

State of Louisiana
Parish of Vernon



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, May 20, 2024 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, Cody Hostetler, Malcolm “Dean” Mitchell, David Brister, Curtis Clay – Vice President, Steven “Quintin” Thompson, and Kenny Haymon. The following members were **ABSENT**: Douglas “Doug” Roshong, Scottie Benjamin, and Charnel Bailey

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. Marvin Hilton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. David Brister.

Mr. Gerald Lyle was present at the meeting to discuss water run off issue in the area of the new Koppers Utility plant.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2024 regular meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The President asked for committee reports to be presented by the committee Chairman.

Mr. Quintin Thompson, Chairman, Solid Waste Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after the 5/13/2024 committee meeting:

Mr. Brian Davis, Waste Connection, was present at the meeting to discuss the new house count that was completed by Waste Connections. There was an increase of 1,833 homes since the last count was done (sometime around 2003). House counts will be done every couple of years moving forward.

Waste Connections has completed the parish house count – the new count is 17,790 homes (an increase of 1,833). There will be an increase of \$23,480.73 on our monthly billing.

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

Mr. David Fox, Chairman, Capital Properties Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed a quote from Thompson Metal Supply for materials for the new shed at D10, 11, 12 in the amount of \$15,001.37. The committee recommends the jury approve the quote.

A motion was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hilton and carried, to adopt the Capital Properties Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Cody Hostetler, reporting for Mr. Scottie Benjamin, Chairman, Equipment Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommends the jury authorize to solicit bids for a new 202 HV607 SBA International Dump Truck.

The committee reviewed a quote received from Precision Mechanical to disconnect the generator from the old E-911 office and connect it at the parish administrative office in the amount of \$10,500.00. The committee recommends the jury approve the quote.

The committee reviewed a quote from ARCCO Power Systems (state contract) for a generator for Parish Wide Maintenance in the amount of \$31,518.86. The committee recommends the jury approve the quote.

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

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed the flowing invoices received McKee Agency, LLC and recommends the jury approve them.

- renewal of property insurance (structures, vehicles, and equipment); \$557,419.00
- renewal of the landfill insurance policy; \$15,233.17

The committee recommends the jury approve request to assist with the 2025 Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention hosted by Vernon Parish to be held in Baton Rouge in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

Mr. Marvin Hilton, Chairman, Personnel Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Manager to hire Ryan Reid, full-time Truck Driver, D7 (6-month probation period).

The committee recommends the jury approve request to extend FMLA to Patrick Hickman for an additional 12 weeks, due to an illness.

Received after the 5/13/2024 committee meeting:

The committee recommends the jury approver request from Parish Road Manager to allow Mr. Freddie Perkins to received donated sick leave from his co-workers, due to an illness.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Hostetler and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 5/13/2024 committee meeting.

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

Mr. David Brister, Chairman, Road Maintenance & Construction Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed and recommends the jury approve requests from the VP Health Unit to prevent a public health hazard and nuisance:

- Dispose of a dead horse at 830 Forest Dr., D6 W6
- Dispose of a dead horse at 333 Bill Poe Rd., D6 W8
- Dispose of a dead horse at 2501 Belview Rd., D12 W1
- Dispose of a dead horse at 288 Lonnie Jeane Loop, D3 W4
- Dispose of a dead horse at 236 Spillway Road, D9 W2
- Fill in an abandoned well at 278 Bolgiano Loop, D12 W1

The committee reviewed a request from the VP School Board for Rosepine High School for dirt and rock (and help spreading it) at 7310 Memorial Drive to repair a school board road.

The committee recommends the jury approve the request.

Received after the 5/13/2024 committee meeting:

The committee recommends the jury approver resolution to perform work inside the municipality of: **1.) Village of Simpson (May 2024)**: perform routine monthly maintenance on the streets inside the village limits, including ditching, road grading, and pothole repairs.

The committee reviewed claim received from Gerald Simon, 556 Stanley Road, D11. The road crew was mowing the right of way and a rock kicked up and broke the rear window on his truck. Quotes to repair the window are as follows:

- ACME Glass: \$534.60
- AGS Glass: \$534.60
- Fina Automotive: \$786.19

The committee recommends the jury approve the quote from AGS Glass.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 5/13/2024 committee meeting.

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

Having heard all committee reports, the President returned to the main agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Haymon, to adopt a resolution adopting millage rates for the year 2024. **The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:**

YEAS: Tuck, Hilton, Fox, Hostetler, Mitchell, Brister, Clay, Thompson, and Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Roshong, Benjamin, and Bailey

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

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

1. A proposed ordinance to abandon P. Woodle Road (#6004), District 6 Ward 6, in its entirety (1,584 feet beginning at Herring Road).

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to adopt an ordinance to abandon P. Woodle Road (#6004), District 6 Ward 6, in its entirety (1,584 feet beginning at Herring Road). **The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:**

YEAS: Tuck, Hilton, Fox, Hostetler, Mitchell, Brister, Clay, Thompson, and Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Roshong, Benjamin, and Bailey

The motion carried and the ordinance was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to appoint the News Leader as the Official Journal for Vernon Parish from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Hostetler and carried, to appoint Merchants & Farmers Bank and Sabine State Bank as fiscal agents for the Vernon Parish Police Jury from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Hostetler, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried, to adopt a resolution requesting information and time for evaluation related to Carbon Sequestration in Vernon Parish.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Clay and carried, to adopt a resolution approving and accepting agreement between the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Public Transportation Section and the Vernon Parish Police Jury for State Project No. RU-18-99-25, Public Transportation Capital Assistance Program for the Non-Urbanized Area of Vernon Parish, Louisiana

(VCOA) and authorize the President to execute this agreement, and any other projects or documents related to this project, on behalf of the Vernon Parish Police Jury.

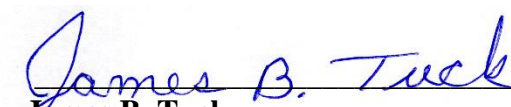
A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried, with Mr. Haymon abstaining from the vote, to adopt a resolution approving and accepting Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Inc. and the Vernon Parish Police Jury regarding the 2025 PJAL Annual Convention and to authorize, Kenny Haymon, Police Juror, to execute the MOU, and any other contracts of documents related to the convention, on behalf of the Police Jury.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to adopt a resolution approving and accepting Change Order No. 2 for the Ft. Johnson (Polk) Growth Management Infrastructure Improvement Sub-Regional Pkwy Phase 2 (MA Project No. H1-12022-DD). Change order is for a reduction (-\$330,358.05) in price due to reconciliation of bid quantities and to add additional time to the contract due to weather days.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried, to adopt memorial resolutions for the following community members: Former Senator James David Cain, Former Mayor of New Llano Mr. Freddie Boswell, Mrs. Becky “Matin” Tilley, Mrs. Betty Sutton, Mrs. Delores Monk, Mrs. Betty Jean Weeks, Mrs. Dorli Diane Roberts, Mrs. Olivia “Moosie” Marie Johnson, Mrs. Diane Henry White, Mr. Aubrey Jerald Lockhart, Mrs. Wanda Louise Jordan, and Mr. Paul Lynn Johnson, Mrs. Theresa West, Mr. Richard Snell, Mr. Jimmie Ray Fleniken, Mr. Chrles Acey, Mr. Larry Gaskin, Mrs. Leal Mae Waldrop, Mrs. Anna Wimberly, Mr. Roland Terrell.

A motion as made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Brister 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. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hilton and carried, to adjourn.


James B. Tuck
President

Belinda S. Diehl

Belinda S. Diehl
Parish Secretary

Rhonda M. Plummer

Rhonda M. Plummer
Parish Administrator/Treasurer