

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY  
March 13, 2018**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Olinde called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, J. A. Bueche, Justin Cox, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde.  
Arrived after roll call: Messrs. Glenn Cline and Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: None.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 27, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR CLEMENT GUIDROZ

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Clement Guidroz; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury with great sorrow and deep sense of loss, take cognizance of the absence of Mr. Clement Guidroz, former Police Juror of District 4, Parish of Pointe Coupee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clement Guidroz has rendered innumerable public service to the Parish and the State of Louisiana, and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clement Guidroz served as Police Juror of District 4, Parish of Pointe Coupee for 23 years from November 13, 1984 through December 31, 2007, and President of the Police Jury for 6 years: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. Clement Guidroz this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN DIVISION "B"

Attorney Tom McCormick announced his candidacy for District Judge in Division "B" and asked the Jurors for their support.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA TO REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS & OTHER EROSION PREVENTION STRUCTURES ALONG FALSE RIVER AND TO REQUIRE PERMITS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana to regulate the construction of retaining walls and other erosion prevention structures along False River and to require permits in connection therewith, and to further provide with respect thereto was held Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:47 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana.

Mr. Arthur Ewing gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Mr. Tony Bertes of ABS Services, Inc. voiced concerns about the removal of requiring applicants to present a certificate of insurance for the permit application process. He asked that consideration be given to keep this requirement.

After further discussions, there were no objections received written nor orally.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA TO REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS & OTHER EROSION PREVENTION STRUCTURES ALONG FALSE RIVER AND TO REQUIRE PERMITS

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana to regulate the construction of retaining walls and other erosion prevention structures along False River and to require permits in connection therewith, and to further provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Bueche, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau and Olinde.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 12-0-0, the motion carried.

CLARIFICATION BY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ON TIMELINE FOR LARGE ANIMALS

Animal Control Officer Troy LeCoq requested clarification on the timeline for large animals being picked up by the two (2) poundmasters. He reported the poundmasters are requesting to be compensated for transporting the animals to the stockyard or veterinarian to be euthanized, after the five-day timeline has expired for keeping animals at the Multi-Use Center. Currently the poundmasters charges \$150 per large animals they pick up. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Troy LeCoq be authorized to obtain quotes from the poundmasters for transporting large animals from the Multi-Use Center to the stockyard or veterinarian to be euthanized be submitted to Treasurer Becky Mayeux for review by the Public Works Committee and present a final plan for this service to the Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Dukes asked the Public Works Committee to review picking up dead animals off of parish roads.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR WHITE GOODS & BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Chairman Cox reported on the Jury purchasing the necessary equipment and using current personnel to assume the collection of white goods and bulky waste in the parish, which will result in an annual savings of \$87,810.00 to the Jury. He reported on not renewing the current contract, which will expire June 25, 2018, and allow the Jury to perform this service. He gave an overview of the Jury's finances and presented a cost analysis for the Jury to conduct this service.

President Olinde thanked Juror Cox for his research and good presentation. He stated this is a cost savings measure, and asked the Jury to consider saving the taxpayers money.

Jurors thanked Juror Cox for his hard work and presentation. Some Jurors voiced concerns about the Jury performing this service. After further discussion, the following resolutions were offered:

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury present an offer for a one-year extension until the new council take office on the existing contract with Lionel Boudreaux Trucking, LLC for the collection of bulky waste and white goods in the parish.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That Police Jury present an offer for a nine-month extension through March, 2019 on the existing contract to Lionel Boudreaux Trucking, LLC for the collection of bulky waste and white goods in the parish.

The President called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Hurst, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Bueche, and Olinde.

NAYS: Mr. Bazile.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 11-1-0, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF TASKING ATTORNEY LEO HAMILTON AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE POLICE JURY TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTIONS CHALLENGING THE HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION'S PROVISION LIMITING THE TERM OF THE EXISTING POLICE JURORS

Juror Bazile asked the Jury to consider tasking Attorney Leo Hamilton as special counsel for the Police Jury to pursue legal actions challenging the Home Rule Charter Commission's provision limiting the term of the existing Police Jurors.

Juror Cox reported and presented a copy of the Attorney General's Opinion 17-0045A of May 18, 2017 which states "the Pointe Coupee Home Rule Charter violates neither the LA Constitution nor the LA Revised Statutes by abolishing the Police Jury form of government and thereby shortening the terms of the Police Jurors currently in office." He stated in May of last year the Jury voted to respect the vote of the people approving the Home Rule Charter. He stated any individual Juror wanting to challenge the AG's Opinion can do so at their expense, but not at the expense of the Police Jury.

Juror Bueche read an email his late wife wrote to Attorney Leo Hamilton about challenging limiting the term of the existing Police Jurors. He stated that it is illegal to limit the term of the existing Jurors.

Juror Jarreau reported on Attorney Hamilton's legal opinion that stated limiting the term of the existing Jurors is inconsistent with general law and can be declared invalid. He questioned the legality of the Jury having paid attorney fees for several Jurors involving legal matters in the past, and now attorney fees have to be paid by individual Jurors.

Attorney Dannie Garrett, who was tasked by the Jury as legal adviser for the Charter Commission, gave an overview and clarity of the actions taken by the Charter Commission limiting the terms of

the exiting Police Jurors in the Home Rule Charter. In closing, he reported that there were no laws stating it was illegal to limit the term of the existing Jurors.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Taylor:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury task Attorney Leo Hamilton as special counsel for the Police Jury to pursue legal actions challenging the Home Rule Charter Commission's provision limiting the term of the existing Police Jurors, providing the legal services is paid by the Police Jury.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Watkins, Taylor, Bueche, Bazile and Jarreau.

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Dukes, Smith, Cox, Cline, Hurst and Olinde.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-7-0, the motion failed.

#### UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 16.2 ft., due to the high water from the Mississippi River.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

#### ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2017 AUDIT

Motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2017 audit be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

#### ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM GEOGRAPHIC PLANNING & DEMOGRAPHIC SERVICES, LLC TO REDISTRIBUTE THE POLICE JURY INTO THE PARISH COUNCIL AS PER APPROVED HOME RULE CHARTER

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 to redistrict the Police Jury into the Parish Council as per approved Home Rule Charter be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

#### ACCEPT COST ESTIMATE FOR MOLD & AIR QUALITY REINSPECTION OF COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING NO. 2

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That a cost estimate submitted by Restoration Training & Consulting in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the mold and air quality reinspection of the Courthouse Annex Building No. 2 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

#### AWARD BIDS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS (ASPHALT, CULVERTS & LIMESTONE) REQUIRED BY THE JURY FOR ONE YEAR

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the low bid submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for cold mix asphalt in the amount of \$85.00 per ton delivered be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the low bid submitted by Coastal Culvert & Supply, Inc. for culverts (Polyethylene Pipe) be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the low bid submitted by Coburn's for culverts (Asphalt Coated & Galvanized) be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED further, That all bids submitted for limestone be rejected.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

**PROCLAMATION  
American Red Cross Month 2018**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Pointe Coupee Parish, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Pointe Coupee Parish, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times - which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KYLE OLINDE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as **AMERICAN RED**

**CROSS MONTH** and do hereby urge all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Kyle Olinde  
President