

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Vernon

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**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022  
10:00 AM**

**PARISH GOV'T COMPLEX BUILDING  
300 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**AGENDA**

**Posted January 14, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.**

*If any person desires to submit comments on any item(s) listed on the meeting agenda, they may submit their comment(s) no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Comments may be submitted as follows:*

- *Via email to [vppj@vppjla.com](mailto:vppj@vppjla.com)*
- *Via fax at 337-238-0240*
- *Drop off written comments at the Parish Government Complex Building*

*Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, and to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of members and the public, the Vernon Parish Police Jury may allow members to attend the meeting via electronic means to hear matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship or for matters that are critical or time-sensitive. All members will be engaged in the meeting whether physically present or present via electronic means.*

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Visitors
6. Public Comment

7. Election of Officers:
  1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Treasurer
  
8. Motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2021 committee meeting, the November 15, 2021 regular meeting, the December 13, 2021 special call meeting, the December 13, 2021 committee meeting, the December 20, 2021 regular meeting, the December 30, 2021 special call meeting, the January 10, 2022 special call meeting, and the January 10, 2022 special call meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
  
9. Committee Reports:
 

1. Capital Properties	7. Personnel
2. Econ. Development & Planning	8. Road Maintenance & Construction
3. Equipment	9. Veterans Affairs
4. Finance	10. Ways & Means
5. Fire Protection and Solid Waste	11. Wildlife & Lakes
6. Permit & Claims	
  
10. Motion to enter into public hearing to hear public input on the following proposed on the following proposed ordinances:
  - A proposed ordinance to declare the malapportionment status of the Vernon Parish Police Jury utilizing the population data from the 2020 federal decennial census; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.
  
  - A proposed ordinance to amend **Chapter 17 – Roads and Highways, Article 1 – In General, Section 17-7(a) - Heavy hauling regulations**, of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: Anyone hauling (in excess of 25 tons) on parish roads for large construction, development or industrial projects, for removal of natural resources such as timber, minerals, gas, oil, etc., including but not limited to drilling operations, and for any other heavy hauling must request a permit from the Vernon Parish Police Jury Public Works Department. Heavy Haulers must register with the Public Works Department prior to obtaining a Heavy Hauling Permit.
  
  - A proposed ordinance to amend **Chapter 17 – Roads and Highways, Article III – Permits for Pipeline Crossings, Dredging, and Oil, Gas and Mineral Exploration and Production, Section 17-47 – Inspection of parish roads**, of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: When the repairs are completed, the permit holder shall request an inspection by the parish road manager/parish engineer. If, after inspection, the repairs are found to be unsatisfactory, the permit holder shall be given fifteen (15) days in which to correct the deficiencies, in accordance with the specifications of the parish road manager/parish engineer. ~~If, after the expiration of fifteen (15) days, the permit holder has failed or refused to effect the specified repairs, the permit fee shall be~~

~~forfeited and applied to the parish general road and bridge fund, to provide for the supervision and administration of this article~~

11. Motion to return to regular session.
12. Motion to adopt an ordinance to declare the malapportionment status of the Vernon Parish Police Jury utilizing the population data from the 2020 federal decennial census; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. **(ROLL CALL)**
13. Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend **Chapter 17 – Roads and Highways, Article 1 – In General, Section 17-7(a) - Heavy hauling regulations**, of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: Anyone hauling (in excess of 25 tons) on parish roads for large construction, development or industrial projects, for removal of natural resources such as timber, minerals, gas, oil, etc., including but not limited to drilling operations, and for any other heavy hauling must request a permit from the Vernon Parish Police Jury Public Works Department. Heavy Haulers must register with the Public Works Department prior to obtaining a Heavy Hauling Permit. **(ROLL CALL)**
14. Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend **Chapter 17 – Roads and Highways, Article III – Permits for Pipeline Crossings, Dredging, and Oil, Gas and Mineral Exploration and Production, Section 17-47 – Inspection of parish roads**, of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: When the repairs are completed, the permit holder shall request an inspection by the parish road manager/parish engineer. If, after inspection, the repairs are found to be unsatisfactory, the permit holder shall be given fifteen (15) days in which to correct the deficiencies, in accordance with the specifications of the parish road manager/parish engineer. ~~If, after the expiration of fifteen (15) days, the permit holder has failed or refused to effect the specified repairs, the permit fee shall be forfeited and applied to the parish general road and bridge fund, to provide for the supervision and administration of this article.~~ **(ROLL CALL)**
15. Motion to adopt a resolution approving and accepting a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Leesville for the emergency removal of tree on Quail Hill Road, D12 W1, and authorize the President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Vernon Parish Police Jury. During the storm on Saturday, January 8, 2022 a tree fell across the road and the city assisted us with the removal.
16. Motion to adopt a resolution approving and accepting the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the Vernon Parish Police Jury and the USDA, Forest Service, Kisatchie National Forest for the maintenance of the various Forest Service Roads (list attached to agreement) and authorize the President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Vernon Parish Police Jury.
17. Motion to adopt memorial resolutions for the following community members: Mr. David Wayne Woodham, Mrs. Hazel Lola Jacobs Stephens Delome, Mr. Brucel Burns, Mr. Randy Brown, Mr. George Tharp, Mrs. Melba Joy McMahan, Mrs. Billie “Kay”

Wilbanks, Mr. Randy Wells, Mrs. Norma Kerr, Mrs. Reba Faye Wisby, Mrs. Norma Lou Sadler, Mr. Hubert Haymon, Mrs. Amy Winegeart, Mr. FB James

18. Motion 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.

19. Motion to adjourn.

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