

Police Jury Room
January 10, 2005
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on January 10, 2005 with Mr. Hubert J. Faulk presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Faulk, who asked Juror Ronald Darby to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the President asked for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire	Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard	Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
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

Mr. Faulk announced that the first order of business was the election of a President and Vice-President and appointment of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously seconded, Mr. Hubert Faulk, was nominated for the position of President of the Police Jury, the nominations were closed and Mr. Faulk was elected by acclamation. President Faulk thanked the Jury for their support.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche', duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr. was nominated for the position of Vice-President of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the nominations for Vice-President were closed and Mr. Prejean was elected Vice-President by acclamation. Vice-President Prejean thanked the Jury for their vote of confidence.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, Mr. Michael J. Bertrand was nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury.

Upon motion of Mr. Wayne Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the nominations for Secretary-Treasurer were closed and Mr. Bertrand was appointed to the position. Mr. Bertrand thanked the Jury for their continued support and confidence.

President Faulk then presented his appointments to the various Police Jury Standing Committees and named the Chairman for each committee for the 2005 calendar year, which are as follows:

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III-Chairman
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.

PUBLICWORKS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Carroll Duhon-Chairman
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Mark Poche'
Mr. Wayne Touchet
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.

COURTHOUSE (BUILDING) COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Ronald Darby-Chairman
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee
Mr. Mark Poche'-Chairman
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.

RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet-Chairman

Mr. Maxwell Chreene-Chairman
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Mr. Wayne Touchet

GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Purvis Abshire
Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard
Mr. Minos Broussard
Mr. Maxwell Chreene
Mr. Ronald Darby
Mr. Carroll Duhon
Mr. Gaulman Gaspard

Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Mr. Ravis Menard
Mr. Mark Poche'
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.
Mr. Edval Simon, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Touchet-Chairman

President Hubert J. Faulk is an Ex-Officio member of all Committees.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Minos Broussard, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the December 20, 2004, meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Faulk acknowledged Mrs. Nelson Barras, who had questions and concerns about the new Health Insurance Program. She was advised about the status of the new program.

President Hubert Faulk read the following announcements:

- 1) The 31st Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, will be held on January 21 & 22, 2005 at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building.
- 2) The 43rd Annual Parish Government Day Program sponsored by the American Legion, School Board and Police Jury will be held January 27, & 28, 2005 in the Vermilion Parish Courthouse.
- 3) The Louisiana Government Finance Officers Association's Annual Winter Workshop will be held on January 26 & 27, 2005 in Baton Rouge.
- 4) The next Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the Corps of Engineers Office in New Orleans, LA.
- 5) The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Regional Planning Teams will meet to develop projects for inclusion the upcoming 15th Priority Project List. At these meetings, coastal restoration projects for each coastal region may be proposed. The scheduled meetings for this region are :

Region 4 –Mermentau Basin
February 1, 2005
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Rockefeller Refuge

Region 3 Teche-Vermilion Basin.
February 2, 2005
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Morgan City Auditorium

- 6) The Governor's Office of Rural Development in conjunction with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana will hold its 2nd Annual Rural Economic Development Conference on February 1-3, 2005, at Southeastern Louisiana University.

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

Upon motion of Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the issuance of Project Permit No. 1324-D to Cimarex Energy Company to construct a drill site for the Cimarex-Ernest Hebert, Jr. et al #2 Well, in Section 21 of T-12-S, R-2-W, located in Election District No.14.

Upon motion of Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the request for a change in the permit holder name for Project Permit No. 1292-D, from Dunhill Exploration & Production, LLC to Brammer Engineering, Inc.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and duly carried with Juror Gaulman Gaspard abstaining, the Police Jury approved the issuance of a telecommunication permit to Cox Communications, Inc. to furnish and install a new coax cable on Ralph Road to replace the existing line. Project is located in Election District No.13.

President Faulk recognized Mr. Troy LeBlanc, fire chief of the Gueydan Fire Department. Mr. LeBlanc advised the Jury that the Town of Gueydan and the adjacent area was recently rerated by P.I.A.L. The town rating went from a Class 6 to a Class 4. The fire department wants to build a tanker truck, and is requesting the Police Jury to donate a used garbage truck to them to be able to mount a water tank, which would be used in fighting fires, particularly in the unincorporated areas of their response zone. Juror Luther "Buster" Hardee, III advised Mr. LeBlanc that the Police Jury has already made a recommendation to do what he is requesting, which will be approved at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee III, duly seconded by Mr. Ronald Darby, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the General Needs Committee Recommendations, as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

GENERAL NEEDS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2005
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2005, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the following space relocations in the Courthouse be approved, subject to expenses being paid by the respective departments:

(A) Representative Frith's office be relocated to the Parish Government Office Building.

(B) The Clerk of Court be allocated the space formerly used by Representative Frith.

(C) The Clerk of Court's Criminal Department office and the Registrar of Voter's office be switched.

(D) Contact the Domestic Abuse Intervention Office and the Teen Court Office to see if they can be moved to the Parish Government Office Building.

2. It is recommended that the Police Jury authorize the purchase of a new fire truck for the LeBlanc Fire Department through the state contract purchasing, at a cost of \$157,400.00. Cost to be paid from the '76 Sales Tax Fund-CIP Allocation (\$155,000.00) and the balance (\$2,740.00) to be paid by the LeBlanc Fire Department.
3. It is recommended that B & B Fire and Safety be authorized to inspect and service the fire extinguishers in the Courthouse Building.

It is further recommended that the secretary check the status of all parish buildings to see if servicing has been maintained and if necessary authorize B & B Fire and Safety to inspect and service those buildings.

4. It is recommended that in view of the problem with the polyethylene adapters currently under bid not fitting the two types of pipe used in the parish, that the material supply contract award be rescinded for that proposal.

It is further recommended that a price list be obtained from each pipe supplier for fittings and connectors and those purchases be made from the respective supplier once the project site has been inspected so that the correct fittings needed to fit the installed pipe can be ordered.

5. It is recommended that the mechanic shop obtain a cost estimate to repair the parish dragline.
6. It is recommended that the Solid Waste Supervisor be authorized to reestablish a litter crew and other maintenance positions at the solid waste plant and utilize 7 of the 11 remaining sanitation workers being displaced because of the change in collection operations.

It is further recommended that any of those persons that will be kept, and are currently part-time employees, be made full time employees.

It is further recommended that in lieu of removing the 50¢ per hour night salary differential for those employees moved from night time to day time operations that they be red-lined for the period until their salary meets the grade and pay scale.

It is further recommended the Solid Waste Supervisor be authorized to make the reduction immediately, as a reduction in force.

7. It is recommended that the Mosquito Control budget be amended to reflect the purchase of a forklift ordered in 2004, but not to be delivered and paid for until 2005.
8. It is recommended that Sellers & Associates, Inc. be authorized to proceed with construction documents for the Phase 1 portion of the Drainage Improvements in the Erath and Bayou Tigre area. Cost to be paid from the Capital Outlay Program Grant.

It is further recommended that a meeting be called with NRCS, Police Jury, Town of Erath, and the Drainage Board to discuss the status of the NRCS' major drainage project dealing with the Bayou Tigre area.

9. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Gueydan which would authorize the donation of one of the old rear loading garbage trucks to the Gueydan Fire Department to establish a water tank truck.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury authorize an auction be held to sell the remaining surplus garbage trucks and any other parish equipment which can be sold.

It is further recommended that Mr. Gaylord Simon be requested to do the auction.

10. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt an Ordinance establishing a 30 mph speed limit on Orange Drive for its entire length.
11. It is recommended that the mechanic shop foreman and secretary/treasurer contact the La. Technical Institute in Abbeville regarding their apprentice program for mechanics, and having them provide one or more students and pay them at the required wage.
12. It is recommended that the Public Works Department be authorized to purchase a new copier for their office through the federal contract with Sharp Electronics and Piazza Office Supply, Inc. at a cost of \$7,727.00.
13. It is recommended that the Cooperative Extension Service Office be authorized to purchase a new facsimile machine through Piazza Office Supply, Inc. at a cost of \$925.00.
14. It is recommended that Partial Estimate No. 7 from Jan's Construction Co. in the amount of \$50,348.76 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents payment for construction work completed on the FY'03-LCDBG, Water System Improvements-Forked Island-Area VIII Project.
15. It is recommended the Police Jury approve the holding of the Pecan Island Mardi' Gras Parade on February 6, 2005, subject to the standard conditions being met.

16. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the renewal of the 2005 Inland Marine Coverage (Portable Fire Fighting Equipment) with Great American Insurance Co., through agent, Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, for the premium amount of \$4,372.00.

It is further recommended that the Police Jury ratify the renewal of the 2005 Boiler and Machinery Coverage with St. Paul Traveler's Insurance Co., through agent, Arthur J. Ballagher of Louisiana, for the premium amount of \$2,863.00.

17. It is recommended that Partial Payment Estimate No. 3 from Minvielle Lumber Co., Inc. in the amount of \$650.00 be approved to be paid. Invoice represents release of 10% retainage held on the Interior Restoration of Storm Damage at the Courthouse Annex. A clear lien certificate has been provided. Cost to be paid from '94 Sales Tax Fund, Hurricane Lili damage.
18. It is recommended that the Police Jury agree to credit the vacation day taken by any employees that scheduled vacation on December 27, 2004, which was declared a holiday by the Police Jury.
19. It is recommended that the Police Jury agree to waive the subdivision requirement which requires hardsurfacing any subdivision development road over 1320' in length, for that subdivision being proposed to be developed off of Hubert Road, in view of Hubert Road being an existing gravel road.
20. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the payment of Invoice No. CSR634933 from Deep South Surplus, Inc. in the amount of \$322.92, which is the deductible payment due relative to the T. Richard damage claim.
21. It is recommended that the Police Jury approve the payment of the 10% local cost share to the Erath Fire Department in the amount of \$5,460.00, subject to all documentation being provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee, III
Chairman

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

ORDINANCE

2005-O-01

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 Orange Drive, in Election District No. 05.

SECTION I: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby impose a 30 mph speed limit on Orange Drive for its entire length. (La. Hwy. 330-S. State St. to La. Hwy. 82-Perry Drive).

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 for a first offense, a maximum penalty of a \$100.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court for the first offense.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a second offense, a maximum penalty of a \$250.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that for a third offense, a maximum penalty of a \$500.00 fine and/or a 10 day jail sentence be imposed at the discretion of the court.

SECTION IV: BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department 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. Mark Poche', duly seconded by Mr. Maxwell Chreene, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved Budget Amendment 05-01 as follows:

Budget Amendment 05-01

SALES TAX & BOND FUND:

Expenditures:

Public Safety:

Fire Protection - Rural:

To increase the 2005 budget figures by the following amounts to include balances from the 2004 allocation:

Indian Bayou Fire Dept.	\$ 1,123.76
District 13 Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 625.06
Pecan Island Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 936.22
7 th Ward Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 66.18
Little Chapel Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 559.97
Klondike Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 3,776.17

Leleux Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 34.62
LeBlanc Vol Fire Dept.	\$ 272.87

The anticipated 12/31/05 Fund Balance is to be reduced by same.

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GENERAL FUND:

Expenditures:

Other Expenditures:

To decrease the 2005 budget figure in the amount of \$9,759.00, due to changes in the allocation for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

The anticipated 12/31/05 Fund Balance is to be increased by same.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche', duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the 2005 Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury ratified the payment of Invoice No. 2694 to The Sellers Group, for architectural services provided relative to the construction of the Gueydan Branch Library in the amount of \$327.19, and also the payment of application No. 5 to Minvielle Lumber Co. for work completed on the Gueydan Branch Library in the amount of \$19,296.90. Costs to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice Nos. 36-7556 and 36-7796 to Louisiana Testing & Inspection, Inc. for testing and inspection work provided at the Gueydan Branch Library in the amount of \$395.00. Cost to be paid from the Library Construction Fund.

The Secretary/Treasurer advised the Jury that Mr. A. Hayes Town, the architect for the current courthouse and other buildings in the Abbeville area, had passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

Upon motion of Mr. Minos Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the renewal of its Public Officials Liability Coverage with Columbia Casualty Co., through agent Huval Insurance Co., at an annual premium of \$20,608.35.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the contract to ADAPCO to furnish a Global Positioning & Spray System for the Mosquito Control Program.

The Police Jury's Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Moresi, III, informed the Jury that the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Abbeville for the use of the Veterans Memorial Building (Old Abbeville Library) has been signed and recorded.

Mr. Moresi informed the Jury that he had received information from the State relative to the White Lake minerals matter. He has requested additional information to show what royalties were paid and from what fields were the revenues generated.

Mr. Moresi, requested the Police Jury to amend the agenda to add the discussion of the Med-Express litigation to the executive session call.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved amending the agenda to add the Med-Express litigation, to be discussed in executive session and furthered authorized going into executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Ravis Menard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved returning to regular session.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the legal counsel and the counsel representing the Police Jury in the Suire case to take the necessary steps to satisfy the judgment in the Debra Suire suit.

A motion was made by Mr. Ernal "E.J." Broussard, and seconded by Mr. Wayne Touchet, to direct the legal counsel to research if the Registrar of Voters' Office can be placed under the Clerk of Court's Office. The vote on the motion was, two (2) for, and eleven (11) against. Therefore the motion failed.

Upon motion of Mr. Maxwell Chreene, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the purchase of (2) two steam cleaners to be placed at the Maintenance Shop and Area 2 Barn, from Dwayne's Maintenance Service in the amount of \$3499.00/each, being the lowest of the bids received.

Mr. Herschel David, Public Works Supervisor, advised the Jury that a business is inquiring if they are eligible to receive a rolling garbage can if they have a dumpster contract.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury referred the matter to the next Public Works Committee meeting, for further review.

Police Juror Ronald Darby invited all Jurors to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration activities on Monday, January 17, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m., with a parade.

Upon motion of Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the placing of “No Dumping” signs on the 1st bridge, on Holly Road, located south of Chestnut Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche’, duly seconded by Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President