

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
June 27, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche asked that the families of Mrs. Glenda Platt Lambert, sister of employee Sylvester Platt, and Mrs. Lillie Grace Olinde, grandmother of employee Troy LeCoq, who passed away, be remembered in prayer.

President 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, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Anthony Hurst, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: None.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 13, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED MOBILE HOME AT 5567 DAILEY STREET AT BATCHELOR OWNED BY JERRY IVERY

A hearing to obtain public input to a condemnation of an abandoned mobile home at 5567 Dailey Street at Batchelor owned by Mr. Jerry Ivery was held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:34 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Juror Taylor reported Mr. Ivery has requested additional time to demolish the mobile home. There were no objections received and the public hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED MOBILE HOME AT 5567 DAILEY STREET AT BATCHELOR OWNED BY JERRY IVERY

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jerry Ivery be granted a 45-day extension to demolish an abandoned mobile home and clean the property located at 5567 Dailey Street at Batchelor.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED PIER AND BOAT SHED AT 8945 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY MICHAEL G. LANGLOIS

A hearing to obtain public input to a condemnation of an abandoned pier and boat shed located at 8945 Island Road at Ventress owned by Mr. Michael G. Langlois was held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:35 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There were no objections received and the hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED PIER AND BOAT SHED AT 8945 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY MICHAEL G. LANGLOIS

Juror Olinde reported the pier and boat shed was demolished and Mr. Langlois has satisfied the requirements of the ordinance and no further action is needed.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 DRAFT AUDIT REPORT

CPAs Rodney Combs & Freddie Smith of Postlewaite & Netterville presented and reviewed in detailed a draft of the 2016 audit report of the Police Jury.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS (DIRECTORS & SUPERVISORS):

Animal Control Officer

Troy LeCoq was absent, due to the death of his grandmother. No report was presented.

Certified Building Official

Tommy Leonard presented a report on the residential and commercial permits issued in the parish.

Multi-Use Center Director

Weldon Jewell presented a report on activities scheduled in July at the Multi-Use Center.

Parish Treasurer

Becky Mayeux presented a report on finances of the Jury ending June 27, 2017, and other matters related to finances. She reported a Finance Committee meeting will be held in July to present a second quarter financial report.

Public Utilities Supervisor

Terry Pascalin presented a Public Utilities Maintenance Report.

Public Utilities Billing and Collections Supervisor

Beverly Francois presented a Utilities Billing and Collections and Daily Cash Reports.

Public Works Director

James David reported on drainage and road projects in the parish.

Recreation Director

Sal Genusa presented a Recreation Report.

Sales Tax Director

In the absence of Ronell Roubique, a Sales Tax Collections and Delinquent Taxpayers Reports were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS AND OTHER EROSION PREVENTION STRUCTURES ALONG FALSE RIVER AND TO REQUIRE PERMITS

Juror Olinde reported on the following introduction of a proposed ordinance to regulate the construction of retaining walls and other erosion prevention structures along False River and to require permits:

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, to regulate the construction of retaining walls and other erosion prevention structures along False River; to require permits in connection therewith, and to further provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinance may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO SEND A LETTER TO KANSAS CITY RAILROAD REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN NEW ROADS

Juror Smith reported on attending the public hearing at the City of New Roads meeting regarding improvements to the railroad crossings in New Roads by Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railroad Company, and increasing their track speed to 49 miles per hour thru the city. He asked the Jury's approval to send a letter asking KCS to not increase their track speed until all improvements are made at the crossings.

Juror Dukes discussed his concerns about the safety of the residents in the city, and that he wants to send a letter from his district to the United States senator, congressman, and governor to ask their assistance and support in requesting KCS to reduce and keep the current track speed in the city until all improvements are made to protect the lives of the people who resides in the community.

After further discussions, the following resolutions were offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury sends a letter to Kansas City Southern Railroad Company to ask their consideration to complete all improvements at the crossings before increasing their track speed to 49 miles per hour thru the City of New Roads.

Substitute motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That both letters, from the Police Jury and from Juror Dukes, be sent to Kansas City Southern Railroad Company and the United States senator, congressman, and governor to ask their assistance to ask KCS to reduce and keep the current track speed in the city, and not increase their track speed to 49 miles per hour thru the City of New Roads until all improvements are made at the crossings.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF 2017 MILLAGE RATE ON AUGUST 8, 2017 – PC PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL

President Bueche read a notice of a public meeting that will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex Building, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, and the Police Jury intends to adopt the 2017 millage rate to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee to levy a renewed ad valorem property tax of 3.51 mills (acquisitions & maintenance) for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

DISCUSSION OF POLICE JURY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Juror Smith discussed the need for the Police Jury to develop an emergency management action plan in the event of a disaster in the parish, and gave an overview of items and topics that needed to be included and address in the plan.

Juror Dukes commented, as president during the August 2016 flood, on the role he played in obtaining funding and assistance during this disaster.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River and reported the water level is 15.8 ft., and all gates are closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FOR PEC FOR FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT AND HGA FOR GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$8,125.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$10,419.12 (Interim Billing #67) submitted by Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for the Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICES, INC FOR FALSE RIVER DRIVE PROPERTY

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign a lease agreement between the Police Jury and Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. for property lease at 2204-A False River Drive, New Roads, Louisiana at an annual rental rate of \$1,200.00.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Cox.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 10-0-1-1, the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PLANNING

Juror Olinde reported on a Planning Commission meeting held June 15, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That upon recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a map showing the subdivision of Lot 2A of the Former R. L. Bergeron, Jr. Tract into Lot 2A-1 and Lot 2A-2 located off of LA Highway 1 in Section 58, T5S & R10E at New Roads for Hampton’s on the River, LLC & M2G2, LLC be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plat for New Roads for Hampton’s on the River, LLC & M2G2, LLC; and be it

RESOLVED further, That due to the expense of the properties, the variance request for the sidelines of both lots from 8’ to 5’ for Hampton’s on the River, LLC & M2G2, LLC be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That due to the expense of the properties, the variance request for the rear setback of both lots from 25’ to 20’ for Hampton’s on the River, LLC & M2G2, LLC be approved.

Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Olinde reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held June 22, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Alvin Munson be employed as a Beaver Trapper at a salary of \$12.50 per hour for 20 hours per week; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Section 8.1: Standards of Behavior of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Personnel Policy Manual be amended to include no carrying of firearms on parish properties, except for authorized personnel; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a Position Vacancy Announcement for a Building Maintenance Supervisor at an annual salary of \$39,207.00 be posted 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; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a Position Vacancy Announcement for an Equipment Operator IV be posted for one (1) week and advertise a Position Notice for two (2) weeks in the official journal simultaneously with a minimum requirement that they must have a long boom experience and salary will be determined based on experience.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held June 26, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That notification to customers of the natural gas increase be placed on the first bill with the increase; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the estimate submitted by C. J. Arnold of KEL-AR Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$500.00 for the setup fee and \$300.00 per month to calculate the monthly gas rates be accepted, and the monthly calculation be on a six (6) month trial basis.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Taylor, Smith, Olinde, Cox, Bazile and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Messrs. Watkins, Cline and Hurst.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-3-1-1, the motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There were recommendations presented.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President