

Police Jury Room  
July 2, 2001  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on July 2, 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. Minos Broussard,  
Mr. Kenneth DeHart,  
Mr. Carroll Duhon,  
Mr. Hubert Faulk,  
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III,  
Mr. Louis Joe Hardy,  
Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux,  
Mr. Mark Poche',  
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.,  
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.  
Mr. Ritter P. Trahan.

Absent: Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the June 18, 2001 regular meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Ritter Trahan read the following announcements:

- (1) Received the proposed operating budget for the Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court's office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002. This document projects revenues of \$1,118,000 and total expenditures of \$1,086,400. It will be kept on file.
- (2) Received the Ward One Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 Financial Report for the years ended December 31, 2000. It will be kept on file.
- (3) Received the Abbeville General Hospital Financial Audit Report for the Year 2001. It will be kept on file.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the following invoices from Sellers and Associates, Inc. were approved to be paid:

- A) Invoice No. 006174  
Amount Due = \$938.00  
Misc. Engineering Services relative to the  
VPPJ vs. Wenceslaus Provost suit.
- B) Invoice No. 006176  
Amount Due = \$70.00  
Public Works Wastewater Discharge Permit
- C) Invoice No. 006203  
Amount Due = \$122.50  
Specifications for the Parish Cooperative Extension  
Service's 2001 Diesel Truck

Parish Engineer, Mr. Gene Sellers, advised the Jurors of the status of a drainage project that Police Juror Carroll Duhon had asked him to investigate. The drainage ditch starts in Vermilion Parish and ends in Lafayette Parish. Lafayette Parish Government has advised him that they would schedule the work if the Vermilion Parish Police Jury would adopt a resolution requesting them to complete the work started in Vermilion relative to this project. Mr. Carroll Duhon advised that this is a Drainage District project and said he would relay the matter to them.

Mr. Sellers then presented a completed drainage study done on Columbus Road to Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr. which had previously been authorized.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the issuance of a "Letter of No Objection" to Resource Acquisitions Corporation for work to be done in Election District No. 13. The purpose of the work is for maintenance dredging of an existing canal system.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the issuance of a "Letter of No Objection" to Omega Protein Corp. for work to be done in Election District No. 09. The purpose of the work is to re-establish sufficient water depth in a slip to moor cargo barges.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, relative to Pipeline Permit No. 1162 issued to Trunkline Gas Company on January 8, 2001, the Police Jury accepted the project permit as complete and directed the Administrative Office to return their deposit Check No. 14694 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Sellers then handed out to each Juror basic population data which will be used to develop a new reapportionment plan. Mr. Sellers suggested that he meet with groups of adjoining Jury members to develop alternative plans for consideration and to ultimately develop a final reapportionment plan to be submitted to the Justice Department for their approval.

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

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE  
JUNE 27, 2001  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the damage claim of Mike Richard be approved to be repaired at Barco Auto Glass Services at a cost of \$484.26, being the lowest of two (2) quotes received.
2. It is recommended that the following resolution be approved relative to the two (2) FY-2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants for water system extensions in North Vermilion Areas V and VI:
  - A) A resolution to consider authorizing Mr. Ritter Trahan to sign and submit all the necessary documents in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.
  - B) A resolution to consider authorizing the Police Jury/Employees to sign Request for Payment forms and authorizing one (1) individual to witness their signatures on the signature card relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.
  - C) A resolution to consider appointing Mr. Ritter Trahan as Accessibility Compliance Officer and adopting a Section 504 Policy Statement for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.
  - D) A resolution to consider adopting a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and appointing Mr. Ritter Trahan as the Antidisplacement and Relocation Officer relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

- E) A resolution to consider adopting “Procurement Procedures” relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.
- F) A resolution to consider appointing the following Police Jury Officials/ Employees to sign the Request For Payment Forms for the LCDBG Projects:

Ritter Trahan, Edval J. Simon, Jr., Michael J. Bertrand, and  
Sue D. Duhon

And designating Selina Perry as the authorized witness to certify the Signatures of the above on the authorized signature cards.

- 3. It is recommended that the following state highway driveway permit installations be approved:
  - A) Leo R. Broussard – La. Hwy 92
  - B) Paul Cummings – U. S. Hwy 167
  - C) Paul Landry – La. Hwy 343
  - D) Ronald Dubois – La. Hwy 335
  - E) Donald Broussard – U. S. Hwy 167
  - F) Paul Andrus – U. S. Hwy 167
- 4. It is recommended that the Police Jury accept into the parish road maintenance system the extension of East Etienne Road, a distance of 210 feet, subject to the necessary paperwork being completed with road dedication requirements.
- 5. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt an ordinance establishing a three-way stop at the intersection of Old Sugarmill Road and Horseshoe Road.
- 6. It is recommended that the equipment (dump trucks, tractors and mowers) recently replaced with new units be designated as surplus, and advertised to be sold along with any other items which are no longer needed.
- 7. It is recommended that the fees for a building permit for repairs to flood damage caused by Tropical Depression Allison be waived.
- 8. It is recommended that Invoice No. 01060025 from Broussard Appraisal Service in the amount of \$2,500.00 be approved to be paid.

Invoice represents appraisal fee for document prepared on the Hibernia Bank Building site.

9. It is recommended that the legal counsel be authorized to prepare a formal offer to purchase the Hibernia Bank Building for the purchase price of \$900,000. Costs to be paid from state and local funds, and assuming continued lease negotiations.

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

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





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

**ORDINANCE**

**2001-O-12**

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a very hazardous and dangerous condition exists at the intersection of Old Sugarmill Road and Horseshoe Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 3-way stop at said intersection; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate stop signs be installed in said area.

SECTION III: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that a maximum penalty of \$100.00 and/or a 10 day jail sentence may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Honorable Sheriff Raywood Lemaire be and is hereby requested and/or directed to enforce the stop signs by the use of regular patrolling.

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Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk and unanimously carried, the Public Works Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 27, 2001  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that overtime be authorized for the Solid Waste Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor to monitor the current trash pickup problem.

It is further recommended that a system be established to monitor trash trucks entering and leaving the solid waste plant. Monitoring to include time of arrivals and loads status.

2. It is recommended that the following commercial charges be adjusted effective January 1, 2002:
  - A) To increase contract charge for once a week trash pickup at commercial facilities from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per month.
  - B) To increase contract charge from \$16.00/month to \$25.00/month for daily pickup of restaurants and businesses in the downtown business districts where no alleys or back doors are available to locate a trash bin.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. J. Prejean, Jr., Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Community Services Committee Recommendations were amended to delete Item No. 2A.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, 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  
JUNE 27, 2001  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury agree to operate the Headstart Program past the June 30, 2001 program year until the new sponsor can begin operations fully, subject to verification by the Dallas Regional Headstart Office that the costs incurred would be paid by the Headstart Program.
2. It is recommended that the following actions be taken relative to the Section 8 Program:
  - A) That Margarett Derise be hired as a contract consultant to administer the program from July 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001; or until the new public housing authority can take over the program.

- B) That effective July 1, 2001, that purchase orders for supplies, etc. for the Section 8 Program will be issued through the Police Jury Administrative Office.
- C) That the new public housing authority named to take over the Section 8 Program be allowed to use the Police Jury Meeting Room for taking applications or meeting with clients.
- D) That the Department of Housing and Urban Development be provided with the detailed request requirements to transfer the Section 8 Program to a new public housing authority as detailed in their June 21, 2001 correspondence.
- E) That the landlord where the Section 8 Program is located be notified that the Police Jury will discontinue the lease agreement as of December 31, 2001.

3. It is recommended that the Police Jury renew the annual termite warranty for 1999 and 2000 for the J. A. Herod Building with Sterling Termite Control at a cost of \$150.00 per year.
4. It is recommended that the President be authorized to negotiate the use of the J. A. Herod Building with the new Headstart Sponsor if they want to use the building for the Abbeville Headstart Center.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury acknowledge the resignation of Police Juror Ernal "E. J." Broussard from the Vermilion Council of Aging Board of Directors.

It is further recommended that Police Juror Carroll Duhon be named to replace Mr. Broussard to the Council On Aging Board.

6. It is recommended that efforts be made to phase out the Emergency Shelter Grant as soon as possible.

It is further recommended that Ms. Margarett Derise be contracted as a replacement for employee Nyla DeHart whenever she is out on sick leave or vacation until the program is phased out.

7. It is recommended that the Police Jury reject and return the FY'2001 Louisiana Emergency Shelter Grant Agreement in view of the upcoming closeout of the program as of December 31, 2001, and in view of existing program grants having funds still available to run the program to completion.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hubert Faulk, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, 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  
JUNE 27, 2001  
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that if the Police Jury approve the refund of the adoption fees paid by Roland Blanchard in view of their return of the dog, but subject to verifying that the Police Jury has not paid the veterinarian for the cost of spay/neutering of the animal.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the contracting of a technical representative from AAI Equipment Sales to install the new euthanasia chamber when delivered, as well as train the staff in its operation cost to be \$1,800.00.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury approve the payment of shipping charges which was not included as part of the original pricing of the euthanasia unit (approx. \$500.00).

3. It is recommended that approval be given to purchase a first-aid kit for the Rabies Control Facility at a cost of \$201.90.

It is further recommended that authorization be given to purchase heavy duty gloves for use in handling animals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Purvis Abshire, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment to Minvielle Lumber Co. in the amount of \$28,430.93 for Partial Payment Estimate No. 7 relative to the renovations of an existing building to house the Kaplan Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Statement No. 2074 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$2,135.38 relative to architectural services provided in order to acquire property for the Erath Branch Library.

Upon motion of Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Statement No. 2075 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$3,494.43 relative to architectural services provided for the New Abbeville Library site.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Statement No. 2076 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$385.00 relative to architectural services provided for the preliminary design and cost estimate for a new Solid Waste Office Building.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted the following resolution to request the Louisiana Department of Labor that funding for this parish and other parishes in LWIA #40 be maintained at current levels or increased to meet future needs, and that such funding should not be decreased because of late expenditures and enrollments in other parishes outside of LWIA #40:

## **RESOLUTION 2001-R-21**

**WHEREAS**, Local Workforce Investment Area #40 serve(s) the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion.

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Investment Act promotes employment and training for all citizens in the seven (7) parish area, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Labor has indicated that funds allocated for the program may be rescinded because of law enrollments and expenditures statewide, and;

**WHEREAS**, Local Workforce Investment Area #40 has operated the program in an efficient and aggressive manner, enrolling 36% of the total enrollments statewide, and spending far more money than any other LWIA, accounting for 33% of the total money spent statewide on youth activities, providing needed funds for participants, employers and training providers to ensure that employment and training needs in the area are met.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that this parish does hereby express its full support for Local Workforce Investment Area #40, recognizing that the services rendered by them are vital to the economic well-being of this parish, fostering employment and training for citizens of the parish.

Accordingly, the parish governing body does hereby formally request of the Louisiana Department of Labor that funding for this parish and other parishes in LWIA #40 be maintained at current levels or increased to meet future needs, and that such funding should not be decreased because of low expenditures and enrollments in other parishes outside of LWIA #40.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was declared adopted on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2001.

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Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved submitting the name of Mr. Gerald Libersat, whose term expired on June 30, 2001, for reappointment as a commissioner on the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved a request from Bellsouth Telecommunications Company for Cable Restoration Project L4478, to repair lines damaged by Tropical Storm Allison, contingent upon their meeting current cable construction requirements and submitting construction drawings as soon as available for each project segment to be reconstructed.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of May, 2001 which was submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging, Inc.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury allowed those in the audience to present their business at this time.

Mr. Greg Milton and Mr. John Istre', accountants with Broussard, Poche', Lewis & Breaux, L.L.P., presented a copy of the 2000 Audit Report to each Juror. They requested the Jurors to go through the report and that they will come back at the next Finance Committee meeting to give a detailed report and answer any questions that they might have.

Next, Mr. Ed Broussard, local attorney, announced his candidacy and requested the Police Jury's support in his efforts to be elected as Abbeville City Court Judge to replace Judge Roger Sellers who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury entered into the following intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Maurice to reseal a portion of E. Etienne Road:

**TITLE:** A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Village of Maurice 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 reseal a portion of East Etienne Road, from U.S. Hwy 167 to Desoto Road, a distance of 2,035 linear feet. A cost estimate of \$1,674.60 for the required materials needed to do the project has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the East Etienne Road is a common boundary Road of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Village of Maurice, and both entities wish to assist in the resurfacing of the roadway.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Maurice does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will pay ½ of the cost of the materials which is estimated to cost \$837.30

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will furnish labor and equipment and will pay the remaining one-half (1/2) of the materials cost of \$837.30.

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 Village of Maurice and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

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Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the purchase of a new engine block and associated parts from Head & Enquist in the amount of \$8,988.00 to replace the engine on Unit 2-887 (Motor Patrol), based on the information provided by Shop Foreman, Donald Bourque.

In Legal Counsel business, Mr. Paul Moresi, III, advised the Police Jury that relative to the suit filed against the Police Jury by Preston Summers, Jr., the Louisiana State Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of the case.

Regarding the revisions to the Ambulance Ordinance, he is in the process of getting the final draft prepared for the Ambulance Ordinance Advisory Committee's review and consideration.

He also advised that he had received a letter from an attorney representing a landowner in Kaplan disputing the placement of a commercial container site in Kaplan. Mr. Moresi advised that he felt this issue is a private dispute and is requesting authority to advise the attorney for the landowner.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Jury's legal counsel to notify the landowner's legal counsel that the situation is a private matter between neighbors.

Mr. Moresi advised that it is his opinion establishing regulations prohibiting the parking of vehicles on parish right of ways and regulating load limits in subdivisions and on public roads is within the Police Jury's jurisdiction and that they have the legal authority to do so. He also advised the Jury that they should consult with the Parish Engineer in the development of any ordinances.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury directed the Parish Engineer and Legal Counsel to meet with Mr. Mike Faulk of Marion Faulk Subdivision regarding the problem in his subdivision and to work together to eliminate the parking on the right of ways and to establish a suitable load limit ordinance for subdivisions similar to the Marion Faulk Subdivision.

The Police Jury was advised that the Governor has signed the bill submitted by the Parish which would allow the purchase of the Hibernia Bank building with some lease back arrangements.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury reappointed Mr. Jimmie Meaux, Sr. to serve as a commissioner on the Coulee Baton Drainage District Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury reappointed Mr. Harry Lege to serve as a commissioner on the Seventh Ward Gravity Drainage District Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Police Jury President Ritter Trahan and Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. Bertrand to execute the necessary documents relative to Cooperative Agreement # 2503-02-09 with the Department of Natural Resources relative to the Coastal Wetlands Restoration Program – Vegetative Planting Project in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Mr. Carroll Duhon requested that the Parish Sugar Cane Advisory Board be invited to attend a Police Jury meeting to present a status report on the actions of the sugar cane operations advisory committee.

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

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President