

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
August 11, 2015

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 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, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Albert Dukes, Russell Polar, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: None.

President Bueche extended condolences and prayer to the family of Mrs. Stephanie Falgout, who passed away. She was a former employee of the Jury.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 28, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARD (STEPHANIE PATTERSON)

President Bueche announced an employee anniversary service award for employee Stephanie Patterson for 10 years of dedicated service. She was not present at the meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO MS. RUTH L. OLIVER--PRESIDENT OF NEW ROADS BRANCH NAACP CHAPTER 6072

Juror A. Dukes tabled this item until the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Bueche made comments and presented a certificate of appreciation from the Police Jury to Vice President Janet Vosburg for her outstanding contributions to False River Recreation Park.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED HOUSE ON LOT 36 IN J. V. LOUPE SUBDIVISION OWNED BY VIRGINIA HARGROVE ESTATE

A hearing to obtain public input to condemn and demolish an abandoned house owned by the Virginia Hargrove Estate located on Lot 36 in J. V. Loupe Subdivision at New Roads was conducted at 5:16 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Erricka) Cavalier, the grandson of Mrs. Hargrove, reported on their intentions to repair the house and requested a 90-day extension to make the repairs.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the results of the public hearing, that Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Erricka) Cavalier be granted a 90-day extension to make the necessary repairs to an abandoned house owned by the Virginia Hargrove Estate located on Lot 36 in J. V. Loupe Subdivision at New Roads.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING MR. DON EWING’S EMPLOYMENT

President Bueche announced this item is being tabled.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF NEW E-911 ADDRESSING PROCEDURES

Deputy Mark Jack presented a proposal to the Jury to implement the new E-911 addressing procedures that would allow the Jury’s permit clerk to issue addresses at a fee of \$20 for new addresses and \$10 fee for updating addresses in the parish.

After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That a proposal to implement the new E-911 addressing procedures and allow the Jury’s permit clerk to issue new addresses at a fee of \$20 and \$10 fee for updating addresses in the parish be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FY 2016-2017 APPLICATION

Engineer Kevin Gravois of PEC requested approval of the Jury to consider scheduling a public hearing at their next meeting to obtain comments about the submittal of a LA Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2016-2017 application to perform a particular project in low and moderate areas of the parish. He reported the Jury would obtain public comments at the hearing and make a determination of the type of project they want to fund such as water, sewer or roads.

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

RESOLVED, That a public hearing of the Police Jury be scheduled Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for the submittal of a LA Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program FY 2016-2017 application to fund a particular program in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES AT PC COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT E-911

Juror A. Dukes requested an update on the salary adjustments for 10 employees at the Pointe Coupee Communications District E-911 and the fire districts allocating funds to support the adjustments.

After lengthy discussion, Juror A. Dukes presented the following resolution for approval:

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

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish has the benefit of a direct dispatch 911 system; and

WHEREAS, the direct dispatch 911 system makes it much more efficient in dispatching fire, health, and law enforcement personnel to the people of Pointe Coupee facing emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office operates the Pointe Coupee Parish 911 System under a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Police Jury, hospital, municipalities and fire districts in Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, the personnel assigned to operate the 911 system are valued employees and are deserving of more compensation than the current budget can provide; and

WHEREAS, some of the Fire Districts in the Parish have agreed to contribute additional funds to support a salary supplement to the 911 personnel; and

WHEREAS, there is still an additional need for funding for salary supplements for those 911 personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby urges the other Fire Districts that are not currently contributing to the salary supplement for the 911 personnel to agree to begin contributing to the salary supplement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the Fire Districts that are not currently contributing to the salary supplement for the 911 personnel.

The motion died, due to lack of a second.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE ROAD RATING REPORT

Engineer Kevin Gravois presented a proposal for consideration to update the 2010 Road Rating Report, due to the Police Jury investigating the possible sale of bonds for a road program. The purpose of the report is to determine the current needs and construction cost in the parish.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation to update the 2010 Parish Road Rating Report in the amount of \$21,000 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF HOSTING A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES

Juror A. Dukes requested consideration of the Jury to approve hosting a Christmas Party for employees in December. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jurors host and fund a Christmas Party for employees in December and each Juror will allocate \$100 in which \$25 will be deducted from their payroll checks for four (4) months.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL TO SEND LETTERS TO SENATOR WARD & REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT REQUESTING A SURVEY ON THE CONDITION OF THE FALSE RIVER OUTFALL CANAL

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

RESOLVED, That at the request of President Bueche, letters be sent to Senator Rick Ward and Representative Major Thibaut to request a survey be conducted to evaluate the condition of the False River Outfall Canal.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE & INSTALL CULVERTS IN PECAN ISLAND SUBDIVISION AT JARREAU

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of culverts to be installed in Pecan Island Subdivision at Jarreau to alleviate a drainage problem in the amount of \$1,527.60 from HD Supply Waterworks be approved.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DOTD TO RECEIVE CULVERTS FOR THE AMALIE ACRES PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and LA Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the Jury to receive reclaimed corrugated metal pipe from DOTD to be utilized for the Amalie Acres Drainage Project off of LA Hwy. 978 at Oscar.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SELECTION CRITERIA

Chairman Cox reported on a Selection Criteria Committee meeting held August 4, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the Home Rule Charter Commission consist of not more than three (3) Jurors and eight (8) lay people selected by the full Police Jury with the understanding the Jurors elected forfeit their right to appoint a lay person (contingent to President Melanie Bueche not submitting a person in her district).

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Nelson.

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

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

RESOLVED, That a Home Rule Charter Commissioner cannot miss no more than two (2) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings total.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That to be considered for appointment as a commissioner an applicant must be a qualified elector of the parish.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the last date for submission of applications be Friday, September 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Selection Criteria Committee conduct a vetting meeting of the applicants Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and bring recommendations to the Police Jury meeting September 22, 2015.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury budget be amended for \$5,000 to be allocated to the Home Rule Charter Commission for expenses.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a Home Rule Charter Commission's secretary be a Police Jury staff secretary and be compensated from the budgeted funds, pending the same rule applies for all committees created by the Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury amend the timeline provision in the resolution adopted at the July 28, 2015 meeting for the Charter Commission to be appointed from within thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days.

Unanimously carried.

Chairman Cox asked the Jury to consider placing an ad in The Banner to explain and educate the public on the process of the Charter Commission and the parish form of government. After discussion, Attorney Garrett will prepare information and forward to Jurors to be considered for publication and make available to the public.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

President Bueche reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 10, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury consider solid waste carts and prices in the future; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Parish Administrator John Grezaffi obtains the cost wanted for M & S Water Supply and Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation conduct an assessment of M & S Water Supply.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President