

Police Jury Room  
February 2, 2004  
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on February 2, 2004 with Mr. Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

The meeting was called to order by President Faulk, who asked that the meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III
Mr. Minos Broussard	Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Maxwell Chreene	Mr. Mark Poche
Mr. Ronald Darby	Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Carroll Duhon	Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Hubert Faulk	Mr. Wayne Touchet

Absent: None

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the January 26, 2004 meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

The President recognized those persons who had requested time on the agenda to present their business at this time.

Retired 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge, Ned Doucet introduced and gave a short introduction of Lafayette City Court Judge, Ms. Francie M. Bouillion. Judge Bouillion announced that she was a candidate to fill the seat vacated by Judge Doucet. Ms. Bouillion commented on her history of legal service, and her candidacy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Of Appeals seat. Judge Bouillion requested the Jury's support of her candidacy.

President Faulk read the following announcements:

- (1) The Department of Environmental Quality and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. announce the Great American Cleanup 2004. Cleanup efforts in Louisiana will be underway between March 1 and May 31, 2004.
- (2) The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) has advised the Vermilion Fire Protection Association, that P.I.A.L. will be conducting a resurvey of the Vermilion Parish Rural Fire Protection Departments, in order to verify that the current Class 7 rating is still valid. This classification determination is used by insurance companies to develop fire insurance premiums.

- (3) The U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partnering Conference on March 1 & 2, 2004 in New Orleans.
- (4) The La. Department of Economic Development, the La. Department of Education, and the Governor's Office of Rural Development will co-host the first Rural Development Conference on February 9-11, 2004 in Natchitoches, LA.

Mrs. Liz Girouard, with Sellers and Associates, Inc., presented the following business for the Police Jury's consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1272 to Davis Petroleum, Inc. to install and maintain approximately 1,000 feet of 4" pipeline. This 4' pipeline will begin at the existing Amerada Hess Simon existing pipeline and will then tie-in to the existing LIG Pipeline near the intersection of Dewberry and Amerada Roads in Election District No.10.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1273-D to Wm. G. Helis Company, LLC to furnish and install the necessary site structure to drill the Landry No. 1 Well in Election District No.12.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the acceptance of Project Permit No. 1265 issued to Conoco-Phillips for the project that was constructed in the area of Bourque Road in Election District No. 14.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the following state highway driveway permit installations:

- I) Gil Richard – La. Hwy. 700
- II) August J. Richard – La. Hwy. 700

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the payment of Invoice No. 2536 from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$1,500.00. Invoice represents architectural services provided for the LCDBG grant application for the Multi-Purpose Community Health Center. Cost to be paid from the Health Unit Maintenance Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of an alcoholic liquor permit to Stelly's Grocery located at 22240 La. Hwy. 82 in Election District 13, subject to all of the paperwork being completed and submitted:

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized for the President to sign the road right-of-way grant accepting the relocation of a portion of Galton Road, and also authorized its inclusion into the parish road maintenance system.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J."Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 10221 in the amount of \$80.00 to Magnon Electric relative to electrical labor and repair two modular lights and receptacles at the new Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J."Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 64904 in the amount of \$250.00 to Fred's Plumbing & Electric, Inc. relative to labor and material to relocate a sewer line and a telephone line outside the building at the new Vermilion Parish Library in Maurice. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Ronald Darby, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the transfer of the District Attorney's secretaries health insurance provider to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana. The employer/employee contribution rate is to remain the same for the new coverage premiums.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted Budget Amendment 04-02, which reflects adjustments to the 2003 budget as shown:

## **Budget Amendment 04-02**

### **SALES TAX & BOND FUND:**

Expenditures:

Public Safety:

Fire Protection - Rural:

To increase the 2004 budget figures by the following amounts to include balances from the 2003 allocation:

Indian Bayou Fire Dept.	\$ 386.33
District 13 Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 441.16
Henry Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 1.27
Pecan Island Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 885.87
7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 5.13
Little Chapel Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 165.52
Klondike Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 120.78
Leleux Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 700.03
LeBlanc Vol Fire Dept.	\$ 456.06

The anticipated 12/31/04 Fund Balance is to be reduced by \$3,162.15.

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Upon motion of Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized making an application to the Office of Rural Development requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana to provide for the aggregate surfacing of a portion of Bluebonnet Road.

Legal counsel Mr. Paul Moresi III reported on the settlement of the VPPJ vs. Hartec suit. The final wording on the settlement agreement has been drafted, and he should have the settlement documents for signature by next week.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ward One, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1. to assist in the installation of culverts in a drainage, in Attakapa Ridge Subdivision. Police Jury to provide the materials and haul the dirt fill, and the Drainage District will provide equipment and an operator to install the culvert.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, authorized Sellers & Associates, Inc. to meet with Juror Wayne Touchet to review a drainage problem in Eaton Park Subdivision and to prepare a cost estimate for possible funding of the improvements and to report back to the committee. It is also recommended that Sellers & Associates, Inc. be authorized to prepare cost estimates to improve three (3) ditches, which out fall into the Vermilion River in Juror Carroll Duhon's area.

Police Juror Ronald Darby asked if the parish could adopt an ordinance on Indecent Behavior. Also persons slabbing, and exposing of private parts on the public streets and right of ways. The jury asked its Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi III, to look into matter. Mr. Moresi advised that there are no local laws, but some state laws that may be available to address the matter.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the adoption of an ordinance establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Ivy Road, for its entire length.

## **ORDINANCE**

**2004-O-06**

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Police Jury's attention that a considerable amount of speeding exists which is causing very hazardous conditions on Ivy Road.

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 25 mph speed limit on Ivy Road from Chestnut Road to Juniper Road.

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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I, Michael J. Bertrand, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of an ordinance adopted by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, at the regular meeting of February 2, 2004, at which a quorum was present and acting.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the appointment of Juror Mark Poche, as the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's Representative to the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Board of Directors.

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

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President