look like the Jury. He discussed that there are no African American Jurors serving on the board and lay persons from New Roads, and in 2008 he and Juror Nelson were nominated, and the vote failed by the Jury. He stated they are trying to correct abuse and discrimination on the board.

Juror Jarreau commented on the proposed changes to the board and stated the board is doing a good job. He suggested appointing a five-member Selection Committee, comprised of two (2) Jurors, who represent minority districts, chief of staff at the hospital, chairman of the HSD#1 Board and alternating Attorneys John Wayne Jewell and Jodie Thibaut, to review and interview potential persons and submit recommendations to the Jury for appointment to the board.

President Bueche stated the Jury advertises in The Banner every year for interested persons to be appointed to boards, committees and commissions, which allow everyone an opportunity to serve as members.

Juror C. Dukes received clarification from the Jury that the next appointment that becomes available, a minority will be appointed, which can be an African American or a woman.

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

RESOLVED, That the prior resolution adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury at its meeting on February 11, 2014 relative to requesting the legislative delegation of Pointe Coupee Parish to introduce legislation at the next regular session of the legislature in March to increase from nine (9) to 12 the maximum number of Board of Commissioners on the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One and require each Police Juror to appoint a representative from their district to serve as a member on the board and eliminate elected officials serving on the board is hereby rescinded.

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

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

NAYS: Messrs. A. Dukes and Young.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 10-2-0-, the motion carried.

Juror A. Dukes asked that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Legislative Black Caucus and the US Justice Department (Voting Rights Section).

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FROM FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN & PERMITTING FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PHASE I

Juror Olinde presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the False River Watershed Council, that the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby proceed with the design and permitting for the False River Ecosystem Restoration Phase I Project.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SECURITY CHANGE AT POLICE JURY MEETINGS

Juror A. Dukes reported on the Jury considering a security change at Police Jury meetings from the City of New Roads' Police Department, if they do not have an intergovernmental agreement with the city. He stated if an agreement is not signed by the next meeting, they need to have a deputy from the Parish Sheriff's Office provide security, since the Jury is the governing body of the parish. He asked that this item be continued and placed on the next agenda. He stated that if they continue with the city, the officers should rotate security.

CONSIDERATION OF A VARIANCE FOR A MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT 8651 ST. JOSEPH STREET

Juror A. Dukes introduce Mrs. Bonnie Cushionberry, who requested the Police Jury to consider granting a variance for her mobile home located at 8651 St. Joseph Street at New Roads.

Certified Building Official John Pinsonat reported Mrs. Cushionberry's mobile home is 3 inches below the base flood elevation (BFE) and is required to be raised 4 inches and be at the BFE to receive her electrical permit and it's the Jury's discretion to issue a waiver and grant a variance.

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

RESOLVED, That a variance for a mobile home located at 8651 St. Joseph Street at New Roads for Mrs. Bonnie Cushionberry be granted, pending the mobile home is raised 4 inches.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO RECOMMEND AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE POLICE JURY

Juror A. Dukes asked the Jury to consider asking the district attorney to recommend an attorney to represent the Jury, because Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell represents both the Jury and City of New Roads, since there have been recent conflicts between the two (2) entities.

Assistant District Attorney Jewell commented on this matter.

After discussion, the Jury agreed Attorney Dannie Garrett, who currently assists the Jury with legal matters, will provide legal services in the event of future conflicts or when needed and when Attorney Jewell has a conflict.

CONSIDERATION OF WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE INACTIVE UTILITIES CUSTOMERS FROM 1980-89 & 1990-99

President Bueche reported on the Jury considering write-off of uncollectible inactive utilities customers from 1980-89 and 1990-99 in a list provided by CPA Tommy LeJeune and Public Utilities Billing and Collections Supervisor Beverly Francois.

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

RESOLVED, That the write-off of uncollectible inactive utilities customers from January 1, 1980 thru December 31, 1989 and January 1, 1990 thru December 31, 1999 be deemed uncollectible debts by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS (DIRECTORS):

Building Maintenance Supervisor

Ken Vosburg presented Jurors with copies of the Building Maintenance Report of buildings own by the Jury.

Certified Building Official

John Pinsonat reported on the residential and commercial permits issued in the parish.

Multi-Use Center Director

Weldon Jewell reported on upcoming events scheduled at the center in March. He gave an update on the purchase of equipment for the center.

Parish Administrator

Jimmy Bello gave a status report on the cleanup and removal of debris from the third floor in the courthouse.

Juror Cox left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Parish Treasurer

Becky Mayeux presented a report on the finances of the Jury. She reported an employee in the Public Utilities Maintenance Department is retiring March 31, 2014.

Public Utilities Supervisor

Albert Sneed gave an update on the removal of the firefly units from the gas meters in the parish. Juror Pourciau reported on the Utilities Department providing assistance with installing a new gas line at the PC Grain Elevator at Batchelor. Mr. Sneed reported on submitting proposals from contractors to Mr. Guidry at the Grain Elevator to install the gas line. Mr. Bello will review this matter further.

Public Utilities Billing and Collections Supervisor

Beverly Francois presented Jurors with the Utilities Billing and Collections Report for the month of February.

Public Works Director

Blaine Bordelon reported on the maintenance of roads and drainage in the parish. Juror A. Dukes thanked Mr. Bello, Mr. Bordelon and employees for the quick response to repairing a drainage washout on Portage Canal.

Recreation Director

Sal Genusa gave a report on recreational activities in the parish. He gave an update on improvements at the Morganza Gym. Chairperson Vosburg commented on other matters about recreation in the parish. The payment of umpires will be reviewed with CPA LeJeune. Juror C. Dukes inquired about the Recreation Committee's review of providing a swimming and golfing program in the parish at the False River Country Club, and asked that an update be given at their next meeting.

Sales Tax Director

Ronell Roubique presented Jurors with copies of the Sales Tax Collections and Delinquent Taxpayers Reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

RESOLVED, That invoices totaling \$5,209.56 (Interim Billing #41) submitted by Hunt Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for Hurricanes Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That invoices in the amount of \$6,750.00 and \$324.00 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 CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM (NORTH) AND THE CDBG--LRA WATER & SEWER GENERATORS

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

RESOLVED, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (Contract No. 1 - North) with F. G. Sullivan, Jr. Contractor, LLC be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

RESOLVED further, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the CDBG--LRA Water & Sewer Generators - Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Program with Chustz Electric be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on a Planning Commission meeting held February 20, 2014. Copies of the minutes were mailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the subdivision of the remainder of Tract 1 into Tract 1-B-1 thru Tract 1-B-3 of the Riverbank Frontage (Lakehome Plantation) located in Section 34, T5S & R10E at Ventress for The Heirs of Rose Langlois be approved, pending the sideline variance be granted on Tract 1-B-2 from 8' to 5' due to an existing structure on the property and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the subdivision of Lot 10A into 10A-1 and Lot 10A-2 (Former Elie Jarreau Property) located in Section 101, T10S & R10E at Ventress for The Heirs of Rose Langlois be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the subdivision of Lot 7A into 7A-1 and Lot 7A-2 annexation of the East 20 feet of Lot 7A to Lot 6A to create Lot 6A-1 (Former Elie Jarreau Property) located in Section 101, T5S & R10E at Jarreau for The Heirs of Elie Jarreau be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian , a plat showing the subdivision of the James S. Olinde Tract into Tract A and Tract B located in Section 101, T5S & R10 E at Jarreau for James S. Olinde, Sr. be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that a plat showing the subdivision of Lot 21A and lot 21B into Lot 21A-1, Lot 21A-2, Lot 21A-3, Lot 21A-4 & Lot 21B-4 (Pecan Acres East Subdivision) located in Section 78, T5S & R11E at Glynn for Luke Ducote be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plats for The Heirs of Rose Langlois, The Heirs of Elie Jarreau, James S. Olinde, Sr. and Luke Ducote.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Vosburg announced an amendment to the Mobile Home Park Ordinance will be introduced at the Jury meeting on March 11, 2014.

She also commented on the Federal Government implementing new codes guidelines for structure of Travel Trailers and Travel Trailer Parks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Pourciau reported on a Public Works Committee meeting held February 24, 2014. Copies of the minutes were given to each Juror.

At the request of Parish Administrator Bello, the Jury tabled accepting the quote submitted by Doggett Machinery Services for the purchase of a 2014 John Deere 290G LC Excavator until their next meeting to review the trade-in price.

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

RESOLVED, That the quote submitted by Covington Sales for a 2011 700-gallon Pipe Hunter Culvert Unit in the amount of \$29,500.00 with a six-month warranty to be funded by the Mosquito Abatement District be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Recreation matters were discussed under reports by the department heads.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President