

Police Jury Room
December 2, 2002
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on December 2, 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. Louis Joe Hardy
Mr. Terry Bessard	Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Mark Poche
Mr. Kenneth DeHart	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Hubert Faulk	Mr. Ritter Trahan
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee	

Absent: Mr. Minos Broussard

President Edval Simon, Jr. called for any other bids in the audience to be submitted relative to the bid call shown on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Jury closed the receipt of all bids for tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Jury authorized the opening of the following bids:

**MATERIALS FOR PARISH ROAD MAINTENANCE
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2003 – JUNE 30, 2003**

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the bids received for the above materials were taken under advisement for review and tabulation.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the November 18, 2002 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Edval Simon, Jr. read the following announcements:

- (1) The Louisiana Office of State Parks invites the Jury to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the Palmetto Island State Park Construction Project on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
- (2) Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco invites the Jury to attend a ceremonial presentation of the Louisiana Purchases Bicentennial Parish Grant to the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission & Vermilion Arts Council on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Parish Courthouse.
- (3) The Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority will hold their next meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2002, 9:30 a.m. at the Clairborne Building in Baton Rouge.
- (4) Lorman Education Services will host a seminar entitled "Overtime Requirements and Exemptions In Louisiana" on December 12, 2002 in Lafayette.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of the following pipeline permits:

- A) Permit No. 1224-WL
Applicant: Waterworks District No. 1
To install and maintain various size water lines along parish roads in Election District Nos. 01, 02, and 12, relative to the water system extension to the Indian Bayou area.
- B) Permit No. 1225-WL
Applicant: Waterworks District No. 1
To install and maintain various size water lines along parish roads in Election District Nos. 09, and 13, relative to the water system extension to the Forked Island and Esther area.

Upon motion of Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury gave preliminary approval of the plat and development of Mont Blanc Acres Subdivision.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of permits to Northstar Design Solutions, Inc. on behalf of BellSouth to replace damaged cable in the right-of-ways of Amerada Road and North Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Partial Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$637,849.87 to Pete & Ron's Tree Service relative to the Hurricane Lili Debris Removal and Debris Reduction Project for the period of November 1, through 30, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, with Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and Mr. Purvis Abshire voting against the motion, Item No. 3 of the Public Road Committee Recommendations was amended to change the permit fee amount from \$10 to \$50.

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

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 20, 2002
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2002, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Road Maintenance Plan be amended to reflect the following changes to the Work Area boundaries utilizing the recently approved reapportionment plan:
 - A) Area 1 – Includes Election Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
 - B) Area 2 – Includes Election Districts 9, 11 & 13
 - C) Area 3 – Includes Election Districts 10 & 14
 - D) Area 4 – Includes Election Districts 1, 2 & 12
2. It is recommended that in view of the changes made in Item No. 1, that a revised plan for allocation of equipment and personnel be prepared for further consideration.

3. It is recommended that the Police Jury limit culvert installation to driveway culverts only and that no new requests for "beautification projects" be taken, effective immediately.

It is further recommended that all previous requests for "beautification installations" be identified, listed and turned into the road supervisor for documentation by November 30, 2002.

It is further recommended that on future "beautification projects", which will require that the installation be done by a contractor, that the Police Jury require a permit to be obtained. The permit will be used to establish the location, the culvert size required, and the setting of grade/elevation. Cost of the permit is recommended to be \$10.00 per installation.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Finance Committee Recommendation were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 26, 2002
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2002, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that effective January 1, 2003, the Police Jury will convert their salary payments to a bi-weekly schedule.
2. It is recommended that effective January 1, 2003, that the Police Jury discontinue the employer contribution of the dental coverage portion of the health care package, and that the dental coverage will be elective to the employee as to participation.
3. It is recommended that all departments provide recommendations for the reduction of their work force and/or program activities/operations for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Poche'
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury reappointed Mr. Donald Menard as the Vermilion Parish Police Jury representative and Mr. Michael J. Bertrand as the alternate to the Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development Council for the 2003 calendar year.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. L1-15111 in the amount of \$1,329.00 to Southern Petroleum Laboratories, Inc. for the solid waste oxidation pond effluent analysis sampling as part of the Louisiana Wastewater Discharge Permit requirements. Cost to be paid from '94 Sales Tax Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Partial Payment Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$41,024.70 to Minvielle Lumber Co. for work completed on the Renovations of an Existing Building to House The Erath Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 2294 in the amount of \$911.66 to The Sellers Group relative to the Renovations of an Existing Building to House The Erath Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the request from Hibernia National Bank pursuant to the Lease Agreement dated December 17, 2001, between the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and Hibernia National Bank to exercise its option, and extend the "Initial Term" for one (1) additional month (commencing on December 17, 2002 and expiring on January 16, 2003) at the increased monthly rent of \$3,832.00 according to Article 3 (Section 3.2) of the original Lease Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the secretary to request the State Mineral Board to advertise on behalf of the Police Jury for an oil and gas mineral lease for a portion of Ben Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the **Revised** Section 5311 Monthly Activity Report for the month of October, 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. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized payment of Invoice No. 2202609 in the amount of \$12,169.51 to Coastal Environments, Inc. relative to the environmental assessment of the effects of the proposed Deepwater Access Channel to the Port of Iberia Project.

In Legal Council Business, Mr. Paul Moresi, III advised the Jurors of the following:

- A) Correspondence received regarding a complaint filed with the Federal Communication Commission by a Television Station in Opelousas against Cox Communication for failure to carry their local service.
- B) Request for a drainage easement to clean a drainage ditch on the David LeBlanc property, subject to the Police Jury acquiring any necessary permits.
- C) Acadian Ambulance has submitted documentation for renewal of their Ambulance Permit to Operate for 2003. Application shows proposed rate changes. Ordinance requires that a Notice be placed in the legal journal advising the public of the rate change.

Upon motion of Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a drainage easement relative to the clean-out of a drainage ditch on the David LeBlanc property contingent upon the Police Jury acquiring any necessary permits.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of an operating permit for 2003 to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. subject to them publishing their proposed rate change in the Official Journal.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury went on record in objection to the rate increase being shown in the Acadian Ambulance application.

The Secretary reminded the jurors of the Corps of Engineers scoping meeting on the Freshwater Bayou Deepwater Access Channel to be held on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmetto Park Groundbreaking on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Grant award to the Tourist Commission on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted an Ordinance establishing a 35 mph speed limit on Sidney Gautreaux Road for a distance of ¼ mile each way of the curve in the vicinity of the Raymond Stelly home.

O R D I N A N C E

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WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding is existing and causing very hazardous conditions on Sidney Gautreaux Road; and

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 35 mph speed limit on Sidney Gautreaux Road for a distance of ¼ mile each way of the curve in the vicinity of the Raymond Stelly home; and

SECTION II: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the appropriate speed limit 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 speed limit by the use of radar and/or regular patrolling.

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Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment to James Montet in the amount of \$51.20 to repair a water line broken in the process of changing out a culvert across Sidney Gautreaux Road. Cost to be paid from Road District Sub 4 of 2 Funds.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the Solid Waste Crews to return to their regular trash pickup on state highway right of ways in view of complaints received regarding the build up of trash (white goods) and construction/demolition debris on state highways not being picked up.

Police Juror Mark Poche had questions regarding the new culvert permit procedures. The secretary was directed to prepare a notice to all employees regarding the new procedure.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, at the request of the Vermilion Parish Library Board, the Police Jury authorized the legal counsel to prepare the necessary documents to purchase the J. W. Breaux property in Gueydan for the future site of the Vermilion Parish Library – Gueydan Branch.

Police Juror T. J. Prejean, Jr. advised of a complaint he received about vehicles being parked on roads at night. The Legal Counsel advised that there is an ordinance or state statute dealing with this and that residents should contact the sheriff's department to file complaint.

Parish Engineer, Mrs. Liz Girouard, advised the Jurors that quotes for the right-of-entry tree removal program will be received on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Ritter Trahan, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President