

Police Jury Room
December 27, 2002
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a special meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on December 27, 2002 with Mr. Edval Simon, Jr. presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Edval Simon, Jr., 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. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Mark Poche'
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth DeHart	Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Ritter Trahan
Mr. Hubert Faulk	

Absent: Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Ritter Trahan, and unanimously carried, the Finance Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations;

FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 18, 2002
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2002, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury renew its health insurance coverage with Parish Government Risk Management Agency for the calendar year 2003, in accordance with their proposal submitted.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury contract with a health care consultant to evaluate the Jury's current health care coverages and propose a plan to address the program cost and benefits.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury look into other available coverages for employees and retirees who are 65 and over and to adopt a policy which will authorize a change in coverage to a full medicare supplement that meets all state and federal healthcare requirements.

2. It is recommended that in the Administrative Office, that Ms. Laurie Bush be promoted to a Grade 7 status to allow for her to assume some of the work load currently being handled by Kristie Saltzman, who will be leaving effective 12/31/02.

It is recommended that in view of the reduction in personnel that the administrative office work load be re-evaluated and reassignment of tasks be authorized.

3. It is recommended that the following positions/personnel be terminated effective 12/31/02:

- A) Public Works/Courthouse Annex Janitor.
Request Sheriff's Office to have jail trustee handle the janitorial duties of the Courthouse Annex.

- B) Courthouse Exterior Maintenance Janitor

- C) 2 – Public Works Equipment Maintenance Shop
- Parts Runner and Maintenance Persons

4. It is recommended that the road maintenance crews be reduced to the following manpower levels.

Area 1 – 13 persons

Area 2 – 15 persons

Area 3 – 13 persons

Area 4 – 13 persons

5. It is recommended that authorization be given to have the initial bi-weekly payroll for 2003 begin on December 30, 2002 instead of January 1, 2003 subject to legal review.
6. It is recommended that the Police Jury renew its workers compensation coverage with Parish Government Risk Management Agency for the 2003 Calendar year, in accordance with their proposal submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Poche'
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, 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
DECEMBER 27, 2002
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 2002, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury reduce its parish road maintenance equipment (dump trucks, brushcutters, mowers and tractors) by 20% as per plan presented.
2. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt a policy establishing a uniform lunch time from 11:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon for all employees working on parish roads (road, mosquito control, solid waste, etc.) and that the road crews, solid waste trash crews and solid waste plant employees work until 3:30 p.m. and not return to their barn until at least 3:00 p.m.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Ward One, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to assist in hauling surplus blasting sand being donated by General Fabricators to the Drainage Board and to the Area 1 Barn for use in backfilling culverts and other approved projects. Police Jury to provide trucks and operators to haul material. Drainage Board to provide excavator and operator to load material.
4. It is recommended that the following layoffs and those shown in the Finance Committee Recommendations, be done on Monday, December 30, 2002 with implementation effective Tuesday, December 31, 2002:

Area 1 – 6 employees; Area 2 – 3 employees; Area 4 – 4 employees;
FRS – 2 employees; Administrative Office – 1 employee; and Road
Department Secretary – 1 employee.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury pay any unused vacation and sick leave for any non-retirees and that any unused sick leave and vacation be added to those retirees application that are eligible for retirement benefits which will increase their benefit.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee,
Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of the following invoice for temporary repairs due to Hurricane Lili:

- A) Pellerin & Wallace, Inc. Roofing & Sheet Metal
Invoice No. 14683
Amount: \$6,861.00
Temporary Storm Damage Repair Of
Boys & Girls Club – A. A. Comeaux
Recreation Center
- B) Pellerin & Wallace, Inc. Roofing & Sheet Metal
Invoice No. 14684
Amount: \$1,231.00
Emergency Loss Prevention Measures
For Storm Damage at the Courthouse Annex

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, regarding the open position of an animal warden, the Police Jury authorized advertising in-house and offer to persons being laid off.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee will meet every week for the month of January, 2003.

The Jurors discussed whether they will continue to operate in current election districts. The Secretary advised the Jurors that they are legally required to represent their current districts until their term ends in December, 2003.

Jurors asked if employees who are laid off will be eligible for unemployment benefits. The Secretary advised that subject to their applying for benefits and meeting qualifications they would be eligible for benefits.

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

Secretary-Treasurer

President