

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**May 10, 2016**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Juror Bueche asked that Mrs. Anita Langlois Granier, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. She was the sister of Juror Mitch Langlois.

President Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Mrs. Melanie Bueche, Messrs. Stephen Smith, Kyle Olinde, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Cornell Dukes. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: None.

As President of the Jury, Juror Cornell Dukes will generally abstain unless his vote will alter the outcome on a matter by voting to break or make a tie.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 26, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Bueche presented a proclamation to former Editor of The Pointe Coupee Banner declaring Tuesday, May 31, 2016 as **Tommy Comeaux Day** in Pointe Coupee Parish. This item was presented to the Resolutions Committee meeting for their approval at the request of the False River Rotary New Roads.

Mr. Comeaux, who resigned as Editor of The Banner, along with his son, Marcus Comeaux, thanked the Jury for the proclamation.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO BE FORWARDED TO THE FAMILIES OF THE LATE MR. MARK CLEMENT AND MRS. JO LANDRUM

Motion Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Mark Dennis Clement and Mrs. Jo Ann Douglas Landrum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jo Ann Douglas Landrum was a native of Meridian, Mississippi and resident of Eucutta, Mississippi for 64 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark Dennis Clement was a native of Minden and resident of Fordoche and Pointe Coupee Parish for 59 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark Dennis Clement was a life-long heavy equipment operator and was a current employee of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, their presence will be sadly missed by their families and friends:  
Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the families of Mrs. Jo Ann Douglas Landrum and Mr. Mark Dennis Clement this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO CHSPC LADY HORNETS FOR WINNING THE LOUISIANA CLASS 1A SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Juror Smith congratulated and presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Jury to the Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee Lady Hornets for winning the Louisiana Class 1A Softball State Championship.

PUBLIC HEARING--AMEND SECTION 19-16 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE DRIVEWAY OR ROAD ENTRANCE CULVERT PERMIT FEE

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 19-16 of Article II of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the installation of culverts, bridges and catch basins in roadside ditches, to increase from \$15 to \$25 the fee for the issuance of certain residential driveway culvert permits, and to further provide with respect thereto was held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee.

Comments were received from persons in the audience.

Juror Jarreau reported the cost for the Jury to install culverts is beyond \$25 and that the Jury should consider excluding the installation fee from the permit and implement a separate installation fee above the \$25 fee being suggested.

Juror Olinde stated the Jury has been providing the service of installing culverts for the citizens in the parish for many years, and the increase is only to offset the cost to the Jury for installing culverts.

Juror Cox stated he is in support of the Jury charging a fee that would be an actual cost incurred by the Jury to install a culvert. He further stated an average cost of approximately \$180 that includes number of hours to install culverts, length of installation and mileage or an hourly rate. This cost excludes the fuel and all other expenses for the Jury to install a culvert.

Juror Taylor stated he supports the proposed increase of \$25, and is not in favor of increasing the permit fee above \$25.

Juror Smith asked that consideration be given to other than passing on fees and costs to the taxpayers for drainage, the fees should be included at the construction phase of a project that would be paid by a homeowner or contractor.

Juror Bueche commented on some citizens who struggle just to purchase a culvert. She stated that the Jury needs to continue this service to make sure culverts are installed properly in the parish, and that it is the Jury's responsibility that drainage flows properly.

Juror Langlois commented about the citizens being charged a drainage impact fee and the Jury wanting to increase the permit fee to \$25. He stated he would support the increase if the impact fee was ended.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 19-16 of ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE DRIVEWAY OR ROAD ENTRANCE CULVERT PERMIT FEE

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 19-16 of Article II of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the

installation of culverts, bridges and catch basins in roadside ditches, to increase from \$15 to \$25 the fee for the issuance of certain residential driveway culvert permits, and to further provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst and Jarreau.

NAYS: Mr. Langlois.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 10-1-1, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW ATTORNEY DANNIE P. GARRETT, III TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN REGARD TO THE ANTICIPATED HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSITION ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

On behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Home Rule Charter Commission, Attorney Garrett appeared before the Jury to discuss and receive authorization to allow him to submit an agenda application to the State Bond Commission in regard to the anticipated Home Rule Charter proposition election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Attorney Garrett responded to questions from Jurors, and after further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

Juror Smith expressed his appreciation to the Charter Commission for the great job they have done and their consideration of the financial impact by placing the proposition on the election ballot this year.

Motion by Mrs. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That Attorney Dannie P. Garrett, III be authorized to submit an agenda application to the State Bond Commission in regard to the anticipated Home Rule Charter proposition election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Unanimously carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Marketing Manager Bill Frey presented a proposal from Progressive Waste Solutions for solid waste collection for consideration of the Jury. The proposal will include Progressive taking control of the distribution and purchase of carts for the parish, assume control of the current carts and replace with new carts on an as needed basis, and Progressive will perform these services at no additional cost to the parish, if they could reduce the service to once per week instead of twice per week. Mr. Frey reported any residents needing more service than one cart per week, would be able to purchase an additional cart and be serviced at no additional cost. He stated these services would be performed at a cost reduction of \$.50 per household.

Jurors voiced their objections and concerns about changing from twice to once per week service.

Juror Cox gave an explanation about the Jury conducting a survey to incorporate and match the serial number of the carts with each customer's account to be linked into the Jury billing system, opposed to contracting and paying municipalities and other agencies to collect this fee and other fees for the Jury. He reported on the financial changes of the proposal that minus the \$48,000 savings the results would be a \$72,000 net yearly difference for once a week. He commented on the Jury reviewing the proposal further and exploring the option of the Jury operating their own solid waste program.

Jurors Jarreau and Cox asked that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further review.

Juror Bueche gave a brief overview about the solid waste program that included the life and constant repairs and replacement of the carts by the Jury, which lead to the proposal submitted by Progressive.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposal submitted by Progressive Waste Solutions for solid waste collection be referred to the Finance Committee for further review.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Hurst, Jarreau, Langlois and Smith.

NAYS: Messrs. Cline, Bazile, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche and Mr. Olinde.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

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

#### AMEND AGENDA

Juror Cox commented on his request to amend the agenda to discuss the drainage project on Canezaro Road that needs to be redone. He reported Engineer Kevin Gravois reviewed and recommended that the Jury redo this project.

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

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

- Discussion and consideration of a drainage project on Canezaro Road.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst and Jarreau.

NAYS: Mr. Taylor.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 10-1-1, the motion failed, due to not having all yeas vote.

#### UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River. He reported on May 4, 2016 he closed one (1) gate at a water level of 15.8, and today the water level was 15.8.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### FINANCE

Chairman Cox reported on a Finance Committee meeting held May 3, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell be contacted for legal advice on charging the customers for the 3.5% credit card fee; and be it

RESOLVED further, That four (4) GPS devices be placed in the trucks for Messrs. Albert Sneed, Jarvis Boudreaux, Tommy Leonard and James David; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a cost estimate from EMCO Technologies in the amount of \$1,792.00 for labor and parts for removal of two (2) repeaters from the tower at Ravenswood and installation of one (1) repeater at the E-911 Communications Center be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice from AT&T in the amount of \$1,384.96 for damages by the parish for cutting a phone line when replacing a culvert on Cline Drive be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Vice Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held May 4, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That Progressive Waste Solutions discuss a proposal for weekly solid waste collection and management of solid waste carts at a Police Jury meeting; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a letter be reviewed by the Jury that will possibly be sent to Progressive Waste Solutions regarding their contract to place them on notice that the Jury will commence deducting from future payments \$25 for each missed scheduled solid waste collection that is not collected within 24 hours after being notified.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairperson Bueche reported on a Resolutions Committee meeting held May 9, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid submitted by Diamond Pipeline Maintenance, LLC in the amount of \$194,000 or \$48,500 per cutting, four (4) cuttings per year, for the parish roadside grass maintenance (grass cutting) be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Public Works Director be authorized to obtain cost estimates for the purchase and use of chemicals to spray grass in between the parish roadside grass cuttings; and be it

RESOLVED further, That under court order, the Criminal Court funds maintained by the Parishes of Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee shall be used to provide the necessary supplemental funds for the payment of the law clerks of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judges in the sum of \$45,000.00 per year to be paid by each parish retroactively beginning January 1, 2016 and continuing each successive year thereafter until further ordered be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the low proposal submitted by James Saizon, Jr. in the amount of \$8,775.00 for the construction of a sidewalk to access field Nos. 4 & 5 at False River Recreation Park be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

**PROCLAMATION  
TOMMY COMEAUX DAY**

WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy Comeaux served as President of the False River Rotary New Roads in 2005 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy Comeaux has served as Editor of The Pointe Coupee Banner for 17 ½ years and has provided the citizens of Pointe Coupee Parish with reporting the news in our parish with diligence and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORNELL T. DUKES, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 31, 2016 as **TOMMY COMEAUX DAY** in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Olinde reported on Personnel Committee meetings held April 25, 2016 and May 9, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That no employee be allowed to receive overtime pay, but an employee will be allowed compensatory time; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Road Supervisor position be eliminated.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. James Chustz, Donald Bradley, Jr. and Derrick Maiden be employed as laborers at a Pay Grade 201, Step 1 at an annual salary of \$20,808.00; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a Position Vacancy Announcement be posted for the position of an Assistant Public Works Director with a minimum salary of \$39,207.00 for one (1) week, and if no employees apply within this time frame, advertise a Position Notice for two (2) weeks in the Official Journal.

Juror Cox explained the reason for his substitute motion to freeze hiring of the three (3) laborers. He commented on the Jury finances and the decline in Sales Tax Revenues of \$131,677 from 2015 to 2016 that is not shown in the budget, and other financial obligations facing the Jury this year. He stressed the need for the Jury to reduce expenses and feels the Jury should not hire the laborers at this time.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury freeze hiring of the three (3) laborers.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Jarreau, Langlois and Smith.

NAYS: Messrs. Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche and Mr. Olinde.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 4-7-1, the motion failed.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Olinde, Cline, Bazile and Hurst.

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Smith, Cox and Jarreau.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-4-1, the motion carried.

Juror Hurst stated that he realizes the Jury needs to watch their finances, and the Personnel Committee has been working tirelessly to cut cost and eliminate some positions to save monies. He explained the Jury has lost their Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director within months, and they are placing an employee as Director and starting the process to hire an Assistant Director, and needs to realize that they cannot put them in these positions to fail. He reported they are trying to stabilize their infrastructure while saving the Jury monies by giving the directors the same number of employees to work as their predecessors. He stated it is hard to place the directors in positions and ask them to perform at the same level and standard that the Jury expects them to do with less people. He stated this was the best decision at this time and the reason for their actions that were taken, and also saved the taxpayers about \$50,000 or \$60,000. Juror Hurst stated he realizes the need and will work on hiring a Parish Administrator, and the committee is doing their best to brain storm and make the department work as efficiently as possible.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Smith reported on an Economic Development Committee meeting held May 9, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the Economic Development Committee approved and recommends the appointments of Messrs. Arthur Ewing, Craig Magruder and Kevin Nelson, by the President of the Police Jury, to serve as members of the Economic Development Committee.

Unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dukes reported on the following:

- Special meeting of the Jury on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
- Expressed his appreciation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judges and the District Attorney, along with representatives from Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes, for their meeting he attended last week that resulted in over \$125,000 savings to the Jury for payments to the law clerks.
- Thanked and expressed appreciation to the Chairman/Chairperson of the committees for their hard work.

Motion by Mr. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Langlois, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Cornell T. Dukes  
President