

MINUTES

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING
300 S. 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010
10:00 AM

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, November 15, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Police Jury Meeting Room with the following members

PRESENT: Honorable James B. Tuck, President, Howard "Pete" Dowden, Tommy McMahon, Jackie Grimes, Reggie Johnson, Jerry Blair, Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Curtis Clay, Joseph "Bo" Cryer, and Kenny Haymon. The following members were **ABSENT:** Leonard Johnson and Melvin Haymon.

The invocation was given by Mr. Curtis Clay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Reggie Johnson.

Mr. Wesley Coffman, Fair Board member, addressed the jury, asking the jury to allow the Fair Board to conduct its own business and affairs; Mr. Coffman was not acting on the authority of the Fair Board. Mr. Tuck made the jury aware of some issues involving the Fair Board that need to be resolved and that the Police Jury Secretary/Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer for the Fair Board. Mr. Fulton informed Mr. Coffman that he did not believe that the Fair Board should be left to its own devices since the board falls under the jurisdiction of the Police Jury.

Mr. Leonard Johnson arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Darryl Hinson, Fair Board member, addressed the jury to express his appreciation to the Police Jury and their staff for all the help they provided during the fair.

Mr. Gene Davis, Fair Board member, addressed the jury and expressed his concerns about the lack of minority representation at the Fair Grounds.

Mr. Charnel Bailey, President, Fair Board, expressed his gratitude to the Police Jury and that they could not be as effective without Police Jury assistance.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 Regular Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Curtis Clay, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury advertise bids for maintenance and janitorial supplies for the year 2011.

The committee recommended the jury hold payment to R.C. Paving, in the amount of \$138,085.20; asphalt for Ingalls Road, District 6, until road repairs are completed.

The committee recommended the jury authorize October pothole patching, in the amount of \$9,482.12, be transferred to overlay account.

The committee recommended the jury approve quote received from Electronic Business Systems for FTR Touch 5.3 digital recording system-\$6,705.75; on State contract.

The committee recommended the jury authorize payment to Right-of-Way Acquisition Company-\$3,600.00, r-o-w acquisitions for bridge over Bayou Castor-Section Line Road (State Project #713-58-0115), pending receipt of r-o-w agreements.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Sheriff's Dept., to purchase prisoner jumpsuits-\$730.75.

The committee recommended the jury authorize payment to Foley & Judell-\$7,538.00; legal services rendered in connection with the authorization, issuance, delivery and approval of \$500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds.

The committee recommended the jury approve proposed 2011 budget for the operation of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission; annual budget must be approved by a majority of the parish level governing body in the laboratory service area.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Joseph "Bo" Cryer and carried, to adopt the Finance Committee Report as read.

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Highway Committee reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury advertise bids for road equipment maintenance and supplies for the year 2011.

The committee reviewed resolutions to perform work inside municipalities of:

(1) **Village of Simpson-December**: 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; (2) **Village of Anacoco**: grade Huey Bean Road and Johnny Guy Road; clean ditches at 219, 247 and 259 Ball Park Road; (3) **Town of Hornbeck-December**: bushhog, wing mow ditches on all streets in city limits, clean ditches and pothole repair on Westbrook Road and Corley Road. The committee recommended the jury perform work as requested.

The committee reviewed a request from Vernon Parish School Board for assistance in repairing school bus turnaround at 4738 Fal Road. The drainage from parish road has had an adverse impact on the private road approaching the turnaround. The committee recommended the jury perform work as requested.

The committee recommended the jury approve following requests from Vernon Parish Health Unit: (1) assistance on property of Arliss Lewis on Henry Bass Road; structures and property are overgrown and harboring undesirable creatures that are of public health significance; and (2) assistance in filling an abandoned well located at 192 Sweet Gum Lane; considered to be a public health nuisance and hazard.

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

Request from Parish Road Manager, to authorize Mike Butler to remove scrap iron and junked equipment from district yards; he recently removed scrap iron from Parishwide Maintenance.

At the request of Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Parish Road Supervisor is looking at Lee Lane and Woodland Drive in the City of Leesville for possible inclusion on Parish overlay list for 2011.

Mr. Jerry Blair expressed concern for Walnut Hill Road, a recently overlaid road that is breaking up and needs to be checked; and also Jackson Road is breaking up as well. Parish Road Supervisor is looking into both roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr. and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/10 committee meeting

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, Road Construction Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed a request received from Harrel Davis, requesting completion of road overlay service in front of lots 30, 29, 28, 27 & 26, on Oak Ridge Drive of Empire Point Subdivision. During months of August and September 2010, road overlay was conducted on Oak Ridge Drive-Empire Point Subdivision. The work service ended partway of lot 30. There were questions by Parish Road Manager as to whether the Oak Ridge Drive road continued on to lots 29, 28, 27, & 26. Plat clearly shows these lots as being part of Oak Ridge Drive.

Mr. Harrel Davis was present at meeting to discuss completion of road improvement on Oak Ridge Drive.

The committee recommended jury's legal counsel review all information received on Oak Ridge Drive, and report back to the jury with his recommendations.

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

Mr. Howard "Pete" Dowden, Chairman, Parish Equipment Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request and authorize the purchase of a new pickup truck through State contract with Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency, for Dist. 1, 4, 8 & 9; cost of \$9,500.00.

The committee recommended the jury approve request and authorize the purchase of two (2) International Dump Trucks through State contract with Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency, for District 2 and District 7; cost is \$19,000.00 each.

The committee reviewed request for the Vernon Parish Maintenance Unit to purchase a used vehicle from the Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency. We are presently considering the purchase of a 2002 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado pickup that is listed for \$8,900.00. The committee recommended the jury approve request, after inspection of this vehicle. Other vehicles are also available at or below this price if this vehicle is determined to be unwanted.

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| 1. 2002 Chevrolet Silverado | \$8,800.00 | Miles 22k |
| 2. 2002 Dodge Dakota | \$7,400.00 | Miles 8k |

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

After reviewing the vehicles available through Louisiana Federal Property Assistance Agency, the maintenance supervisor purchased a 2003 Chevrolet S-10 pickup V-6 engine (15,330 miles); cost-\$7,600.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard "Pete" Dowden, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/10 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard "Pete" Dowden, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahon and carried to adopt the Parish Equipment Report as read.

Mr. Leonard Johnson, Chairman, Permit Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

Beer & liquor application received from Deshun McNeely, for Club 337, 467 Entrance Road, Leesville; Class A License-\$383.35.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/10 committee meeting.

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

Mr. Jerry Blair, Chairman, Personnel Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve request received from Parish Road Manager, to transfer Ottis Stephens District 7, from full-time to part-time, as soon as possible.

The committee recommended the jury approve changes as follows: Henry Lopez, equipment operator, Dist. 10, 11 & 12-voluntary termination effective 11/4/10.

The committee recommended the jury approve Belinda Diehl to be promoted to Assistant Secretary in Mary Ann Coburn's place. Ms. Diehl will also maintain her duties as Project Coordinator. We will not be hiring any additional employees for the main office. We will, however, be redistributing some duties amongst the staff.

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

Request letter received from Parish Road Manager, for the jury to consider hiring Jerry Twyman, part-time equipment operator (32 hrs. wk.), Dist. 10, 11 & 12.

Recommend the jury approve the following days off for parish employees
Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, November 26, 2010.

Recommend the jury approve the following days off for parish employees for the Christmas holiday: Thursday, Dec. 23 and Friday, December 24, 2010

Recommend the jury approve the following days off for parish employees for the New Year's holiday: Thursday, December 30 and Friday, December 31, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/10 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, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

A plat was received for Buddy's Pointe Estates-Phase I, Lots 1-17, District 2. Parish Road Manager reviewed plat and most of lots are in Flood Zone A; only lot that is completely out of Flood Zone A is Lot #15. The rest are partially or completely in Flood Zone A. The committee recommended more information be obtained before accepting plat.

A plat was received for Caswell Lake Subdivision-Phase 2, Lots 7-16. Parish Road Manager will review plat pending receipt of original plat; preliminary was turned in.

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

Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., reported the Ways & Means Committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommended the jury approve letter received from Howard Coy, Librarian, requesting the re-appointment of Mr. Finley Stanley to serve on the Library Board; his current term expires 12/31/10.

The committee recommended the jury advertise bids for new bookmobile for V.P. Library.

The committee reviewed a letter received from Dr. Kanchan Upadhyay, M.D., in reference to sales tax on drug infusions given in his office for non-chemotherapy medications (close to 5.1% sales tax). The sales tax is not applicable in all states, as well as Caddo Parish. He has patients from Vernon, Beauregard and Sabine parishes who receive this medication, and he will not be able to continue to give this medication due to sales tax; asking assistance from the jury to resolve this matter. Legal council is reviewing this request.

The committee reviewed letters received from Suddenlink Communications, announcing the addition of 18 new and highly requested channels to the lineup serviced by the DeRidder office; effective 11/18/10. Customers are being provided advance notice via message on the Community Bulletin Board. Also, there will be no change in price of many locally available services and equipment, including premium services and DVRs. Local adjustments will be effective January 2011, and are necessary due to the rising cost of TV programming, internet bandwidth, equipment, insurance and other factors.

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

Recommend the jury approve a resolution/intergovernmental agreement for the exchange of property on Ottis Johnson Road (2 acres), for the property that is currently being leased from the State of Louisiana and used as the District 5 Maintenance Unit in Pitkin; pending review of documents by legal counsel. Also, approve James B. Tuck, President or Rhonda M. Plummer, Secretary-Treasurer, sign all documents related to the exchange of property. The property on Ottis Johnson

Road will need to be cleared and a fence and gate need to be installed at the parish's expense prior to the exchange, and the parish will need to provide the State of Louisiana permission to use a parish road to access their facility.

Received grant for Water Work District I, in the amount of \$10,000.00; Act 41 Line Item Appropriation. Adopt a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary-Treasurer to execute all documents.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/2010 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Joseph "Bo" Cryer and carried, to adopt the Ways & Means Committee Report as read.

Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Chairman, Wildlife & Lakes Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was not a quorum present; therefore committee report was not read.

Received after 11/8/10 committee meeting:

Vernon Spillway is complete and waiting on inspection. Anacoco Lake is currently down 33" and the gates were closed on November 10, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 11/08/2010 committee meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr. and carried, to hear public input on the proposed ordinance to abandon 528 feet on Bertie Road, #7034, District 7, Ward 7.

Mr. Rufus Goins spoke in support of the abandonment.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to return to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., to adopt an ordinance to abandon 528 feet on Bertie Road, #7034, District 7, Ward 7. A roll call vote was taken on the aforementioned motion and recorded as follows: **YEAS:** James B. Tuck, Howard "Pete" Dowden, Tommy McMahon, Jackie

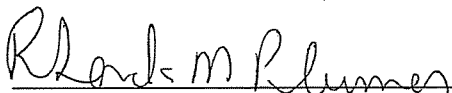
Grimes, Reggie Johnson, Jerry Blair, Leonard Johnson, Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Curtis Clay, Joseph "Bo" Cryer, and Kenny Haymon. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Melvin Haymon. The motion carried.

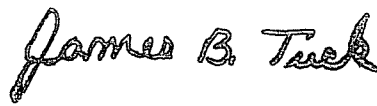
A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt a resolution to waive the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) through September 30, 2010, for the Vernon Parish Housing Authority; estimated PILOT is \$12,080.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried, to adopt a resolution/agreement in reference to Rosepine Recreational Facility, and resolution to authorize President and Secretary/Treasurer to execute all documents.

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


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


James B. Tuck, President
Vernon Parish Police Jury