

**MINUTES
VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING**

**PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING
300 SOUTH 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011
10:00am**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10:00am in the Police Jury Meeting Room with the following members

PRESENT: Honorable James B. Tuck, President, Howard "Pete" Dowden, Tommy McMahon, Jackie Grimes, Reginald "Reggie" Johnson, Jerry Blair, Leonard Johnson, Melvin Haymon, Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Curtis L. Clay, Joseph "Bo" Cryer, and Kenny Haymon. The following members were **ABSENT:** None.

The invocation was given by Mr. Clay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Grimes.

The Vernon Parish Police Jury was convened as the governing authority of the Parish of Vernon, by James B. Tuck, President, and was then ready for the business on the agenda.

The President asked for public comment on agenda items, there were none.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Cryer, to adopt a resolution providing for the opening/tabulation of bids received for the purchase of \$7.5 million of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, of the Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana, approving the Official Notice of Bond Sale and the Official Statement in connection therewith, and authorizing the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury to sign copies thereof as evidence of the approval thereof. The foregoing resolution was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L. Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution carried.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 Regular monthly meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Melvin Haymon, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

Norris Insurance Consultants are reviewing the insurance bids that were received. A Ways & Means Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 11:00am, or immediately following the Police Jury meeting, to discuss the bids. A Special Call meeting of the Vernon Parish Police Jury will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 5:00pm to approve the bids.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Letter received from Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 to re-appoint Sue Bailey and Susan Redmond for another 2-year term, to expire 2013. The committee recommends the jury approve these appointments.

A unanimous motion was made to adopt a memorial resolution for Pvt. Brandon T. Pickering and Sgt. Keith T. Buzinski who died as the result of enemy attacks in Afghanistan.

A unanimous motion was made to adopt a memorial resolution for Richard "Dicky" Berry, Jr., who passed away April 14, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried, to adopt the Ways & Means Committee report as read.

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee recommends the jury approve invoice from AECOM, \$16,530.00 for professional services related to Plan Vernon Parish (grant).

The committee recommends the jury approve invoice form CPEX, \$7,364.00 for professional services related to Plan Vernon Parish (grant).

Proposal from Black Wolf Striping, \$800.00 to re-stripe the Police Jury and Probation and Parole parking lots. The committee recommends that Parish Road Supervisor determine if the lots need re-striped.

Joseph Franklin, Executive Director, Family Counseling Agency, was at the meeting to discuss the role of the agency and requested \$25,000.00 from the Police Jury to help offset costs due to state budget cuts. Recommend the jury put this request back into committee and seek legal counsel advice regarding this request.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Upon further review of the parking lot striping, the parking lot striping does not need to be re-done at this time. A few minor touch-ups may be required.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. M. Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. McMahan and carried, to adopt the Finance Committee report as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulton, seconded by Mr. Clay, to adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of \$7.5 million of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, of the Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The foregoing resolution was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahan, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulton, seconded by Mr. K. Haymon, to adopt a resolution accepting the bid of the most qualified bidder for the purchase of \$7.5 million of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, of the Parish of Vernon, State of

Louisiana. The foregoing resolution was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution carried.

Mr. Reginald "Reggie" Johnson, Chairman, Highway Committee, reported that the committee met on April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee recommends the jury approve requests from VP School Board for assistance: **1.) South Polk Elementary**, two truckloads of gravel for bus parking area and patching machine to fix a hole at cafeteria loading dock, **2.) Rosepine Jr. – Sr. High School**, grader to spread fill dirt on football practice field and north parking area, **3.) Pickering parent pick-up**, meet with principals to discuss possible shoulder and guard rail work on parent pick-up.

The committee recommends the jury approve pothole patching for March 2011, \$12,729.82 to be transferred to overlay account.

The committee recommends the jury approve resolutions for assistance: **1.) Town of Hornbeck**: bush hogging, wing (boom) mowing ditches, ditch cleaning, and pot hole repair on all streets in the city limits of Hornbeck for April & May 2011, specifically, assistance with rock on the alley between Stillwell and Gillham Rds., road repair on Reeks Ln., and several loads of road base for the side walk project. **2.) Village of Simpson**: grade roads and/or repair potholes on all streets inside the municipality. **3.) Village of Anacoco**: **1.** prepare the base on Roy Ave, \$5,740.00, paid out of D2 money, **2.** Grade Huey Bean and Johnny Guy Rds., **3.** Clean ditch line on Front St. beginning on S. front of apartments for 400 ft. on West side of road **4.** Street sign and potholes on Gladys St., **5.** Remove debris from demolished home at 190 Huey Bean Rd., **6.** Repair potholes on Ryan St., between Port Arthur and Cypress.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from VP Health Unit to bury a dead horse at 1103 Ermine St., D2, property owner Jerry Clark.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from VP Health Unit to fill in abandoned well: 1.) 8901 Hwy 8, Leesville, 2.) 2013 Alexandria Hwy, Leesville, and 3.) 192 Country Club Ext., Leesville. All wells are considered a public health hazard and nuisance

The following grants were approved for FY 2010/2011 LGAP funding, original grant request was for \$75,000.00; received \$30,000.00:

Road Name	District	Work to be done	Amount requested	Amount received
Dean Conerly	10	Blacktop	\$10,000.00	
Ford Stewart	12	Blacktop	\$10,000.00	
Wesley Crowell	10	Blacktop	\$5,000.00	
			<i>For all three roads:</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>
Camp Baker	9	Rock/Gravel	\$10,000.00	
Henry Turner	4, 8	Rock/Gravel	\$10,000.00	
Wilson Loop	1	Rock/Gravel	\$10,000.00	
			<i>For all three roads:</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>
Stanley	11	Culverts	\$10,000.00	
Webster Maricle	5	Culverts	\$10,000.00	
			<i>For both roads:</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Fair Board to fill in holes in the road at the entrance to the Fair Grounds and to fill in a hole behind the Shriner's Bldg. (between the Shriner's and the new pavilion).

Bids for Fuel Tanks opened on 4/7/2011. The committee recommends the jury approve low bidder of \$65,250.00 from Rittiner Equipment Company Inc.

Letter from City of Leesville stating their intention to relocate Red Town Road to alleviate traffic congestion. The current intergovernmental agreement is between the Police Jury and KCS; the City will draft a new agreement taking possession of the road as the relocation will move it entirely within the city limits of Leesville. Parish Road Supervisor will determine what part of the road is in the City of Leesville and what is currently in the parish since the parish maintains the entire road. Also, the parish will need to terminate its existing Inter-Governmental Agreement with KCS. Request Parish Legal Counsel reviews the matter.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Letter received from VP School Board for maintenance on Bus Turnaround, 252 J. McInnis Rd., Anacoco, D2, maintenance. The committee recommends the jury approve this request.

Letter from Parish Road Supervisor to accept Justis Lane into the parish road inventory. The road was accepted into the parish road system in Aug. 2009 and was inspected on April 13, 2011. The committee recommends the jury approve this request.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried to add the following Hardship requests to the committee report: Rubin Busby, Elwood Busby, and Johnny Phillips; pending receipt of paperwork and approval of Parish Road Supervisor.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried, to adopt the Highway Committee report as read.

Mr. Reginald "Reggie" Johnson, Chairman, Road Construction Committee, reported that the committee met on 04/11/2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Bids for overlay materials were opened on 4/6/2011. The committee recommends the jury approve the bids by line item as indicated below:

	R.C. Paving	Diamond B	Low Bidder
1. 1.5" Asphalt Overlay	\$94.30	\$129.00	RC Paving
2. 2" Asphalt Overlay	\$92.95	\$118.00	RC Paving
3. Soil Cement Asphalt Overlay	No Bid	\$169.00	Diamond B
4. Chip Seal	\$2.40	No Bid	RC Paving
5. Asphalt Road Leveling	\$190.00	No Bid	RC Paving
6. 2-shot overlay	\$4.65	No Bid	RC Paving
7. 3- shot overlay	\$7.85	No Bid	RC Paving
8. Soil Cement Base Material	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fulton and carried, to adopt the Road Construction Committee report as read.

Mr. Kenny Haymon, Chairman, Parish Capital Properties Committee, reported that the committee met on 04/11/2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed request from Petro-Land Resources, Inc. to nominate for lease all fee lands, public roads, streets, rights-of-way, alleys, highways, lands, and other lands located in the following areas:

Township 1 South – Range 8 West
 Township 1 North – Range 8 West
 Township 1 South – Range 9 West
 Township 1 North – Range 9 West
 Township 2 South – Range 9 West
 Township 1 South – Range 10 West
 Township 1 North – Range 10 West
 Township 2 South – Range 10 West, and outlined one the attached Topographical Plan Vernon parish, Louisiana

The committee recommends that Parish Legal Counsel review this request and advise the jury on how to proceed.

Letter from City of Leesville requesting that the jury clean, mow, and remove debris from property that is adjudicated to the parish; a lot south of Herring between Ellis & Knapp.

Letter from City of Leesville advising that a structure located at Lot 19, Block 4, CN Gibbs Addition, which is adjudicated to the parish, will be condemned on May 9, 2011.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

The committee recommends the jury look into selling the two adjudicated properties referenced above.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulton, seconded by Mr. M. Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. K. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Clay and carried, to adopt the Parish Capital Properties Committee report as read.

Mr. L. Johnson, Chairman, Permit & Claims Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Claim from AT&T, \$1,934.04 for cut cable on 3/9/2011 on JV Robinson Rd., DeRidder, the parish was installing culverts. Parish Road Supervisor is looking into the claim.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Regarding the AT&T claim, locate was called in on 3/8/2011 with a start date of 3/10/2011, work began on 3/8/2011. The committee recommends Parish Legal Counsel review the claim.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Johnson, seconded by Mr. R. Johnson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Johnson, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried, to adopt the Permit & Claims Committee report as read.

Mr. Jerry Blair, Chairman, Personnel Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

Thirtieth Judicial District Court hired Joseph Scogin, new law clerk. Salary will be reimbursed to the jury in accordance with Intergovernmental Agreement.

Notification from VP Fire District to hire Tammy Slaughter (Poston), full time, effective August 1, 2011, \$35,000.00 annual salary with two week vacation, pending Fire District approval on April 18, 2011.

The committee recommends the jury approve allowing the parish road crew off on Thursday, April 21, 2011 for Good Friday instead of Friday, April 22, 2011.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Supervisor to promote Robert Jagneaux from mechanic to shop foreman, 6 month probation, effective immediately.

The committee recommends the jury approve request to move Jerry Twyman, D 10, 11, 12, from part-time to full-time, effective immediately.

Received after 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

Nuel Corley, D7, retired, effective 4/15/2011.

Joshua D. Smith, new hire, Registrar of Voters, our portion of his salary is \$7,050.42 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. R. Johnson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried to adopt the Personnel Committee report as read.

Mr. Joseph "Bo" Cryer, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Letter from IESI, notice of increase for collection of solid waste from the unincorporated areas, including a CPI adjustment of 2%, effective March 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer, seconded by Mr. M. Haymon and carried, to adopt the Solid Waste Committee report as read.

Mr. Tommy McMahon, Chairman, Subdivision Committee, reported that the committee met on April 11, 2011 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting:

The committee recommends the jury approve letter from Parish Road Supervisor to accept the plat of Lorena Carr, to sell all four tracts to Mr. Dowden. Mr. Dowden understands that if he sells any of the tracts a plat must be filed with the Police Jury, no streets or alleys are involved with this plat.

A motion was made by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried to adopt the additions received after the 04/11/2011 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried, to adopt the Subdivision Committee report as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Cryer and carried to adopt a resolution requesting Fort Polk Department of Public Works repair Tank Trail Road.

A motion was made by Mr. K. Haymon, seconded by Mr. M. Haymon and carried, to adopt System Survey Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Legislative Auditor, and authorize the President to sign certificate for the Legislative Auditor certifying that funds made available during the year January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 have been expended in accordance with LA Revised Statute 48:758.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried, to enter into public hearing to hear input on the following items:

1. Proposed ordinance to change the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on Bolton McLaren Loop # 1210, D6 W1 and Walnut Hill Road, #8016, D6 W8.

There was no public comment.

2. Request from Nathan Spencer to abandon a portion of Claude Gill Rd., #7058, D7 W7.

Mr. Jimmy Spencer was at the meeting and spoke in favor of abandoning the portion of road.

3. Proposed ordinance to revise Chapter 17, Roads & Highways, [Article III: Permits for pipeline crossings, dredging, and oil, gas and mineral exploration, Sec. 17-48] of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulton, seconded by Mr. K. Haymon and carried, to return to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMahan, to adopt an ordinance to change the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on Bolton McLaren Loop # 1210, District 6 Ward 1 and Walnut Hill Road, # 8016, District 6 Ward 8.

The foregoing ordinance was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahan, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The ordinance carried.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Johnson, seconded by Mr. McMahan, to adopt an ordinance to abandon the south 1450 feet of Claude Gill Rd., beginning at the property line of Ronald Spencer to the end of the road, # 7058, District 7, Ward 7.

The foregoing ordinance was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahan, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt an ordinance to revise Chapter 17, Roads & Highways, Article III, Sec. 17-48 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

Any company using parish roads for heavy hauling will surface area roads with a minimum of 4" of compacted Rhyolite or Limestone, and greater depths depending on road conditions, to be determined by Parish Road Supervisor/Engineer or designee.

And also to change the title of Article III to read: Permits for pipeline crossings, dredging, and oil, gas and mineral exploration, and production.

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fulton and carried, to amend the ordinance revision to read: Chapter 17, Roads & Highways, Article III, Sec. 17-48 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

Any company using parish roads for heavy hauling will surface area roads with a minimum of 4" of compacted Rhyolite, commercial road base, and greater depths depending on road conditions, to be determined by Parish Road Supervisor/Engineer or designee.

And also to change the title of Article III to read: Permits for pipeline crossings, dredging, and oil, gas and mineral exploration, and production.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fulton, to adopt an ordinance to revise Chapter 17, Roads & Highways, Article III, Sec. 17-48 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

Any company using parish roads for heavy hauling will surface area roads with a minimum of 4" of compacted Rhyolite, commercial road base, and greater depths depending on road conditions, to be determined by Parish Road Supervisor/Engineer or designee.

And also to change the title of Article III to read: Permits for pipeline crossings, dredging, and oil, gas and mineral exploration, and production. The foregoing ordinance revision was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The ordinance revision carried.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Haymon, seconded by Mr. R. Johnson, to add to the Main Agenda a motion to hold a Public Hearing on May 16, 2011 at 10:00am to hear public input on the proposed redistricting map. The maps need to be approved before the June Police Jury meeting. The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L.

Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer, and K. Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: None

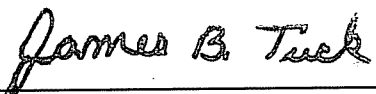
The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Johnson, seconded by Mr. M Haymon and carried, to hold a Public Hearing on May 16, 2011 at 10:00am to hear public input on the proposed redistricting map.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Clay and carried, to authorize payment of all invoices as authorized by the Finance Committee, and authorize payment of all expenditures above the budgeted amount from Ward Maintenance and/or Construction Accounts

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Grimes, seconded by Mr. McMahon, and carried.


Rhonda M. Plummer
Secretary/Treasurer
Vernon Parish Police Jury


James B. Tuck
President
Vernon Parish Police Jury