

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
September 8, 2015

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Vice President Vosburg extended condolences and prayer to the family of Retired Brigadier General Joseph Levy Dabadie, who passed away.

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, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Albert Dukes, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: Messrs. Allen Monk and Russell Polar.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 25, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING PARISH WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Juror Cox recognized Parish Sheriff "Bud" Torres, Police Chiefs Richard Torres (Town of Fordoche), Brad Joffrion (Town of Livonia), Mark Ramagos (Village of Morganza), Kevin McDonald (City of New Roads) and Lieutenant John Cannon (LA State Troopers) for the outstanding service of law enforcement they provide throughout the parish. Juror Cox introduced the following proclamation that was presented to the sheriff and chiefs declaring Monday, September 14, 2015 as a parish wide day of prayer for law enforcement:

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

PROCLAMATION

PARISH WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, we are a parish, state and nation whose people turn to prayer when faced with adversity and in times of blessing, we value each human being as a life made by our Creator, in his image, and thank God that every life is sacred; and

WHEREAS, our law enforcement men and women courageously risk their lives every day while protecting our communities and our citizens, with nine law enforcement officers having died in the line of duty in Louisiana this year, and we wish to acknowledge their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families; and

WHEREAS, in this time of grief, we petition the Lord to provide comfort to Louisianans and our nation, understanding to families affected by these tragedies, and protection to all law enforcement as they selflessly serve in the face of danger each day; and

WHEREAS, we ask God for his continued guidance over our parish, state and nation and pray the Lord will provide us with wisdom, discernment, courage, protection, comfort and direction; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we set aside a day for individuals, communities, churches and businesses in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana and United States of America to collectively pray for these fallen officers and recognize those that protect us every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, Parish of Pointe Coupee and United States of America, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Monday, September 14, 2015 shall be a **parish wide, day of prayer for law enforcement**. I invite all Americans who choose to join in prayer to ask for protection over our law enforcement men and women, to thank God for his many blessings and to seek a spiritual revival among the people of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana and the United States.

SECTION 2: I encourage all municipalities, local officials, businesses and religious leaders to organize events celebrating the life of those who have sacrificed themselves while serving our communities, and to pray protection over those who ensure the continued safety of our citizens.

SECTION 3: I invite other Parish Presidents and officials of other parishes to join me in designating September 14, 2015 as a day of prayer for our law enforcement individuals who daily risk their lives providing protection to communities throughout our Nation, Faith created and sustains America, and we need trust, respect, and civility restored in our Nation.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARD (SHANIKA OLINDE)

Juror Olinde presented an employee anniversary service award to Registrar of Voters Shanika Olinde for 15 years of dedicated service.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR FIREFIGHTER/FIRST RESPONDER OF THE YEAR

Juror Pourciau presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mrs. Esther Daigrepoint of Fire Protection District No. 1 (5 years of service).

Juror Pourciau presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mr. Nicholas Serio of Fire Protection District No. 2 (3 years of service).

Juror Cline presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mr. Mark Chustz of Fire Protection District No. 3 (over 40 years of service).

Juror Jarreau presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mrs. Glenn Sayger for the late Mr. Glenn Sayger of Fire Protection District No. 4 (over 20 years of service).

Juror Vosburg presented the Firefighter/First Responder of the year award to Mr. Orinthien Louis of Fire Protection District No. 5 (5 years of service).

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met at 5:32 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. Assessor James Laurent, Jr. commented on the assessments for 2015. Mr. Ken Cariker of Affiliated Tax Consultants reported on Notice of Appeal Request forms filed by Will-Drill Production Company because of the schedule and/or evaluation table used by the LA Tax Commission and not because of issues with the Assessor's Office.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT GRANT FROM FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR APRON OVERLAY PROJECT FOR FALSE RIVER REGIONAL AIRPORT

False River Regional Airport Manager Yvonne Chenevert presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute an Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, Sponsor, and the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration as acceptance of a \$235,270.00 grant identified as AIP Grant No. 3-22-0074-017-29015 to Rehabilitate the Apron (Overlay) at the False River Regional Airport.

Unanimously carried.

REPORT ON LSU AGCENTER

County Agent Miles Brashier thanked the Jury for all their support throughout the years to the LSU AgCenter in the parish, and announced his retirement after 35 years of service and employee Elaine Delatte after 32 years of service at the end of October. He introduced Mrs. Monica LaBorde and Mr. Mark Carrier, who gave an overview and accomplishments of the 4-H Program in the parish.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED HOUSE AT 9011 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY SPENCER BOATNER ESTATE

Juror Olinde discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard recommending the condemnation of an abandoned house located at 9011 Island Road at Ventress owned by the Spencer Boatner Estate is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human occupancy.

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

RESOLVED, That an abandoned house located at 9011 Island Road at Ventress owned by the Spencer Boatner Estate be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned house owned by the Spencer Boatner Estate.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FY 2016-2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (LCDBG)

Engineer Kevin Gravois reported and received approval from the Jury to submit an application for proposed sewer improvements in the Batchelor High School Subdivision Sewerage District, Sewerage District No. 1 and Sewerage District No. 6 (Mandela).

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

A Resolution Authorizing the President to Sign Application for Funding under FY2016-FY2017 LCDBG Program

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT SIGN AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE JURY ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, DECLARATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AMENDMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS PAPERWORK NECESSARY FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND CLOSEOUT OF ALL FY2016-2017 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH; AND FURTHER INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FY2016-2017 LCDBG PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury intends to apply to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development for Louisiana Community Development Block Grants for eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, these grants will require a large volume of paperwork from the Parish in an expedited manner; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has decided to apply for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant under the FY2016-2017 program funding cycle for the exclusive benefit of the citizens of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has agreed to allocate funds for Engineering and Administrative services in order to receive “bonus” points on the LCDBG application: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That by the Police Jury, the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana as follows:

That the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury any and all contracts, declarations, application, amendments, land purchase agreements, and other multi party agreements and all other documents and paperwork necessary for the application, administration and closeout of FY2016-2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants on behalf of the Parish.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT TO ADMINISTER THE FY 2016-2017 LCDBG PROGRAM

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

TO HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY RELATIVE TO LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury intends to participate in the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, as the opportunity arises, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury certifies that it will allocate the pre-agreement and administrative costs associated with the implementation of the FY2016/2017 LCDBG program to receive “bonus points”, in the event the grant is funded; such costs will include, but not be limited to application preparation fees, audit fees, advertising and publication fees, local staff time, workshop expenses, and/or administrative consultant fees. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed by the LCDBG program for professional administrative services that should otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development. Payment for these services shall be in accordance with the Parish’s contract with the administrative consultant.

WHEREAS, administrative consultant to administer the LCDBG Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That by the Jury Members for the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, in Regular Session convened, that the administrative consulting services be performed by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation in the amount of \$33,700.00.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FY 2016-2017 LCDBG PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury advertise in the official journal for Request for Qualifications (RFQs) to perform engineering services for the FY 2016-2017 LA Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ATTORNEY DANNIE GARRETT TO REVIEW THE ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

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

RESOLVED, That Attorney Dannie Garrett be tasked and authorized to review the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance for amendments.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF SOLID WASTE CARTS TO RESIDENTS

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

RESOLVED, That the deposit fee and price for replacement of solid waste carts to residents be increased to \$60.00.

Unanimously carried.

RATIFY INCREASE OF INVOICE FROM STEIB'S DOZER & BACKHOE SERVICE, LLC FOR REPAIRS TO THE R. L. BERGERON/CECIL BERGERON BRIDGE IN JUROR DISTRICT 9

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

RESOLVED, That an increase of an invoice be ratified in the amount of \$7,700.00 submitted by Steib's Dozer and Backhoe Service, LLC for repairs to a bridge on the property of R. L. Bergeron/Cecil Bergeron at New Roads in Police Juror District 9.

Unanimously carried.

RATIFY THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO FALSE RIVER AIR PARK COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That the reappointment and defining terms of members to the False River Air Park Commission be ratified as follows:

- Seat B - Wade O'Neal (one-year term) August 6, 2015 thru August 5, 2016
- Seat D - Kirk White (two-year term) August 6, 2015 thru August 5, 2017
- Seat F - Mike Gusky (three-year term) August 6, 2015 thru August 5, 2018

Unanimously carried.

HONOR REV. DR. ALBERT J. HAYNES, SR. FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY

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

WHEREAS, **Rev. Dr. Albert James Haynes, Sr.** is a native of Ventress and Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Haynes is the seventh child of the late Rev. Moses Haynes, Jr. and Mrs. Udell Cador Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Haynes was called into the ministry in 1967 and has faithfully and diligently served the ministry throughout the Parish of Pointe Coupee and State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Haynes has served as President of the Pointe Coupee Ministers' Conference for 25 years, Vice President at large of the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association for 16 years, and Vice President of the Central Region of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention for 5 years: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in good faith extends its heartfelt appreciation and commends Rev. Haynes for his many years of dedicated service in Pointe Coupee Parish and the State of Louisiana; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury extends their congratulations and appreciation to **Rev. Dr. Albert James Haynes, Sr.** in honor of his Tenth-Year Celebration as the seventh pastor of the Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2518 Maringouin Road West, Livonia Louisiana.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on a Planning Commission meeting held September 3, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the survey of Lots 1-10 Ingleside Crossroad said Lots 1-10 being removed from Ingleside Plantation North Subdivision located in Sections 11 & 43, T6S & R10E on the corner of LA Highway 1 and Lorio Dairy Road at Lakeland for Luke J. Grezaffi be approved as presented with a variance where the community sewer system is not required, due to the footage along the front of the lots being less than 125' per lot, the subdivision has adequate rear drainage and unlikely for the development of small size lots; and be it

RESOLVED further, That prior submittals of plats be reviewed to grant same type of development; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plat for Luke J. Grezaffi.

Unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Pourciau, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President