

Police Jury Room
March 4, 2002
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on March 4, 2002 with Mr. Edval Simon, Jr. presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Simon, 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. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux,
Mr. Mark Poche',
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Ritter P. Trahan.

Absent: Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the February 19, 2002 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Edval Simon, Jr. read the following announcements:

- (1) Lorman Education Services will conduct a seminar entitled "Employee Discharge and Documentation In Louisiana" on March 12, 2002 in Lafayette.
- (2) The 18th Annual Louisiana Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Spring Conference will be held April 3 thru 5, 2002 in Marksville.
- (3) The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry will sponsor a Workers Compensation Seminar on April 4 thru 5, 2002 in New Orleans.

Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr., presented the following architectural business.

Relative to the change order authorized at the last meeting for the Abbeville Library Construction Contract, Mr. Sellers advised that the final figure results in a net deduction of \$91,490.25, which represents a reduction in the original contract price and the addition of alternates 1 & 2.

Mr. Sellers also advised the Jury that the Vermilion Parish Library Board has reviewed the bids received for the Renovation To The Erath Branch Library Project and recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the award of the contract for the Renovations to the Erath Branch Library to Minvielle Lumber Co., at a total cost of \$310,260.00 which includes the base bid and alternates 1 and 2.

Mrs. Liz Girouard presented the following engineering business.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the plan revisions submitted relative to the previously approved Project Permit No. 1202 issued to Resource Acquisitions for work being done in Election District No. 13.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan and unanimously carried, the Police Jury granted the issuance of a "letter of no objection" to Hunt Oil Company for the proposed drilling and installation of S.L. 17156 Well No. 1, approximately 1.5 miles offshore in Block 17 of the Gulf of Mexico.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the contract to furnish two (2) new spray units for the mosquito control program at a total cost of \$12,300.00 to ADAPCO.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the contract to furnish one (1), ¾ ton Diesel Pickup Truck at a cost of \$23,171.50 to Bay City Motors.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a change order to purchase an additional ¾-ton pickup truck to be paid for and assigned to the Rabies Control Program.

Mrs. Girouard advised that the low bid received for the ½-ton pickup truck for the Mosquito Control Program did not meet the specifications.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury rejected the low bid received to furnish a ½-ton pickup truck for the Mosquito Control Program, because it did not meet the requested specifications.

By same action, the Police Jury further authorized Sellers and Associates, Inc. to readvertise for a ½ ton pickup truck for the Mosquito Control Program.

The Police Jury advised Mrs. Girouard that the remaining bid tabulation for the other parish road equipment will be reviewed at the next Public Road committee meeting.

Ms. Janice Fabre with Sellers and Associates, Inc. advised that the Justice Department has notified the Police Jury by letter that the Precinct Changes and the Reapportionment Plan submittals have been approved.

Regarding the annual BAS (Boundary Annexation System) Maps, which were submitted for the Jury's review by the Census Bureau, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has requested a time extension to allow for the placement of the newly approved reapportionment election districts on the maps.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the President to sign the following proclamation declaring the week of April 1- 7, 2002 as Community Development Block Grant Week which has as this year's theme "*CDBG: Uniting Communities Across America*,"

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State-administered 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 State-administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has had a significant impact on our local economy through job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and improved housing; and

WHEREAS, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury 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, Edval Simon, Jr., President of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim April 1 – 7, 2002 as

STATE ADMINISTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the Parish of Vermilion, and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the State-administered Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community.

By same action the Police Jury requested that a letter be sent to the State Congressional Delegation asking them to restore the proposed budget cuts and to fully fund the CDBG Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of January, 2002 as submitted by the Vermilion Council On Aging and directed the Secretary to submit the report to the Department of Transportation and Development for reimbursement in accordance with the contract agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Application No. 4 in the amount of \$5,445.00 to Lundin Roofing Company for the balance of the cost relative to the miscellaneous roof repairs to Vermilion Parish Fire Stations Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of \$4,500.00 to Deep South Surplus, Inc. which represents the balance of the deductible relative to the liability claim of Beatrice Foreman. Cost to be paid from the '94 Sales Tax Fund.

The Secretary advised the Jurors of a letter received from the State Land Office regarding their request for a survey proposal to establish the Vermilion/Iberia Parish Line the State Land Office advised that because of liability issues they will not provide a cost proposal as requested, but will furnish, at no cost, copies of any pertinent information that may be contained within their office files.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Mr. Michael J. Bertrand and Mr. Ricky LeBlanc to attend the "Recycling Planners Meeting dealing with Household Hazardous Waste Collection Funding", to be held on March 18, 2002 in Lafayette.

The Secretary advised the Police Jury that a letter of resignation, effective May 31, 2002, has been received from Ms. Olivia Girouard, the receptionist in the administrative office.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the advertising to fill the open position of receptionist/clerk for the administrative office.

Upon motion of Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized Pace Communications to install a high-speed communications cable on the grounds of the courthouse to serve various offices in the courthouse.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following state highway driveway installation permits:

- A) D. L. Menard – La. Hwy 331
- B) Joseph C. Benoit, Jr. – La. Hwy 14

The Secretary advised the Police Jurors of correspondence received from Med Express Ambulance Service, Inc. to allow them to adopt a new fee schedule. A copy of the correspondence has been sent to legal counsel and an Ambulance Ordinance Advisory Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2002 to review the request.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the award of contracts to repair roof damage on the following fire stations to Lundin Roofing Company:

- A) Seventh Ward Fire Station - \$10,335.00
- B) Maurice Fire Station - \$17,950.00
- C) Henry Fire Station - \$3,400.00

In Legal Counsel Business, Mr. Paul Moresi, III, advised the Jurors that he will review the current Ordinance regarding ambulance providers to verify the requirements needed to be followed relative to Med Express Ambulance Service, Inc.'s request to implement a new fee schedule for the parish.

Upon motion of Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the hiring of Mr. Dennis Lemaire as a mobile equipment operator heavy position and that he be assigned to the Area 2 Road Crew. Mr. Lemaire will replace Mr. Raymond Stelly who is out due to illness.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury recognized and directed that a Certificate of Commendation be sent to Abbeville native, Mr. Brandon Mitchell, for his athletic achievements as a member of the New England Patriots football team, Super Bowl XXXVI Champions and for his community contributions.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the promotion of Mr. Morris Saunier to a mobile equipment operator heavy position for the Area 2 Road Crew. Mr. Saunier will fill the position previously held by Mr. Dudley Broussard, who was recently promoted to Blacktop Crew Foreman.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the promotion of Mr. Averitt Guidry to a mobile equipment operator heavy position for the Area 2 Road Crew. Mr. Guidry will fill the position previously held by Mr. Peter Touchet, who left for other employment.

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

Secretary-Treasurer

President