

POLICE JURY MEETING – January 13, 2020

The Allen Parish Police Jury met in regular session at the Police Jury Administration Building, Oberlin, Louisiana, January 13, 2020 at the hour of 12:00pm.

Present: Matt Fontenot, Anthony Hebert, Kent Fontenot, John Strother, Creig Vizena, Ruffin George, Heath Ardoin, and Allen Courville.

Motion by Mr. George seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to go into session.

The Lord's Prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to authorize payment of all bills.

Mr. David Deshotels, 33rd Judicial District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office for the Allen Parish Police Jurors.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to elect Mr. Anthony Hebert as President of the Allen Parish Police Jury.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to elect Mr. Ruffin George as Vice President of the Allen Parish Police Jury.

Appointment of Committee Members:

- Finance, Buildings and Claims: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Vizena, and Mr. Courville.
- Roads and Ethics: Mr. Strother, Mr. George, and Mr. Kent Fontenot.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to accept the appointment of committee members.

A public hearing was held to discuss the 2020 budget. No members of the public were present for input.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to adopt a resolution to accept the 2020 budget.

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Motion by Mr. Strother seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2019.

The Finance Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve to pay \$144,209.40 for Commercial Building and Vehicle Insurance.
- 2) Approve to pay Homeland Safety System \$3,762.22 for annual service agreement.
- 3) Approve to pay Courtesy Dodge \$146,567.65 for 5 new work trucks.
- 4) Approve to pay Buccaneer Truck Parts \$17,633.00 for winches, grill guards, and nerf bars for new parish work trucks.
- 5) Approve to pay George Edward Fruge \$8,000.00 for trees to be removed at the Abbott property.
- 6) Approve to pay Grade Master Sales \$9,400.00 for hydraulic top line and side \$4,700.00 will be paid from RD1 and \$4,700.00 will be paid from RD3.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Road Committee had the following recommendations:

- 1) Approve a JSA with the City of Oakdale for grass cutting, pothole patching and trash pickup for the month of January, 2020.
- 2) Approve a JSA with the Allen Parish School Board/Kinder High School for manpower, material, and equipment to clear tree line along the drainage ditch on the northwestern property line at Kinder High School football stadium.
- 3) Approve a JSA with the Allen Parish School for manpower, material, and equipment for gravel and grading of bus turnaround at 2102 Highway 165 South in Oakdale, LA.

Motion by Mr. George seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the recommendations of the Road Committee.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried for the purchasing agent to take necessary action for fuel, materials, and supplies for the month.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. K. Fontenot and carried to call for a public hearing to reduce the speed limit on Methodist Camp Road from 45 mph to 35 mph.

Recognized Mrs. Angie Plante to open sealed bids on white goods and other metals. One bid was received from Mr. Willis Bailey at \$33.00 per ton.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to accept the bid from Mr. Willis Bailey on white goods and other materials.

Discussed and considered accepting the resignation of Mark Manuel, Russell Meaux, and Clifford Fruge from the Bayou Blue Drainage District #1 Board and appoint Weston Monceaux, C.J. LeJeune, and Kevin Meaux.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. George and carried to accept the resignation of Mark Manuel, Russell Meaux, and Clifford Fruge from the Bayou Blue Drainage District #1 Board and appoint Weston Monceaux, C.J. LeJeune, and Kevin Meaux.

Discussed and considered reappointing Robert Plante to the Northwest Allen Water District Board for a one-year term.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to reappoint Robert Plante to the Northwest Allen Water District Board for a one-year term.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. George and carried to call for a public hearing to be held on February 3rd to abandon a no name road leading to Gary Mahaffey's residence off of Mahaffey Road in RD4.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to approve hiring Chester McDaniel part-time in Solid Waste at a pay rate of \$12.98 per hour contingent upon meeting all hiring requirements.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. George and carried to adopt the 2020 Holiday Schedule.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Vizena and carried to adopt the 2020 Capital Outlay Budget.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. George and carried to adopt the 2020 Equipment Outlay Plan.

Discussed and considered awarding the Allen Parish GIS RFQ for the DRA Grant. We received two submissions. They were scored and Mr. Jacob Dillehay recommends we award Fenstermaker and Associates.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to award the Allen Parish GIS RFQ to Fenstermaker and Associates.

Recognized Mrs. Colleen Sonnier for the inmate report. The report is for the end of the year. We were underbudget \$88,494.7. We have 99 Parish Inmates and 7 D.O.C as of 1/10/2020.

Recognized Mr. Joel Johnson for the report on the airport. Wetlands Project is being rebid due to questions or possible errors on the first bids. He stated other than that everything else is going great.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to add an item to the agenda.

1. Discuss and consider accepting the resignation of Larry Wayne Fontenot from the board in Recreation District #5 and appoint Marcus Ryder.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to accept the resignation of Larry Wayne Fontenot from the board in Recreation District #5 and appoint Marcus Ryder in his place.

Motion by Mr. Vizena seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to add two items to the agenda.

1. Discuss and consider a resolution of support for a project to be performed in the lower Mermentau River as part of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative projects.
2. Discuss and consider a resolution approving the holding of an election in Recreation District #1. A tax renewal.

Motion by Mr. Ardoin seconded by Mr. Strother and carried to approve a resolution of support for a project to be performed in the lower Mermentau River as part of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative projects.

Motion by Mr. Kent Fontenot seconded by Mr. Ardoin and carried to approve a resolution holding an election in Recreation District #1. A tax renewal to go on the ballot.

Res. #####

Mr. Hebert made an announcement. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Matthew Fontenot for his service to our parish. He stated that Matt has taught him a lot in his four years as a juror. All of the jury members as a whole feel Mr. Matthew has done a tremendous job while in office and thanked him as well.

Mr. Allen Courville thanked Mr. Matthew Fontenot for all of his help and said he knows he has big shoes to fill but would try to do his best.

Motion by Mr. Kent Fontenot seconded by Mr. George and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Allen Parish Police Jury
President

ATTEST:

Colleen Sonnier, Secretary-Treasurer