

Police Jury Room
February 5, 2001
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on February 5, 2001 with Mr. Ritter Trahan presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Trahan, who asked that the meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire,
Mr. Terry Bessard,
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard,
Mr. Minos Broussard,
Mr. Kenneth DeHart,
Mr. Carroll Duhon,
Mr. Hubert Faulk,
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Mr. Louis Joe Hardy,
Mr. Mark Poche',
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.,
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Ritter P. Trahan.

Absent: Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the January 22, 2001 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Ritter Trahan read the following announcement:

- (1) Received notice from the Department of Natural Resources advising that the Public Hearing to be held in the Vermilion Parish Courthouse on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 has been cancelled and re-scheduled on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 beginning at 6:00 p.m. relative to the application of Thermo-Cuttings, L.L.C., 13801 Veterans Memorial Drive, Kaplan, LA requesting authorization to operate a commercial nonhazardous oilfield exploration and production waste treatment facility in the area near Intracoastal City.
- (2) Louisiana Tech University will sponsor a Rural Resource Development Conference on February 22, 2001 in Ruston, La.

- (3) The Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance invites the Jury to celebrate its Third Anniversary on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 beginning at 5:15 p.m.
- (4) The Vermilion Parish “Relay For Life” Committee will host the Vermilion Parish 3rd Annual Relay For Life at Kaplan High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2001 and concluding at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2001. Throughout the night, teams will enjoy a luminary ceremony, games, dancing, and fun contest.
- (5) The Governor’s Office of Rural Development has scheduled a series of workshops across the state during February, 2001. Joining the Governor’s Office of Rural Development and Office of Community Programs will be staff members from other agencies such as Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, Department of Economic Development, USDA – Rural Development, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation and Development and many others. The purpose of the workshops is to give officials a better understanding of services available from each office and the process and timetables of submitting applications. Workshops are scheduled in Jennings, La on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 and in Alexandria, La on Wednesday, February 14, 2001.
- (6) Received correspondence from Mr. Bob Manuel, President of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, announcing and requesting support in his candidacy for re-election as Board Member-At-Large on the Louisiana Police Jury Association Executive Board.
- (7) Received correspondence from Mr. Milton “Needlenose” Vicknair, Councilman from Ascension Parish Council, requesting the Jury’s support in his candidacy for Executive Board Member At-Large of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to be elected at the Annual Convention in February, 2001 in Lafayette.
- (8) Received correspondence from the Vermilion Parish School Board, at its January 18, 2001 meeting adopted a resolution requesting that the necessary public bodies establish and/or enforce ordinances making the practice of toilet papering or any other similar vandalous actions illegal.
- (9) The Association Of Government Accountants will host its Spring Conference on March 21-22, 2001 in Baton Rouge.
- (10) Effective March 1, 2001, Cox Communications will add several channels to its Expanded Service line-up. The price for Basic Service will increase from \$14.43 to \$14.79 a month, the rate for Expanded Service will increase from \$13.52 to \$18.26, while Cox Select customers will have a decrease of \$1.51 in their monthly bill.

(11) Classic Communications (formerly Star Cable) has advised that their cable customers will be receiving notification of a pending rate increase for their Expanded Basic level of service. Those rates for customers within our community will increase from \$16.50 to \$18.82, plus applicable taxes and fees. The new rates will become effective with the next billing cycle. The Limited Basic level of service along with all other services will not increase. In addition, they have not been passing through franchise fees, copyright fees, regulatory fees to all of their customers. This pass through will be implemented simultaneously with the rate increase.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Jury issued Pipeline Permit # 1165-D to Weiser Oil Co. for work to be done in Election District No. 12.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Jury granted approval to Northstar Design Solutions, Inc., on behalf of Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc., to place new cable within the public right-of-way of Wilson Road in Election District No. 1.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury amended the Public Road Committee Recommendations to recommend that Mr. Kevin Meaux be hired to fill the open mechanic helper/janitor/parts runner position at the Mechanic Shop at the Public Works Complex.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were approved as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
JANUARY 31, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the filing of a bill for the 2001 legislative session which would authorize the Police Jury to create an economic development district.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury advertise to fill the open mechanic position at the mechanic shop.

3. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt the attached policy on cellular phone use.
4. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government to repair a bridge on Andre Road. Lafayette Parish will pay cost of materials to repair bridge. Police Jury will provide labor and equipment to do the repairs.
5. It is recommended that the legal counsel be authorized to notify Gilcrist Construction Co. to repair or pay for cost to repair, the damages to Railroad Ave. in Erath.
6. It is recommended that quotes be verified for the repairs to Building #4 at the Public Works complex and that repairs be authorized to be done up to a cost of \$20,000.

It is further recommended that a budget amendment be prepared to reflect this authorization.

7. It is recommended that The Sellers Group be authorized to develop a plan to do minor renovations to the old Erath Health Unit Building to accommodate its use as a voting precinct.
8. It is recommended that Contract Change Order No. 2 (Final) relative to the 98-99 Water System Improvements – North Vermilion Areas I & II – Water Wells Contract with Griner Drilling Services, Inc be approved.

Change Order reflects adjustment of contract quantities to as-built quantities, reflecting a net decrease of \$1,200.00 to the original contract amount and resulting in a revised contract amount of \$166,034.00

In addition, the contract time is to be increased by 61 days.

It is further recommended that Partial Payment Estimate No. 3 to Griner Drilling Services, Inc. in the amount of \$23,735.41 be approved to be paid. Estimate represents release of the 10% retainage held on the project. A clear lien certificate has been received. Cost to be paid by the LCDBG grant funds.

9. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the payment of \$150.00 (Invoice #P 49791) to La. Property Assistance for the purchase of surplus equipment located at the Erath, Kaplan and Gueydan Health Units.

It is further recommended that some of the equipment (computer desks, filing cabinets, chairs, tables) be authorized to be transferred to Waterworks District No. 1 – North Vermilion System water treatment plant building for use in the administrative office and site.

10. It is recommended that the Police Jury contact the Department of Health and Hospitals requesting supporting documentation for the monthly base payment made for the Health Unit operations in view of recent changes. Because of the decrease in usage the Jury feels the amount should be reduced. Authorize negotiations to be done.
11. It is recommended that the requisitions listed on the attached sheets be voided in view of their being beyond the 60 day validity period and items having not been acquired.
12. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the parish's participation in the DNR/CRD 2001-2002 Parish Coastal Wetlands Restoration Program.
13. It is recommended that authorization be given to Sellers and Associates, Inc. to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for a new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, 4-Door, long wheel base, diesel engine pickup truck for the Cooperative Extension Office and be included with other equipment to be advertised soon.
14. It is recommended that Foley and Judell be authorized to prepare the necessary paperwork to call an election to consider the renewal of the maintenance tax for the Sub 4 of 2 Road District. Election to be held on the available October date. Amount of the millage to be called to be the most current rate but not to be less than 8.0 mils.
15. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Kinney Drainage District to haul off the accumulation of debris causing an obstruction at a bridge site on Dave Road. Police Jury to provide dump truck and driver and Drainage District to provide excavator and operator.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee, III,
Chairman

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION
2001-R-08

BE IT RESOLVED that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby request the parish's legislative delegation to introduce legislation at the 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which would allow the Police Jury to create and/or authorize the creation of the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District and to specify the district's governing body, functions, duties, and powers, including authority to levy taxes for the stated purposes of the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Fred Hoyt and Representatives Mickey Frith and Troy Hebert.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following intergovernmental agreements were adopted:

TITLE: A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government to enter into an intergovernmental agreement all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish, and any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to repair a bridge on Andre Road; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is located on the boundary between Lafayette and Vermilion Parish.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government
does;

RESOLVE THAT, they agree to pay the cost of materials to repair the
bridge

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will provide the labor and equipment to do the
repairs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of
this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the
Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this
resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the
agreement between the Police Jury and the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government
and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the
above said parties concerned.

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following Requisitions are voided:

PARISHWIDE: #78640 and #78643

PARISHWIDE FRS: #79485

3 OF 2 ED 1: #72666

3 OF 2 ED 2: #78570

1 OF 2 ED 5: #77712 and #78626

1 OF 2 ED 6: #77576

5 OF 2 ED 6: #77579

1 OF 2 ED 9: #77463

A motion was made by Mr. Purvis Abshire and seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, to amend the Community Services Committee Recommendations to delete Item No. 2.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Carroll Duhon and seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, to amend Item No. 2 to state that the suspension of Ms. Derise be without pay until her job performance can be evaluated.

A call for ayes and nays was made, and the President declared that the voice vote reflected that the nays were in the majority and the President declared that the substitute motion had failed.

Mr. Duhon requested that a roll call vote on the motion be held and the President agreed to have a roll call vote, which resulted in the following:

For: Carroll Duhon, Ernal "E. J." Broussard,
Luther "Buster" Hardee, and Kenneth DeHart.

Against: Hubert Faulk, Minos Broussard, Terry Bessard,
Mark Poche, Edval J. Simon, Jr., Louis Joe Hardy,
Purvis Abshire, and T. J. Prejean, Jr.

The vote was 4 for and 8 against and the President declared that the substitute motion had failed.

A call for a vote on the original motion of Mr. Abshire reflected that the motion passed with Mr. Carroll Duhon, Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard and Mr. Kenneth DeHart voting against the motion.

With the above action taken, Item 7-B of the Meeting Agenda was also deleted.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Community Services Committee Recommendations were approved as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations;

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 31, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury acknowledge receipt of the agenda and minutes of the January 22, 2001 Policy Council meeting.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury Agenda for their February 5, 2001 meeting include an item to consider the suspension without pay of Ms. Margarett Derise, OCS Executive Director, for up to thirty (30) days for displaying behavior which is inconsistent with the Vermilion Parish Office Of Community Service's philosophy and objectives.

It is further recommended that the OCS appeals process be followed regarding this matter.

It is further recommended that during the suspension, that Ms. Derise be evaluated utilizing the OCS personnel policies and procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Faulk, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Rabies and Animal Control Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations;

RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 31, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that Mr. Mike Blakely be authorized to meet with Calcasieu and Lafayette Parish Animal Control Programs to learn the procedures for operating the CO₂ machine once it is delivered and set up.

2. It is recommended that the following items be authorized to be purchased for the Rabies Control facilities:

- A) Four (4) cat transfer cages - \$ 152.60
- B) Four (4) control poles - \$ 396.00
- C) Three (3) dog cages - \$ 547.86
- D) One (1) shoreline kennel with
With PVC trays - \$3,336.00
- E) PVC trays to retrofit existing kennel - \$2,070.00

3. It is recommended that additional tracking controls be implemented for the Rabies Control Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Purvis Abshire, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following Budget Amendment 01-02 to complete implementation of previous actions of the Police Jury taken on January 22, 2001.

Budget Amendment 01-02

SALES TAX AND BOND:

Expenditures:

Public Safety:

Capital Outlay:

To increase Capital Outlay by \$5,000.00 to purchase items to outfit the District 13 Mini-Pumper.

To increase Capital Outlay by \$1,942.61 for material and labor costs to complete the LeBlanc Fire Station Addition.

The anticipated 12/31/01 fund balance is to be reduced by this amount

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Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury allowed those in the audience to present their business at this time.

Mr. Tim Creswell, Chairman of the Acadiana Chapter of the American Red Cross advised the Jury that Maurice Elementary and North Vermilion High School have been allowed to be used as evacuation shelter sites during category 1 & 2 Hurricane storms. Meaux Elementary will now be pursued as a possible shelter site.

Mr. Creswell also advised the Jury that the Acadiana and Iberia Chapters of the Red Cross will be merging.

Mr. Creswell made comments regarding that with the Coast Guard Cutter "Pelican" being located in the Parish in July, this will allow for additional operational changes because of a military establishments being located in the Parish. Finally, Mr. Creswell thanked Mr. Bob LeBlanc, Office of Emergency Preparedness Director, for his help in getting things such as what he discussed tonight, done in the Parish.

Ms. Susan Connor, relative to her concerns she expressed at last weeks Public Road Committee meeting regarding Med Express Ambulance Service, Inc. response time, was given a report from Mr. Gabe Mathews, Director of 911, on the record of the 911 call relative to the incident involving a City of Abbeville employee.

Mike with Med Express, also gave a report on their call log for that particular call. He also updated the Jury on the helicopter service to be implemented. The helicopter is being checked out mechanically at this time. Scheduled to begin service on February 12, 2001. It will be staffed with a Critical Care Paramedic and a Critical Care Nurse and will be leased from Southwest.

Mr. Kevin Mire with the Abbeville Fire Department gave comments on the incident involving the Abbeville City Employee.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury granted a pauper funeral allocation for Mr. Lindsey Ford made payable to Brailey Marble and Granite.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice No. 475414 in the amount of \$450.00 from P & R Hauling, Inc. relative to hauling of the voting machines for the Parish Government Day activities.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice dated 1/31/01 in the amount of \$675.93 to the Department of Elections and Registration for the Parish's cost to do the recent voter registration canvassing.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice No. X-56972 in the amount of \$60.00 to hoh-Pak Laboratory, Inc. for wastewater discharge permit testing at the Rabies Control Center.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Jury approved payment of the following invoices relative to the North Vermilion Area II – 1998 LCDBG Water System Improvements:

- A) Sellers & Associates, Inc.
Invoice No. 5975
Amount Due = \$3,685.57
For basic services during construction
Cost to be paid from LCDBG Funds.
- B) Sellers & Associates, Inc.
Invoice No. 5976
Amount Due = \$661.40
For construction staking
Cost to be paid from LCDBG Funds.
- C) Sellers & Associates, Inc.
Invoice No. 5972
Amount Due = \$6,214.25
For Inspections
Cost to be paid from Local Funds.

By the same action, the following invoices were approved for payment relative to the North Vermilion Area I – 1999 LCDBG Water System Improvements:

- A) Sellers & Associates, Inc.
Invoice No. 5977
Amount Due = \$2,053.98
For basic services during construction
Cost to be paid from LCDBG Funds.
- B) Sellers & Associates, Inc.
Invoice No. 5978
Amount Due = \$368.60
For construction staking
Cost to be paid from LCDBG Funds.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury entered into the following intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Kinney Drainage District to haul off spoil from a public drainage in the area of Caddo Road and the Vermilion Shell Sandpit:

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of four additional months rent to Ms. Estelle Pierce (EPPCO) for the Intracoastal City Boat Ramp, to utilize a portion of her property to access the Boat Ramp site.

Mr. Carroll Duhon advised the President that he is would resigning his positions on the Headstart Policy Council and the Community Service Committee, effective immediately.

Mr. Kenneth DeHart also advised the President that he is resigning his positions on the Headstart Policy Council and the Community Service Committee, effective immediately.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President