

MINUTES**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING
300 S. 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR****MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
10:00 AM**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, December 20, 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, Leonard Johnson, Melvin Haymon, Sam B. Fulton, Jr., Curtis Clay, Joseph "Bo" Cryer, and Kenny Haymon.

The following members were **ABSENT:** None.

The invocation was given by Mr. Jerry Blair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bo Cryer.

Mr. Randy Kay, Parish Sanitarian, expressed his thanks to the Police Jury for their continued support of the Vernon Parish Health Unit.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jackie Grimes, seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon and carried, to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2010 Regular Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

New Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate maps have been approved for Vernon Parish and will become effective March 3, 2011. The parish will begin outreach and adopt an ordinance in compliance with FEMA guidelines. The committee recommends the jury proceed with public outreach.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackie Grimes, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the Economic Development & Planning Committee report as read.

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

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to Institutional Service & Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$4,810.56 for parts and work performed on jail cells at the Vernon Parish Jail.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to GNF Management Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,550.00 (general fund) for Professional Services for the FY 2009 LCDBG Street Improvements Project.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to CBK Soil Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$1,980.00 (general fund) for Geotechnical Investigation services for 2006/2007 LCDBG Road Project, J.P. Calcote.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to Meyer & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$311.93 (general fund) for inspection services for 2006/2007 LCDBG Road Project, J.P. Calcote.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to AECOM in the amount of \$42,750.00 (grant) for Professional Services related to the Parish Wide Comprehensive Plan.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to Apeck Construction in the amount of \$21,805.00 (grant) for road work on 2006/2007 LCDBG Road Project, J.P. Calcote.

The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to LSUHSC Pathology Outreach Services in the amount of \$7,982.50 for autopsy services from February – August 2010.

The committee reviewed bills from Byrd Regional Hospital for VPSO inmates: 1.) \$2,643.60 and 2.) \$9585.45. The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to Byrd Regional Hospital pending negotiation to lower the amount due.

The committee recommends the jury authorize pothole patching in the amount of \$3,927.19 for November 2010, to be transferred to the overlay account.

Received after 12/13/2010 committee meeting:

Received bill from Byrd Regional Hospital for VPSO inmate in the amount of \$5160.00; this amount is being negotiated. The committee recommends the jury authorize payment to Byrd Regional Hospital pending negotiation to lower the amount due.

The bids for maintenance/janitorial supplies were opened on 12/17/2010 and are being reviewed.

Reviewed request from Animal Shelter to purchase Ark Software (\$995.00), washer & dryer (\$1564.50), and a computer for use at the Animal Shelter; these items are reimbursable through a grant. The committee recommends the jury approve these purchases.

Reviewed request from Animal Shelter to purchase cages from Shore-Line in the amount of \$7938.77; this will be paid out of grant money. The committee recommends the jury approve this purchase.

On motion by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Bo Cryer and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Curtis Clay, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes and carried with Mr. Sam B. Fulton Jr. abstaining from the vote, to adopt the Finance Committee report as read.

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

The committee reviewed Resolutions to perform work inside municipalities of: **(1) Village of Simpson:** grade and/or repair potholes where needed on Acorn Dr., A. Jackson Rd., Andre St., Buck Run, D. Davis Rd., Kountry Rd., Magnolia Rd., Misty Rd., Netherland Rd., Oak St., Odie Jackson Rd., Pine Tree Lane, Ponderosa Dr., Quail Creek Rd., Royce Parker Rd., Shadywood Dr., Welcome Cemetery Rd., Chipper Lane, Thirds St., Wildwood Lane, Wise Rd. **(2) Village of Anacoco:** grade Huey Bean Rd. and Johnny Guy Rd., clean ditches at 217, 247, and 259 Ball Park Rd., and clean ditch at intersection of Loop St. and Anacoco St. The committee recommends the jury perform work as requested.

The committee reviewed requests from Vernon Parish School Board to build a new bus turnaround at 125 Foxy Lane, District 2, Ward 2 and 201 Sandy Drive, District 2, Ward 2. The committee recommends the jury perform work as requested.

The committee reviewed hardship assistance request from John Lester Prejean, 161 Cherokee Lane; \$458.66. The committee recommends the jury approve the hardship request.

The committee reviewed request from Health Department for assistance in burying a dead horse located on Hawks Rd., Leesville; owner of the property is Clifton Burrow. The committee recommends the jury approve this request.

The committee reviewed a request from the Village of Simpson is requesting assistance with repair of a 2078' x 18' section of Shadywood Dr. damaged by heavy hauling. They are also requesting 132 yards of base rock for Misty Rd. The committee recommends that this request be considered for inclusion on the 2011 Overlay list.

Received after 12/12/2010 committee meeting:

Right of way/Servitude Agreements and Compensation Estimates (\$448.00) for bridge over Bayou Castor; property owner Rincey Mae McKeller. The committee recommends the jury proceed with right-of-way acquisition.

Bids for bridge materials and maintenance supplies were opened on 12/17/2010 and are being reviewed by Parish Road Manager. The bids for rock and road materials will be opened on 12/27/2010.

The committee recommends the jury approve hardship request from Denis McWilliams, pending receipt of paperwork.

The Indigo Oil Company is drilling on Hood Camp Road. The road has been damaged due to their activities and needs to be repaired. Normal procedure is for the company to fix the road prior to moving equipment to prevent damage, but that was not the case. Indigo Oil will need to improve the road or will need to suspend drilling activities after rain events. Parish Road Manager will monitor the road situation. The committee recommends that the parish consult with DeSoto and Caddo Parishes to see what guidelines they follow.

On motion by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the Highway Committee Report as read.

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Road Construction Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Legal counsel reviewed the documents related to Oak Ridge Drive in the Empire Point Subdivision; the entire road was accepted into the system in 1974, including the area in front of lots 29, 28, 27, & 26. Legal counsel recommends the jury have the road surveyed to determine the exact location of the road and the parish right-of-way. The committee recommends that the jury proceed with legal counsel recommendation.

Received after 12/13/2010 committee meeting:

Request from Mr. Alvin C. Dowden that the jury consider allowing building permits for lots 32-35, 44, and 45 of the McShan Estates pending resolution of dispute involving Will & Wyatt Drives. The committee recommends this item be placed back in committee for further review and discussion.

The committee recommends the jury pay invoice from RC Paving for 2,400 square yards of two shot surface treatment for J. Nolen Road, D5; \$10,560.00; to be paid from D5 money.

The committee recommends the jury pay invoice from RC Paving for 2,888 square yards of two shot application for Clarence Doyle Road, D5, W5, \$11,506.07; to be paid from D5 money.

On motion by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Reggie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried, to adopt the Road Construction Committee report as read.

Mr. Pete Dowden, Chairman, Parish Equipment Committee reported the committee met on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed a request from Parish Road Manger to purchase two used engines for two of Parish Wide's Mack Trucks; requesting to purchase both engines from Plunk's Truck Parts & Equip, Inc. for \$5,000.00 each. The committee recommends the jury approve the purchase from Plunk's.

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

Mr. Leonard Johnson, Chairman, Permit & Claims Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee reviewed a claim by the insurance company for driver of motorcycle that struck loose gravel on Jeane Chapel Road and the vehicle went down. The VPPJ had worked on the road the day before and left the excess gravel on the roadway. State Police indicate the driver was not exceeding the speed limit. Legal Counsel recommends the jury pay half of the damages – \$1,379.25 – to the insurance company and to reimburse the driver for his deductible – \$500.00. The committee recommends the jury pay this claim.

The committee reviewed a claim by the driver of vehicle struck a rock on Graham Road and indicated that the rock was in the road way that had become unearthed due to the grading of the road by Parish Maintenance department. The driver is seeking reimbursement from the VPPJ to repair the damages to the vehicle.

Three quotes are as follows:

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| 1. Auto Collision Center | \$314.22 |
| 2. CBG Buick, GMC | \$317.45 |
| 3. Duplechain Paint and Body | \$304.53 |

The committee recommends the jury pay this claim.

The committee recommends the jury waive the building permit fee for the pavilion being built in Pine Island Cemetery.

On motion by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the Permit & Claims Committee report as read.

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

The committee recommends the jury approve a request from Parish Road Manager requesting that Mr. Vern D. Hillman, District 6, be transferred from Part Time to Full Time, effective January 3, 2011.

Received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting:

Request from Parish Road Manager to: 1.) Move Robert Jagneaux from truck driver to mechanic's helper and truck driver; \$12.50 per hour; 90 day probation period. If employee goes back to truck driver, he will forfeit the increase in pay. 2.) Move Kenneth Green to temporary shop foreman with no pay increase at this time; extend 90 day probation period.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Curtis Clay and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Tommy McMahan and carried, to adopt the Personnel Committee report as read.

Mr. Tommy McMahan, Chairman, Subdivision Committee reported the committee met on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee reviewed a letter from Parish Road Manager recommending approval of Subdivision Plat for Buddy's Point Estates, lots 1-17; subdivision is located primarily in Flood Zone A and developer must obtain elevation certificate for the subdivision and the road, as well as let buyers know that elevation certificates are required for each building put on the property before a building permit can be issued. The committee recommends the jury approve the plat, pending compliance with Parish Road Manger recommendations.

On motion by Mr. Tommy McMahan, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried, to adopt the Personnel Committee report as read.

Mr. Melvin Haymon, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed the renewal notice from Parish Government Risk Management Agency for Workers Compensation insurance; renewal premium for 2011 is \$221,362.00 (an increase of \$15,338.00 from 2010). The increase in

premium is due to an increase in payroll and claims for 2010. It is imperative that employees operate in a safe manner while performing their job duties, doing so should result in lower costs to the parish in the future. The committee recommends the jury approve the premium.

There are three vacancies on the WLFF Fair Board; nominations to fill these vacancies are: Lisa Yates, District 6, Archie Lee Martin, District 2, and Angie Davis, District 12. The committee recommends the jury approve these nominations.

The NACo Discount Prescription Card program has resulted in savings for Vernon Parish residents and the parish ranks 5th out of 19 parishes in usage; a new campaign to expand usage will begin in 2011.

Mr. Randy Kay is resigning from the Central Louisiana Human Services District Board, effective immediately. Recommend the jury accept his resignation and appoint Mr. Bob Westmorland in his place.

Received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting:

Renew lease for one year (\$100.00) between VPPJ and Barbera Eisman Waldron-Shapiro, Syril Eissman, and Karen Eissman Klein, for parking area behind Lee's Pawn Shop. This lease will be renewed annually in June.

A public bid was held on 12/20/2010 at 9:30am for VPPJ property located on Hwy 117 at T3NR9W, SEC 36. Mr. Ed Reese was the only bidder; recommend the jury approve Mr. Reese's bid of \$3900.00 and proceed with the sale.

Resolution to authorize jury to enter into contract for the 2011 Federal Transit Administration Non-Urbanized Area Formula Grant; Operating and Capital Assistance Title 49 CFR 5311; Rural Public Transportation Program and to authorize President or Secretary/Treasurer to sign all contracts and forms related to the grant.

Request from West Vernon Water Works for assistance with dirt work; Recommend the jury approve the request, pending receipt of paperwork.

On motion by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr. and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 12/13/2010 committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Melvin Haymon, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried, to adopt the Ways & Means Committee report as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackie Grimes, to adopt an ordinance providing for the collection and payment of franchise fees from Suddenlink Communications. A roll call vote was taken on the aforementioned motion and recorded as follows: **YEAS:** Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L. Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Cryer, and K. Haymon. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Clay. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Bo Cryer, to adopt an ordinance to change the speed limit on Bennett Collins Loop #6090, in its entirety, from 35mph to 25mph. A roll call vote was taken on the aforementioned motion and recorded as follows: **YEAS:** Tuck, Dowden, McMahon, Grimes, R. Johnson, Blair, L. Johnson, M. Haymon, Fulton, Cryer, and K. Haymon. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Clay. The motion carried.


On motion by Mr. Kenny Haymon, seconded by Mr. Jerry Blair and carried to re-Schedule the January Regular Monthly meeting from Monday, January 17, 2011 to Tuesday January 18, 2011 at 10:00am, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

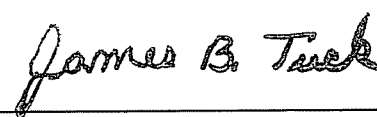
On motion by Mr. Jerry Blair, seconded by Mr. Reggie Johnson and carried to change the name of Coon Hunter Road, #1009, D6 W1, to W.R. Turner Road in its entirety.

A unanimous motion was made to adopt a memorial resolution for Mr. John Edward Cryer.

A motion was made by Mr. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., 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. Sam B. Fulton, Jr., seconded by Mr. Melvin Haymon, to adjourn.


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