

MINUTES**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PARISH GOV. COMPLEX BLDG.
300 S. 3RD ST., 2ND FLOOR****MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
10:00 A.M.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, September 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room with the following members present: Honorable James B. Tuck, President, Jackie Grimes, Vice-President, Tommy McMahon, Jackie Grimes, Reggie Johnson, Jerry Blair, Leonard Johnson, Melvin Haymon, Sam Fulton, Jr., Curtis Clay, Joseph "Bo" Cryer and Kenny Haymon.

The invocation was given by Mr. Jerry Blair, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Curtis Clay.

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.

Mr. James Johnson, Vernon Parish Tax Assessor, stated he was pleased to report there were no protests for the year 2010 tax roll, and thanked the jury for their support on their assessments.

Mr. Alan Offner, Foley & Judell, Bond Attorney, informed the jury that he had received two (2) bids for the \$500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for Museum repairs and Library Bookmobile: (1) Sabine State Bank-4.06, and, (2) Jonesboro State Bank-3.94. Mr. Offner stated he had presented a resolution for the jury to adopt to incur debt and issue bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackie Grimes, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of \$500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, for Library Bookmobile and Museum repairs.

Mr. Mike Spears, candidate for U.S. Senator, spoke to the jury on issues he would be addressing in his campaign, and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

Mr. Charlie Carroll, resident of Yankee Ridge Estates, apologized to any juror who thought he had threatened them, and stated he only asked if they thought

Froeming Road was a priority road, and most of them agreed it was. Mr. Carroll stated he had nothing to do with the incorrect article in the paper.

Mr. Tuck, President, stated it seemed to him that if all the information was correct that Mr. Carroll was telling him, it should be a priority road, and did not say it was going to be on next year. Mr. Tuck also stated that if this road is recommended to amend the capital outlay and is not taking from another area, and if Mr. Leonard Johnson, District 7 Juror, District 7 foreman and Carl Thompson, Parish Road Manager agree, will support it and vote to put it on next year; think majority of jury will vote to do that; plan is done this year and jury is not going to make any more amendments. Mr. Tuck informed Mr. Carroll the list is addressed in December.

Mr. Tom Jackson, Ward 6 Constable, voiced his concerns with the safety on Shadywood Drive and asked the jury to look into this issue.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Keel, addressed the jury and presented a petition on behalf of the residents on Cypress Cemetery Road, District 7, requesting jury to asphalt remainder of the road.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Jackie Grimes, Chairman, reported the Economic Development & Planning Committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve Recommendations for Payment received from Meyer & Associates for the following:

- (1) 2005 Water Distribution System-Contract 2 Standpipe-Apeck Construction, \$12,678.00, (pay estimate No. 3-final).
- (2) 2005 Water Distribution System-Apeck Construction-\$5,290.03, (pay estimate #12)-\$2,596.78-VPPJ hookup, and \$34,642.86 (pay estimate #13)-\$7,579.73-VPPJ hookups.
- (3) 2005 Water Distribution System-Meyer & Associates-\$3,412.39, for professional services-October and November 2009 and August 2010; paid by VPPJ.
- (4) 2009/2010 LCDBG Road Project-J.P. Calcote-Meyer & Associates-\$2,390.01.

The committee discussed water at Evans High School, and are in support of potential grant funding to correct the problems.

Ms. Ellen Heath, with the PlanVernon Parish consultants, gave an update on the parish comprehensive planning process which is beginning this month. She and her colleagues were here to conduct stakeholder interviews with key individuals in the parish; including public safety, public works, local elected officials, cultural amenities, and the school board. The consultant team will be back in the parish in mid-October to conduct a series of public meetings and additional stakeholder interviews.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackie Grimes, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried, to adopt the Economic Development & Planning Committee Report as read.

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Finance Committee reported the committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve the following R.C. Paving invoices:

1. Stanton Rd.-Dist. 8 & 9	\$26,205.90
2. Tiffany Rd.-Dist. 9	\$15,429.20
3. Ford Dairy Road-Dist. 8 & 9	\$19,670.90
4. Kaylin Drive-Dist. 9	\$18,591.20
5. Nichols Rd.-Dist. 9	\$16,677.80
6. Service Drive Pickering School	\$41,065.20

The committee recommended the jury approve the transfer of pothole patch expenses to overlay-\$8,038.48, for the month of August.

The committee recommended the jury extend lease for one year (\$100.00), between VPPJ and Barbara Eissman Waldron-Shapiro, Cyril Eissman and Karen Eissman Klein; parking lot behind Lee's Pawn Shop.

The committee recommended the jury approve payment to LA-DEQ for Water Quality Annual General Permit Fee-\$99.00-West LA Forestry Festival; and Water Quality Annual General Permit Fee-\$660.00-Parish Debris Pit.

The committee recommended the jury approve request from V.P. Sheriff's Office, to replace compressor and door on walk-in cooler at the cook shack. Quote received from La. Food Service Equipment-\$4,144.00 (chase doors-\$2,157.00, and heatcraft refrigeration products-\$1,987.00). Installation will be done by the parish maintenance department.

Received after 9/13/10 committee meeting:

R.C. Paving invoices: (1) Oak Ridge-Dist. 9-\$46,013.40; (2) Bachelor Hollow Road-Dist. 11-\$43,215.30; (3) Dido Loop-Dist. 5-\$131,563.80; and (3) Lewis Road-Dist. 7-\$126,385.20.

Apeck Construction-\$99,071.70; road leveling on West Hawthorne Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Joseph "Bo" Cryer and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 9/13/10 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt the Finance Committee Report as read.

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Highway Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve the following School Board

Requests:

- 1) 392 D.E. Jeane Road; replace existing culvert for bus turnaround
- 2) 367 Cryer Road; existing bus route needs grading and gravel for bus turnaround
- 3) 134 J. Hext Road needs rock, and rock put on bus turnaround at end of Brushy Creek Road
- 4) 125 Foxy Lane; needs bus turnaround constructed

The committee recommended the jury approve resolution to perform work inside municipality of Town of Hornbeck for month of July: bushhog, wing mow ditches, ditch cleaning and pothole repair on all streets in city limits; specifically North Loop and additional removal of stumps on new town hall property.

The committee recommended the jury approve hardship assistance request for Ernestine Barrington, 259 LaCaze Road, District 5, Ward 5.

The committee recommended the President of jury sign Right-of-Way Servitude Agreements for bridge replacement on Section Line Road/Bridge over Bayou Castor. Property owners-Ricky Wayne & Shirley Jeane Midkiff; James E. Hutchins & Shirley H. Pesek.

The committee recommended the jury approve assistance from the jury to fill an abandoned well on property of James McKee, Jr., 5220 Hwy. 399, Pitkin.

Mr. Charlie Carroll, on behalf of residents in Yankee Ridge Estates, inquired as to why Froeming Road has not been placed on priority list, and why other roads in the subdivision have not been maintained by the jury. Mr. Carroll stated the road is a mile and three-quarters in length and there are 42 homes; which is a reason it

should be on the priority list to be overlaid. He requested the road be placed on priority list.

Mr. Tuck, President, stated that by law the jury runs the capital outlay program for three years, which there are ways to amend the list, but sometimes it will affect other areas. Mr. Tuck said that he wasn't saying the road would be overlaid in the next 6 months or year, but we will try to get it in the process. Mr. Tuck stated that it may have to be done in phases, do the main road and then the smaller roads later. The jury will have to review the road and see what options we have, then put a plan together.

The committee recommended the Parish Road Manager, do survey of whole subdivision and side roads and report back to the jury.

Mr. Carl Fletcher, resident of Walker Road, discussed the closure of this road, and stated he was opposed to road being closed. Mr. Fletcher stated a land owner had placed a fence on parish road.

The committee informed Mr. Fletcher, jury's legal counsel is reviewing closure of Walker Road and recommended he turn documentation in to him.

Received after 9/13/10 committee meeting:

Resolution to perform work inside municipality of Village of Simpson for the month of October, 2010: grade and/or repair potholes on Acorn Drive, A. Jackson Road, Andre Street, Buck Run, D. Davis Road, D. Welch Road, Dogwood Lane, Elmer Bennett road, Forest Drive, G. Parker Road, Joy Lawrence Road, Kountry Road, Magnolia Road, Misty Road, Netherland Road, Oak Street, Odie Jackson Road, Pine Tree Lane, Ponderosa Drive, Quail Creek Road, Royce Parker Road, Shadywood Drive, Welcome Cemetery Road, Chipper Lane, Third Street, Wildwood Lane and Wise Road. Also, lay (replace) asphalt on Welcome Cemetery Road from school to bridge. Parish Road Manager stated that asphaltting Welcome Cemetery Road was on the overlay list for next year.

Resolution for assistance from LGAP for the following roads: Shadywood Drive-District 6 and Lone Star Church Road-District 7.

Right-of-Way Servitude Agreement for bridge replacement on Section Line Road/Bridge over Bayou Castor; property owners Gabriel Hernandez and Carolyn Regina Ladner Hernandez.

Request from residents on Cable Loop, to post a sign in reference to parish noise ordinance on the road. They are having problems with loud music and

motorcycles.

Approve construction of bus turnaround in District 5, pending receipt of paperwork from School Board.

Request from Health Department for assistance in burying a dead horse located on Ira Street, Leesville; owner of property is Dianna Clark.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 9/13/10 Highway Committee Meeting. The following was also added: (1) jury's legal counsel reported he had not heard from actual landowner in reference to the abandonment of Walker Road and in his opinion the fence was not placed on a parish road as was reported, and this issue would be between Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Carson.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried to adopt the Highway Committee Report, with the exception of the adoption of LGAP resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackie Grimes, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to omit from the report, adoption of LGAP resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Leonard Johnson, to adopt LGAP resolution. A roll call vote was taken on the aforementioned motion and recorded as follows: **YEAS:** Blair and L. Johnson. **NAYS:** Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Clay, Cryer and K. Haymon. **ABSTAIN:** NONE. **ABSENT:** NONE. The motion failed to carry.

Mr. Jerry Blair, Chairman, Personnel Committee, reported the committee met on September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request received from Parish Road Manager, requesting the jury consider hiring Mr. Lee N. Smyth, full-time equipment operator, Dist. 10, 11 & 12, as soon as possible.

The committee approved the termination of Misty O'Gea, equipment operator, Dist. 10, 11 & 12, effective 8/20/10.

Parish Road Manager and Human Resources Manager, will conduct interviews on Wednesday with Kimberly Fetting and Susan Wise. Based on results of these interviews, we will hire a replacement for Tiffany Williams at PWM.

Received after 9/13/10 committee meeting:

Interviews were conducted on Wednesday, September 15, to select a replacement for Tiffany Williams at PW. The Parish Road Manager and Human

Resources Manager, recommended the jury hire Kimberly R. Fetting.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried, to adopt additions received after the 9/13/10 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the Personnel Committee Report as read.

Mr. Tommy McMahon, Chairman, Subdivision Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury accept plat for Hickory Ridge Estates, Phase I, Lots 1-24, District 9, Ward 3. Parish Road Manager has reviewed plat and found no problems.

Received after 9/13/10 committee meeting:

Letter received from Randy Kay, Health Dept., informing the jury that they had no objection to Hickory Ridge Estates, Phase I, Tracts 1-24, since all lots are in excess of one acre. Since water is available in the area they will insist that all residences are connected to public water. Each lot should be permitted individually for sewer requirements and all lots that do not pass the percolation test will need to use Aerobic Treatment Units with spray irrigation. The developer has decided to combine lots 13 & 14 making a larger lot; their office has no objection. Final plat will be available Monday, September 20, 2010 for jury's consideration and approval.

Letter received from Parish Road Manager recommending the jury accept plat for Hickory Ridge Estates, Phase I, Lots 1-23, also, recommending the jury accept survey plat for Country Club Road and Country Club Fairway, no problems were found.

A motion was made by Mr. Tommy McMahon, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 9/13/10 committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Tommy McMahon, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the Subdivision Committee Report as read.

Mr. Melvin Haymon, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.,

The committee reviewed a letter received from Vernon Parish Housing Authority, recommending Ms. Clemantine Pinkston serve another term on board,

beginning September 14, 2010 and expiring September 13, 2013; and Judy Welch to serve another term on the board, beginning September 14, 2010 and expiring September 13, 2015. The committee recommended the jury approve recommendations.

The committee reviewed a letter received from South Vernon Waterworks District, advising Mrs. Freddie Goins is resigning due to health problems; and recommended Stanley Hebert serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Goins. Elmer Wallace Moses' term expires September, 2010, and he does not wish to serve another term as board member. The committee recommended the jury approve recommendations. District 7 juror recommended Mr. Arlis Lewis be appointed to board to replace Mr. Moses.

The committee recommended the reappointments of the following board members to the Vernon Parish Tourism & Recreation Commission Board:

Mark Klein-term expires October 2010
 Betty Davis-term expires September 2010
 Carolyn Melder-term expires October 2010

In May 2010 the jury received a renewal quote from Fertitta Insurance Agency and a proposal quote from Morris Insurance Agency. The quote from Morris Insurance was significantly less. Due to the approaching deadline to renew our insurance policy, the police jury agreed to accept the Fertitta Insurance policy with the intent to continue pursuing bids. The police jury did not feel there was sufficient time to adequately review the two policies. The jury agreed to consider hiring an insurance consultant and to follow these procedures:

1. Have exact specifications drawn up detailing the type and amount of coverage needed.
2. Advertise Request for Proposals in the Leesville Daily Leader and mail copies to all local insurance agencies.
3. Require all agencies to bid on the same specifications, so that each proposal may be easily compared.
4. Allow all agencies sufficient time to prepare proposals. (up to 90 days)
5. Set date to receive and begin review process of proposals.

Option 1: Continue as approved during the May meeting by retaining the insurance consultant and follow the procedures outlined above. This process will take approximately 4 months. Set date to begin – Current insurance plan year will be up in May 2011.

Option 2: Accept request to hire insurance consultant to review the two policies at a cost of approximately \$3,500 and will take 2 weeks.

The committee recommended the jury approve Option I and to begin process in time for the renewal in May 2011.

The committee recommended the jury approve request from Mr. Bennie LeFeat to enter into a lease with agreement with VPPJ for Cottonwood Voting Precinct, located on his property for \$100.00 per month. Also, is requesting a night light be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the Ways & Means Committee Report as read, with the following addition: accept lease agreement for Cottonwood Voting Precinct, pending approval of jury's legal counsel.

Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., Chairman, Wildlife & Lakes Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Mr. Arno Arpke, Game & Fish Commission Chairman, gave an update on Anacoco & Vernon lakes, and informed the jury of the following: state biologist is coming at the end of September to do fish samples and water samples on both lakes; work on Vernon Lake Spillway is still not completed; several buoys have been stolen, which when individuals are caught there will be a substantial fine; lights are needed at Hickory Ridge and Methodist Landing; and working on method for flood control. Mr. Arpke also requested the jury approve approximately \$250.00, for aerial view of both lakes with state biologist.

The committee recommended the jury approve cost of aerial view of lakes.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the Wildlife & Lakes Committee Report as read, with the following addition: Chairman of the committee stated that there would be a draw down of Anacoco Lake for Boise, due to the lack of rain.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon, and carried, for the jury to act as a Board of Review, to hear and act on complaints, if any, relative to property assessment values in Vernon Parish.

Mr. James Johnson, Vernon Parish Tax Assessor, stated he was pleased to report there were no protests for the 2010 tax roll.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon, and carried, to go into a Public Hearing, to discuss and answer questions regarding the adoption of the millage rate(s) for the year 2010.

There being no questions relative to the adoption of the millage rate(s) for the

year 2010, a motion was made by Mr. Kenny Haymon, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to return to regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon, to adopt a resolution adopting millage rate(s) for the year 2010. A roll call vote taken on motion to adopt millage rate(s) for 2010 was 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 was declared carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to go into a Public Hearing to hear public input on proposed ordinance to abandon 530 ft. of Cain Street, #5017, Dist. 5, Wd. 5.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Joseph "Bo" Cryer and carried, to return to regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., to adopt ordinance to abandon 530 ft. of Cain Street, #5017, Dist. 5, Wd. 5. A roll call vote was taken on aforementioned motion 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 was declared carried, and the ordinance was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Tommy McMahan, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to adopt resolutions accepting the following roads into the Parish Road Maintenance System: Ridgebrook Drive, Mirante Drive, and Carter Drive; all roads are in the Spring Lake Subdivision, Phase I, Dist. 3, Wd. 7.

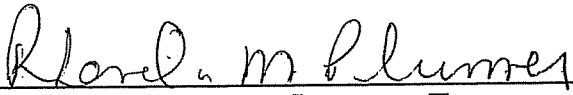
A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson, and carried, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Police Jury to finance the purchase of Chevrolet truck for Dist. 6, with Sabine State Bank and authorize the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer to execute all related documents.

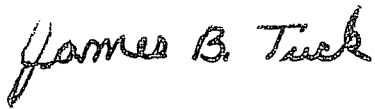
Proclamations were unanimously adopted to proclaim October 4-9, 2010 as, "The Golden Jubilee Peace and Acts of Kindness Week", also, October 4-10, 2010 as "Pastor Harrison Fields, Sr., Week", and October 10, 2010 as, "New Willow Baptist Church Golden Jubilee Celebration Day".

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon 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, a motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adjourn.


Rhonda M. Plummer, Secretary-Treasurer
Vernon Parish Police Jury


James B. Tuck, President
Vernon Parish Police Jury