

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
September 12, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Vice President Kyle Olinde asked everyone to continue praying for the health and strength of President Melanie Bueche, who is in the hospital. He also asked that Juror Gordon Taylor be remembered in prayer, who will have surgery on Thursday. Juror Kurt Jarreau asked that condolences be sent to the family of Mr. Eddie "Pop" Langlois, Jr., who passed away. He was the owner and operator of Pop's (Napa) Auto Parts for 25 years.

Jurors Jarreau and Dukes made comments about President Bueche never missing a meeting since being on the Jury. They stated she is a strong, remarkable and amazing woman, and very dedicated to the Jury.

Vice President Kyle Olinde 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, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde, Vice President.
Arrived after roll call: Messrs. Justin Cox and Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Resolution--Award low proposal for the purchase & installation of an 80 ton Carrier Air Cooled Chiller at the courthouse.
- Resolution--Award proposal to repair Cascarade Bridge on Portage Canal in Juror District 11. (Juror Cox)
- Resolution--Award proposal for the purchase of a lawnmower for the Detention Center.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau and Olinde.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Cox, Hurst and Mrs. Bueche.

On a vote of 9-0-3, the motion carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 22, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met at 5:40 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. Vice President Olinde reported there were no appeals received.

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

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

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES CONCERNING SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

Mmes Karla Swacker and Sharon Mann appeared before the Jury to discuss the solid waste contract and the transition from Waste Connections to Republic Services to provide solid waste collections in the parish, effective September 11, 2017. In closing, they addressed questions and concerns from Jurors.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF MEDICARE RENEWAL

Insurance Agent Claude Jarreau presented a renewal of the Humana Medicare Advantage Employer Plan for group health insurance for retirees age 65 and over.

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

RESOLVED, That the renewal of the Humana Medicare Advantage Employer Plan for group health insurance for retirees be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION FOR THE ALMA PLANTATION HARVEST FESTIVAL

Juror Smith discussed and asked the Jury to be a sponsor of the Alma Plantation Harvest Festival on October 20 -22, 2017 at New Roads. He encouraged Jurors and employees to volunteer and support the festival.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury allocate \$1,000.00 as a sponsor of the Alma Plantation Harvest Festival on October 20-22, 2017 at New Roads.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE BELONGING TO PHILLIP G. PHISTRY, JR. LOCATED AT 12734 CHENEVERT ST., VENTRESS, LA

Vice President Olinde discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of an abandoned structure located at 12734 Chenevert Street at Ventress owned by Mr. Phillip G. Phistry, Jr. that is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human occupancy.

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

RESOLVED, That an abandoned structure located at 12734 Chenevert Street at Ventress owned by Mr. Phillip G. Phistry, Jr. be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, October 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned structure owned by Mr. Phillip G. Phistry, Jr.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River, and reported the water level is 14.5 ft. He stated the river is at the beginning of the drawdown, and four (4) more feet is scheduled to recede from the river by the end of October.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Dukes reported on a Detention Center Committee meeting held August 22, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury enter into a contract with Elliott Pharmacy for the Detention Center inmates prescription drugs, pending Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell’s review of the current contract with HIS for terminating the contract.

Unanimously carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Smith reported on an Economic Development Committee meeting held August 28, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

Juror Smith explained the intent and recommendation of the committee to the Finance Committee to consider additional funding for the airport. He stated because of the economic impact and benefits the airport has on the parish, and as co-owner of the airport, is the reason the additional funding is being encouraged. He reported on being aware of the Jury’s current finances, but just wanted to encourage financial support of the airport.

Juror Cox applauded the airport for their services. He commented on the Jury’s budget restraints and explained why funds are not available to provide additional funding to the airport, and the actions taken by the Jury reducing allocations to various entities, including the airport, by 25%. He stated this matter has already been placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by _____:

RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee recognized the economic importance and the return of investments from the False River Regional Airport and the Police Jury as co-owner of the airport recognizes their obligation to fully fund the airport for continued leverage of obtaining state and federal funds.

The motion died, due to lack of a second.

Juror Dukes praised the airport and how valuable it is to the parish. He commented on encouraging the Economic Development Committee to review opportunities to obtain funding needed to support the airport, and promote economic development in the parish.

Airport Manager Yvonne Chenevert reported the presentation is to only justify what the airport is all about and that the intent is not to ask for money.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held September 11, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. There were no recommendations.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE OF A 36" X 20' CULVERT FOR JUROR DISTRICT 12

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of a 36" x 20' culvert in the amount of \$611.40 from Coburn's for Juror District 12 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE DIAMOND PIPELINE TO CONDUCT A FOURTH CUTTING ON PARISH ROADS

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

RESOLVED, That due to the excessive rain in the parish, Diamond Pipeline Maintenance, LLC perform a fourth roadside grass cutting along parish roads in the amount of \$47,000.00 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD FOR DONATION OF RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and LA Department of Transportation and Development for donation of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) State Project No. H.012647.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE LARGE ANIMAL PICK UP CALL LIST FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

RESOLVED, That the large animal pick up call list for the Sheriff's Office be updated to include Messrs. Jeremy Houston and Wyatt Benton.

Unanimously carried.

REAPPOINT MEMBER TO THE FALSE RIVER AIRPARK COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kirk White be reappointed to serve as a member of False River Airpark Commission for a four-year term.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT GRANT FROM LA DOTD FOR RUNWAY & TAXIWAY MILL & OVERLAY – PHASE I (DESIGN) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,292.00 FOR FR REGIONAL AIRPORT

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the False River Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD for the Runway and Taxiway Mill and Overlay – Phase I (Design); and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Runway and Taxiway Mill and Overlay – Phase I (Design) and reimburse the sponsor up to \$27,292.00 of project cost: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, to execute an Agreement for the project identified as A.I.P. No. 3-22-0074-019-2017 and SPN H.013188, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO EITHER REBUILD PUMP OR PURCHASE NEW PUMP WITH D & D MACHINE, LLC FOR LEGONIER MAIN SEWER LIFT STATION

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

RESOLVED, That a quote in the amount of \$3,126.00 submitted by D & D Machine, LLC to purchase a new main sewer lift station pump for the Legonier Sewer System be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE GRANT DESIGN EXCEPTIONS BY LA DOTD FOR PECAN ISLAND BRIDGE AT JARREAU

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury is participating in the Federal and State Off-System Bridge Replacement Program; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby grant the following design exceptions:

1. The proposed bridge’s clear roadway width is 16’ vs. the 24’ requirement of the LA DOTD Minimum Design Guidelines; the existing bridge width is 14’. A 24’ clear roadway bridge would require additional right-of-way which could be very difficult and expensive to obtain; the proposed bridge’s clear roadway width exceeds the existing bridge’s roadway width and low volume traffic coupled with a 20 MPH posted speed are additional mitigating factors for accepting a 16’ clear roadway bridge.
2. 50’ tangent guard rail is proposed for two (2) corners of the bridge and a tapered concrete barrier rail is proposed for the northeast and southwest corners of the proposed bridge. The proposed bridge end treatment exceeds the present bridge’s end treatment design. The project site has low volume traffic with a 20 MPH posted speed which are mitigating factors for accepting the proposed bridge end treatment.

3. The proposed project's alignment will follow the existing alignment from the island side which creates a broken back curve; in order to eliminate this existing situation and create a tangent alignment from the island side to the proposed bridge would require additional right-of-way. Due to tight right-of-way and property restraints, less than minimum horizontal and vertical curve length was incorporated in order to fit the
4. project within a reasonable footprint. The project site has low volume traffic and a 20 MPH posted speed which are mitigating factors for accepting the broken back curve.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL FOR THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TO HAVE A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ALL SPORTS

Chairman Hurst and Juror Smith of the Recreation Committee reported after further research, no approval is needed from the Jury to develop a subcommittee for all sports.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR RFQ'S FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE AUGUST 11, 2016 FLOOD – PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION, NRCS, OCD & HMGP PROGRAMS

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise in the official journal for Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for a project management & engineering services for the August 11, 2016 Flood for Pecan Acres Subdivision for Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Office of Community Development (OCD) Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF A 80 TON CARRIER AIR COOLED CHILLER AT THE COURTHOUSE

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by C-Co Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a 80 ton Carrier Air Cooled Chiller at the Courthouse be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS TO CASCARADE BRIDGE ON PORTAGE IN JUROR DISTRICT 11

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Barrios Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,800.00 to perform the labor for repairs to the Cascarade Bridge in Juror District 11 be accepted, and that the farmer, who damaged the bridge, will purchase the materials and reimburse the Jury for the labor to repair the bridge.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LAWNMOWER FOR THE DETENTION CENTER

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by A & W Outdoors/GenSet of New Roads in the amount of \$8,079.20 for the purchase of a SCAG Tiger Lawnmower for the Detention Center be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Taylor, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
Vice President