

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY  
PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING  
300 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018  
10 a.m.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Police Jury meeting room with the following members **PRESENT**:

James B. "Jim" Tuck – President, Marvin Hilton, Alton "David" Fox, Reginald "Reggie" Johnson, Jerry Blair, Charnel Bailey, Curtis Clay – Vice President, and Joseph "Bo" Cryer. The following members were **ABSENT**: Jackie Grimes, Melvin Haymon, David Brister, Kenny Haymon.

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

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

Mr. Jerry Spurgeon, LeCamp Loop, was present at the meeting to request the jury adopt an ordinance to require individuals to contain their water run-off on their own property. The Police Jury does not have any ordinances regarding water run-off. Mr. Spurgeon was informed that there were existing laws in place at the state level that would allow him to seek damages against any property owner who was causing damage to his property.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda items; there was none.

Mr. Bo Cryer, reporting for Mr. K. Haymon, Chairman, Equipment Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room.

District 6 was the high bidder on a 2009 Chevrolet Pick-Up truck being sold by East Central Vernon Water; \$2,510.10; paid by D6 funds.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Manager to declare the following equipment surplus and to sell it at Pederson & Pederson Auction on July 21, 2018:

- 2011 Roller Packer, PWM (equipment # K-18)
- 1977 Mack Dump Truck, D 1,4,8,9 (equipment #A-107)
- 1988 Mack Dump Truck, D 1,4,8,9 (equipment #A-116)
- 2000 New Holland Grader, D2 (equipment #D-66)
- 1999 Chevrolet Pickup, D6 (equipment # C-62)
- 1995 Fort Pickup Truck, D6 (equipment #C-67)
- 1993 GMC Pickup Truck, D6 (equipment #C-75)

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Manger to purchase a 2000 John Deere Tractor from David Cook Trucks & Equipment for District 7; \$7,500.00 (paid by D7 funds).

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to adopt the Equipment Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Equipment Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room. There was no business to discuss.

**Received after the 07/09/2018 committee meeting:**

The committee recommends the jury approve invoice received from Neil Erwin Law LLC for the Fort Polk Growth Management Infrastructure Improvements Project – Rural Parkway; \$1,598.50 (invoice no. V-1-02-42).

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to approve the additions received after the 07/09/2018 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Cryer and carried, to adopt the Finance Committee report in its entirety.

The Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Manger to allow Mr. Alton Peltier to receive donated sick time, per the requirements of the Personnel Manual, due to an illness.

**Received after the 07/09/2018 committee meeting:**

Effective July 1, 2018, Kenny Pollard has resigned as Drug Court Coordinator. Mr. Pollard's duties will be assigned as follows (also effective July 1<sup>st</sup>):

- Jessica Blankenbaker, Drug Court Coordinator, \$750.00 per month
- Nita Cole, Co-Case Manager, \$750.00 per month
- Heather Holt, Co-Case Manager, \$750.00 per month

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to approve the items received after the 07/09/2018 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to adopt the Personnel Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Reggie Johnson, Chairman, Road Maintenance & Construction Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from VP Health Unit to disposed of a dead horse at 409 Kelly Street, D8 W1.

The committee recommends the jury approve resolution to perform work inside the municipality of: 1.) **Village of Simpson (July 2018)**: perform routine maintenance on all streets inside the municipality, including bush hogging, wing (boom) mowing ditches, ditch cleaning, road grading, and pot hole repairs.

The committee recommends the jury approve Right-of-Entry received from Susan Brewer, 405 Bill Poe Rd., D6 W8, to clean out drains and ditches that are impacting the parish right-of-way.

**Received after the 07/09/018 committee meeting:**

The committee recommends the jury approve pot hole patching for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$490.74 to be moved to the overlay account.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from VP Health Unit to dispose of a dead horse at 240 Marshall Lane, D3 W7.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried, to approve the items received after the 07/09/2018 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to adopt the Road Maintenance & Construction Committee report in its entirety.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried, to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2018 committee meeting, the May 21, 2018 regular meeting, the June 11, 2018 special call meeting, the June 11, 2018 committee

meeting, and the June 18, 2018 regular meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Vernon Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Parish Government Complex Building, 300 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Leesville, LA on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, to adopt a resolution approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, the Vernon Parish Fire District, the Vernon Parish Office of Homeland Security and the Enhanced 911 Emergency System, and the Vernon Parish Police Jury for the construction and operation of the Vernon Parish Public Safety Operations Center and to authorize the president to execute said agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Cryer and carried, to enter into public hearing to hear public input on the following proposed ordinance:

- o An ordinance to abandon the last 397 feet of Ira Street (#1146), District 10 Ward 1, Ira Street begins at Pine Road and extends for 1742.40 feet to the dead end, the parish will abandon the last 397 feet, leaving first the 1345.40 feet, beginning at Pine Road, in the road maintenance system.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried, to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Cryer, to adopt an ordinance to abandon the last 397 feet of Ira Street (#1146), District 10 Ward 1, Ira Street begins at Pine Road and extends for 1742.40 feet to the dead end, the parish will abandon the last 397 feet, leaving first the 1345.40 feet, beginning at Pine Road,

in the road maintenance system. **The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:**

**YEAS:** Tuck, Hilton, Fox, Johnson, Blair, Bailey, Clay, and Cryer

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Grimes, M. Haymon, Brister, and K. Haymon

**The motion carried and the ordinance was adopted.**

A motion was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hilton and carried, to adopt a resolution accepting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning & Control and the Vernon Parish Police Jury for the Lift Station and Force Main for the Vernon Parish Jail (FP&C Project No. 50-J58-14-02) and authorize the President to execute the CEA.

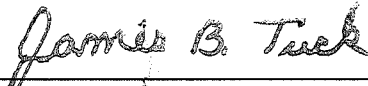
A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Cryer and carried, to adopt memorial resolutions for the following community members: Freddie B. James, Sr., Elbert Marbury, Jr., Jack C. Crooms, Verna Sue Booty, and Marie E Fontenot Guillory.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Cryer 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 was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, to adjourn.



**Rhonda M. Plummer  
Parish Administrator/Treasurer  
Vernon Parish Police Jury**



**James B. "Jim" Tuck  
President  
Vernon Parish Police Jury**