

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
April 11, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche asked that Mr. Ray Barentine, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. He was a firefighter and member of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Fire Protection District No. 3.

Juror Langlois asked that Mr. Chris Guidry, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. He was an Alderman with the Village of Morganza.

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

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

ABSENT: Messrs. Anthony Hurst and Kurt Jarreau.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sylvia Williams waived her public comments until discussion of Pecan Acres Subdivision.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 28, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARDS (MIKE DAIGREPONT & TROY LECOQ)

Vice President Olinde presented an employee anniversary service award to employee Troy LeCoq for 5 years of dedicated service. He announced the service award for employee Mike Daigrepoint for 20 years, who was not present.

INTRODUCTION OF CRIMSON GULF PIPELINE

Senior Consultant Mike Walker of MDSA Strategic Communications gave an introduction of Crimson Gulf Pipeline, an integral and reliable operator in the Gulf of Mexico's vast oil pipeline network. An affiliate of Crimson Pipeline, a California base midstream pipeline company, Crimson Gulf safely owns or operates approximately 800 miles of pipeline located in the South Louisiana/Gulf of Mexico area. In closing, he reported Crimson have plans to perform work in the parish.

UPDATE ON NRCS PROGRAM FOR PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave an update on NRCS program for Pecan Acres Subdivision. He reported on a meeting with Southern University Professor John Pierre to discuss students of the law center performing title search and abstracts of property for the 40 homes in the subdivision relative to a proposed buyout program by NRCS. He reported a Resource Recovery Fair is being held in June for the residents in the subdivision to discuss and obtain information regarding the NRCS program.

Mr. Langlois reported a press release was sent announcing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released \$1.6 billion in flood recovery funds appropriated in 2016 for the August 2016 flood.

Ms. Sylvia Williams of Pecan Acres Subdivision made comments and presented questions to Mr. Langlois about the NRCS program, and the funding availability from HUD to assist residents whose homes were affected by the August 2016 flood.

Juror Smith stated that he has the confidence in everyone working to provide solutions and assistance to the residents affected by the 2016 flood.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF ENGAGING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OF BRADLEY-BLEWSTER & ASSOCIATES FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS ON COURTHOUSE & COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDINGS

Architecture Carroll Blewster discussed their proposal to provide architectural services for the replacement of roofs on the courthouse & courthouse annex buildings.

Treasurer Becky Mayeux discussed with the Jury their application submitted to USDA Rural Development to fund the replacement of roofs on the above buildings and the Detention Center.

Juror Dukes, Chairman of the Detention Center Committee, asked that a meeting of the committee be scheduled with the warden, representatives of USDA and Mr. Blewster to discuss replacing the roof on the Detention Center.

Juror Cox asked for an update on said project to determine by the Finance Committee what funding is needed to complete the study, etc., to replace the roofs.

The Jury asked Mr. Blewster to submit a cost estimate to perform said study to replace the roofs on the buildings.

UPDATE ON ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois read a letter to the Jury giving an update on the Road Rehabilitation Program, including a report of his recent inspection of the raveling roads recently overlaid in the parish by Coastal Bridge. He reported a plan of action has not been received from Coastal.

He reported Coastal Bridge submitted a pay estimate for approval.

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$410,639.95 submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC, for the Road Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment, pending final review by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation.

Unanimously carried.

Project Manager Fred McClain of Coastal Bridge reported on test results of the liquid in the asphalt that was good and met all of the LA Department of Transportation & Development requirements, and that they are awaiting one final test on the asphalt.

RESOLUTION--2017 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Charles Smith of Smith – LBA Insurance, Inc. presented proposals for the 2017 General Liability Insurance renewal for the Jury. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by AmGuard in the amount of \$182,341.00 for the 2017 General Liability Insurance renewal be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River and reported the water level is 15.7 ft., and the gates are closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 4

No names were submitted.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

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

**PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the 48th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2017**, as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 17-22, 2017 AS “NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

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

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has operated since 1982 to provide local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has had a significant impact on our local economy through either job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and/or improved housing; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish and other local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG Program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as housing rehabilitation and relocation, neighborhood centers, job creation and retention, and public infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the week of **April 17 - 22, 2017**, as **NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM LACOUR TREE SERVICE TO CUT LIMBS AT ENTRANCE OF MEADOW LANE SUBDIVISION

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by LaCour Tree Service in the amount of \$800 to cut tree limbs at the entrance of Meadow Lane Subdivision be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

FINANCE

Chairman Cox reported on a Finance Committee meeting held April 4, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That funds be allocated to hire one (1) laborer for the Public Works Department, and a Position Vacancy Announcement be posted in house for one (1) week and a Position Notice be advertised in the official journal for two (2) weeks simultaneously.

Unanimously carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Juror Olinde reported on a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting held April 6, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

He received approval from the Jury to purchase the paint and that Juror Bazile has volunteered to strip the parking lot at the Office of Motor Vehicles.

He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That Juror Olinde obtain three (3) proposals and be authorized to accept the low proposal received to pressure wash the Office of Motor Vehicles, Parish Museum and the Public Utilities Maintenance Building.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Juror Smith reported on a Recreation Committee meeting held April 10, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign the Concession Agreements between the Police Jury and Mr. Delaney Lee to operate the concessions at False River Recreation Park and Morganza Gym; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Section "G" of the Morganza Gym Rental Agreement be amended to state "Rental fees are for local parish youth teams only at \$15 per two (2) hours"; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. James Joseph be allowed to have a key to the Morganza Gym to open and close the gym on Sundays for local youth to play basketball when there is no scheduled event.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President

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