

MINUTES**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PARISH GOV. COMPLEX BLDG.
300 S. 3RD ST., 2ND FLOOR****MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010
10:00 A.M.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, October 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room with the following members present: Honorable James B. Tuck, President, Pete Dowden, Tommy McMahon, Reggie Johnson, Jerry Blair, Leonard Johnson, Melvin Haymon, Sam Fulton, Jr., Curtis Clay, and Kenny Haymon. **ABSENT:** Jackie Grimes and Joseph "Bo" Cryer.

The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Haymon, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr.

Mrs. Raetta Harvey, Director of WLFF Queen Pageant, introduced the 2010 Forestry Festival Queen and her court. Mrs. Harvey thanked the President and District 8 Police Juror for their contributions toward the pageant.

Mr. Chad Hagan, County Agent, thanked the jury, parish road manager, District 12 foreman and parish maintenance crew for their support and assistance preparing for the fair and during the fair to make it a success.

Mr. Charnell Bailey, WLFF Chairman, thanked the jury for their support and appreciated everyone who helped make the fair a success.

President of the jury, thanked Mr. Hagan, Mr. Bailey and fair board for the great job they did during the fair.

Mr. Charles Keel, District 7 resident, inquired about funds for Lewis Road, and was told all funds allocated for that road had been spent on that road.

Mrs. Hunt, District 7 resident, asked jury about requests she had turned in on Poor Doo Lane, and was told the jury would review and see what could be done.

President of the jury asked for public comment on agenda items and received no public input.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Special

Call Meeting, September 20 Regular Monthly Meeting, and September 27, 2010 Special Call Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Jackie Grimes, Chairman, Economic Development & Planning Committee reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve Recommendation for Payment received from Meyer & Associates: 2009/2010 LCDBG Road Project Clear Creek (J.P. Calcote):

- 1) Willie Deon, Jr., Clerk of Court-\$55.00 (recording costs)
- 2) Meyer & Associates-\$7,778.10-(contract A)
- 3) Meyer & Associates-\$2,390.00-(engineering services)

The committee recommended the jury approve payment to GNF Mgt.- \$9,450.00; professional services from 5/26/10 through 9/28/10; FY2009 LCDBG Street Improvements Project.

The Plan Vernon Parish kick-off meetings will be held at Leesville High School and Simpson High School Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Anacoco High School, Rosepine High School and Pitkin High School, Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt the Economic Development & Planning Committee Report as read.

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request from Sheriff's Department, to purchase an 8 camera security system for monitoring purposes in the jail; quote received from Super Circuits-\$1,939.99.

The committee recommended the jury approve pothole patching expenses for the month of September 2010, to be transferred to overlay-\$7,596.47.

The committee recommended the jury approve invoice received from KCS-\$50.00; annual lease on 1.17 acres (Museum).

The committee recommended the jury approve invoices received from Apeck Construction:

- 1) asphalt leveling-\$16,816.80-Bailey Road-hold payment
- 2) asphalt leveling-\$ 4,107.60-Ernest Thompson Road
- 3) asphalt leveling-\$14,641.20-Drakes Fork Road

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Request from Animal Shelter to purchase 12 traps from TRU CATCH TRAPS-\$1,552.99, shipping, \$294.19-total price-\$1,847.18; will be paid from grant funds.

R.C. Paving-\$11,211.30, asphalt for Cypress Cemetery Road, District 7 (grant), and Marion Taylor Road, District 2-\$119,910.60.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Kenny Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 10/11/10 committee meeting.

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

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Highway Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve requests from Vernon Parish School Board for the following:

- 1) dirt/gravel be added to existing turnaround at 520 Timothy Drive, Rosepine
- 2) construction of bus turnaround at 4740 Port Arthur Avenue, Anacoco.

The committee recommended the jury perform work as requested through resolutions for: **1) Town of Hornbeck(October 2010):** bushhog, wing mow ditches on all street in city limits; clean ditches and repair potholes on Old Valley Electric Road, Bonner Street and all streets in city limits; assistance with preparing base for Reeks Lane for asphaltting and assistance at Hornbeck Optimist Park with base for asphalt (property owned by Town of Hornbeck); **(November 2010):** assist with rock on Rose Avenue; bushhog, wing mow ditches; clean ditches and repair potholes on all streets inside the city limits; **2) Village of Simpson (November 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; **3) Village of Anacoco:** grade Huey Bean Road and Johnny Guy Road; road

sinking at curve on Lewing Drive; need street sign and post on Sandy Drive; and repair potholes between Port Arthur and Cypress Streets on Ryan Street.

The committee recommended the jury approve the following requests from V. P. Health Department: (1) assistance in filling an abandoned well located on property @ 640 Herrington Road; considered to be a public health nuisance and hazard; (2) assistance in burying dead horses at 243 Valley Electric Road; owner of property is Len Edwards, and Ira Street; owner of property is Dianna Clark; (3) assistance on property of Ed Smith @ 19299 Hwy. 111 South, Evans; structure has been abandoned and harbors rodents and insects.

The committee recommended the jury approve hardship assistance requests for Beverly & Jimmy Pannell, 1170 Broad Street, District 7-\$100.00, and District 9 on Cherokee Road, pending receipt of paperwork.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to add the following to the committee report: request from City of Leesville for assistance on Lees Lane and Woodland Drive, and authorize parish road manager to check roads to see what needs to be done.

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

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Construction Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee received letter from Parish Road Manager in reference to Cypress Cemetery Road. The road has 5,090 feet that is still without a hard surface and will cost approximately \$39,060.00 to put dirt and gravel on the remainder of road. It will cost approximately \$39,670.00 for dirt, rock and asphalt to do 1,400 x 18'.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

The first overlay list submitted by the road supervisor had to be cut due to budget limitations. D-7 Lewis Road was cut down to 1 mile to be overlaid. Mr. Johnson requested that Cypress Cemetery Road be added to the overlay list for three shot at a cost of 34,577 for three shot and \$28,500 for base work. We then received approval for a \$12,000.00 grant for Cypress Cemetery Road. The overlay

list was revised from three shot to asphalt at a total asphalt cost of \$50,000 and base work at \$28,500. (\$12,000 of this expense being paid from the grant) We then received approval for \$40,000 from state appropriations for asphalt expense on this road. These funds were applied to the cost of Cypress Church reducing the amount necessary to be charged to the overlay fund. Catfish Hut Road and Lewis Road went over budgeted cost by a total of \$16,373.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the additions received after 10/11/10 committee meeting; also, the following was added: There was a discussion on overlay funds for Cypress Cemetery Road, and was determined all money was spent appropriately on the road. The committee requested the parish road manager check and see what materials need to be put on road until it can be overlaid; possibly be on next year's overlay list.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the Road Construction Committee Report as read.

Mr. Kenny Haymon, Chairman, Parish Capital Properties Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee discussed a request from Mr. Steve Tyre, to purchase 1.95 acres owned by the VPPJ, located on Hwy. 117 at T3NR9W, SEC 36, and recommended jury to declare property surplus and authorize appraisal (fee to be included in sale price).

The committee recommended the jury approve proposal received from Tony McDonald with Pat Williams Construction, to provide materials, labor and equipment to cover the pitched roof at the Museum with medium duty tarpaulins which is a temporary fix-\$3,920.00. (FEMA will be reimbursing for cost).

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Dr. Lubbo has expressed an interest in purchasing adjudicated property located behind Barksdale Federal Credit Union; Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Allis Addition. Recommend jury declare property surplus.

Mr. Ed Reese submitted a request on June of 2008 to purchase the property that Mr. Steve Tyre requested to purchase located on Hwy 117 at T3NR9W, Sec

36, 1.95 acres. Mr. Reese had made an offer of \$1,000.00 per acre. This property was an old landfill and the purchaser will assume all responsibility. This property will be advertised for 30 days. At the time of the public bid, anyone from the public may make a counter offer for this property. This property is recommended to be declared surplus and the public bid date is set for December 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny Haymon, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after 10/11/10 committee meeting; also add the following: jury's legal counsel is checking liability issues on request to purchase old landfill property.

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

Mr. Pete Dowden, Chairman, Parish Equipment Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request from District 3, to purchase equipment #A-119 (dump truck) from PWM for \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Pete Dowden, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the Parish Equipment Committee Report as read.

Mr. Leonard Johnson, Chairman, Claims Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury deny claim for damages received from AT&T-\$305.23; damages occurred on 8/9/10 at 733 Slagle Loop, while road crew was clearing r-o-w and bushhogging PED. Equipment was not visible to road crew.

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

Mr. Leonard Johnson, Chairman, Permit Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve application received from Eagle Rock Pipeline, Houston, Texas, for Road Crossing Permit-Fal Road; \$2,000.00 permit fee has been received.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Beer & liquor application received from Tracy Mata, for Lost Weekends,
12087 Lake Charles Hwy.-Class "A" License-\$383.35.

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

Mr. Jerry Blair, Chairman, Personnel Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request received from V.P. Tourism & Recreation Commission, informing the jury of salary increase for Marcilla J. Cook, Administrative Assistant, in the amount of \$41.66 per pay period (\$1,000.00 annually), effective 10/15/2010. Annual employee review and evaluation was completed.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Request from Mr. Randy Kay, V.P. Health Unit, for jury to consider to hire a replacement for Mrs. Tabatha Maldonado; who resigned 10/14/10. Job description and rate of compensation will remain the same.

Terminations: (1) Julia Duhon, job ended 10/13/10 (summer help); and, (2) Alex Comer, voluntary termination; effective 10/13/10.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 10/11/10 committee meeting.

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

Mr. Tommy McMahon, Chairman, Subdivision Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve plat received for Churchman Ranch Subdivision, Phase I, Lots #1-8, District 7, Ward 7; Parish Road Manager has reviewed plat and found no problems.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Plat for Harmony Hills Subdivision, Phase I, Lots #1-47; Hickory Ridge Road, District 9. Parish Road Manager has reviewed plat and found no problems.

A motion was made by Mr. Tommy McMahon, seconded by Mr. Reggie

Johnson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 10/11/10 committee meeting.

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

Mr. Melvin Haymon, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve recommendation received from Gas Utility District #1, informing the jury Ms. Annie Ruth Maricle has resigned due to illness; recommendation from the board to appoint Mr. George Gaskin to replace Ms. Maricle.

The committee recommended the jury approve recommendation received from South V.P. Waterworks Dist. #1, informing the jury that Mr. Arlis Lewis does not want to be a board member, and recommended Ms. Elaine Fontenot serve as board member.

The committee recommended the jury present certificates of appreciation for years served to:

- 1) Mayor of Rosepine-Bruce Ward
- 2) School Board Member-Gaye McKee
- 3) School Board Member-Mark Smith, Dist. #1

Mr. Randy Kay, Parish Sanitarian, informed the jury he would be resigning from the Human Service District Board, but would not do so until an appropriate candidate could be appointed.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Adopt a resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$90,000.00 of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2010, of West Vernon Parish Waterworks District, Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Kenny Haymon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 10/11/10 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to adopt the Ways & Means Committee Report as read.

Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., Chairman, Wildlife & Lakes Committee, reported the

committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee informed the jury the gates on Anacoco Lake have been opened by DOTD.

Anacoco Lake Spillway Park will hold their first Fall Music Festival on October 29, 2010.

Received after 10/11/10 committee meeting:

Adopt a resolution for the jury to officially recognize Fall Music Festival at Anacoco Spillway Park as a local festival.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 10/11/10 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to adopt the Wildlife & Lakes Committee Report as read.

Mr. Terry Lambright, jury's legal counsel, gave an update on the following:

- (1) counsel found no problems with Bennie LaFeat's lease agreement for Cottonwood Voting Precinct; jury would have to decide on payment, and
- (2) discussed possible succession for Mr. Vickers, in reference to bridge on Section Line Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried, to approve the official listing of Off-System Bridges and adopt a resolution stating the Police Jury has followed all guidelines as required for participation in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried, to hold a Public Hearing, Monday, November 15, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m., to hear public input on proposed ordinance to abandon Bertie Road (528 ft.) in its entirety, District 7, Ward 7.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam Fulton, Jr., and carried, to adopt resolutions to accept into the Parish Road Maintenance System, Cain Street South, beginning at 1,102 ft. marker for 572 ft. on the south side of the ball field, and Cain Street North, beginning on the north side of the ball field for 900 ft., District 5, Ward 5.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon

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. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adjourn.

Rhonda M Plummer

**Rhonda M. Plummer, Secretary-Treasurer
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