

July 2, 2020

On Thursday July 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and special called session.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Public Comments
8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Special Called Meeting Held June 12, 2020 and the Previous Regular Meeting Held June 17, 2020
9. Approve Leasing the "Dixie Ball Field" to the Village of Converse, Louisiana
10. Approve Change Order Number 1 for 2019 LCDBG
11. Rescind Resolution Number 8571
12. Award the Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) 12/14 Yard Dump Trucks to Pliler International
13. Consider Entering Contractual Agreement with Hometown Recycling
- 13(a). Discuss the COVID 19 Pandemic
14. Discuss Ways to Improve Census Participation
15. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Mike McCormic called the meeting to order.

Because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Sabine Parish Police Jury provided for attendance at the meeting via telephone and video conference.

President McCormic then read aloud the agenda.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: "Bo" Stewart, Mike McCormic, "Charlie" Brown, William E. Ruffin, "Jeff" Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and "Randy" Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. "Jeff" Davidson.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda. There were no public comments at this time.

Resolution No. 8582

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Garcie to amend the agenda to include the following item:

13(a) - Discuss the COVID 19 Pandemic

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8583

Motion by Brown and seconded by Stewart to adopt the agenda as amended.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Mike McCormic, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. McCormic advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Special Called Meeting Held June 12, 2020 and the Previous Regular Meeting Held June 17, 2020

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes for the special called meeting held June 12, 2020 and the regular meeting held June 17, 2020.

Resolution No. 8584

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the special called meeting held June 12, 2020 and the regular meeting held June 17, 2020.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

9. Approve Leasing the "Dixie Ball Field" to the Village of Converse, Louisiana

The Sabine Parish Police Jury purchased an 8.62-acre tract of land located in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, commonly known as the "Dixie Ball Field" on March 23, 2020 for seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000.00). The Village of Converse, Louisiana, has indicated a desire to lease this property from the Police Jury with the intent to enter into a use and maintenance agreement with the Dixie Youth for the upkeep and maintenance of the property.

Resolution No. 8585

Motion by Brown and seconded by Sepulvado to authorize President Richard M. McCormic to sign and otherwise execute a lease agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana, whereby the Village leases an 8.62-acre tract of land located in Sabine Parish,

Louisiana, commonly known as the “Dixie Ball Field” for a period of ten years, ending July 31, 2030.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

10. Approve Change Order Number 1 for 2019 LCDBG

The contractor, Regional Construction, LLC, for the LCDBG Street Improvements, Project No. 2000449729, has requested a change order allowing an additional 98 days to complete the project. The new completion date will be September 5, 2020.

Resolution No. 8586

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Brown:

WHEREAS the contractor, Regional Construction, LLC, was not able to begin work on March 16, 2020, as scheduled, due to gas line relocations in the construction area, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the hot mix plant being shut down for maintenance repairs, and

WHEREAS Change Order Number 1 has been requested by the Contractor to allow for the addition of 98 days to the original contract time resulting in a new completion date of September 5, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order Number 1 is hereby approved by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Richard M. McCormic is authorized to sign and otherwise execute Change Order Number 1 of the LCDBG Street Improvements, Project No. 2000449729.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

11. Rescind Resolution Number 8571

On June 17, 2020, the Sabine Parish Police Jury adopted Resolution 8571 which disqualified the bids from Pliler International and Kenworth of Louisiana as non-responsive and accepted the bid from All Truck Parts & Equipment for three (3) 2021 Western Star 4700 SB dump trucks at a cost of \$328,797.00.

At the request of Pliler International, an informal hearing was held to review the reasons for the disqualification of that company’s bid. During this hearing, Pliler International was able to present evidence that its bid met the bid specifications.

Resolution No. 8587

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to rescind Resolution Number 8571, adopted June 17, 2020, which disqualified the bids from Plier International and Kenworth of Louisiana as non-responsive and accepted the bid from All Truck Parts & Equipment for three (3) 2021 Western Star 4700 SB dump trucks at a cost of \$328,797.00.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**12. Award the Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) 12/14 Yard Dump Trucks to Plier International**

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted public bids for three (3) new (2021-year model) 12/14-yard dump body trucks until 10:00 a.m. on June 3, 2020 when the sealed bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Four bids were received as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Plier International	2021 International	HV 607	\$313,056.60
Kenworth of Louisiana	2021 Kenworth	T 440	\$320,184.00
All Truck Parts & Equipment	2021 Western Star	4700 SB	\$328,797.00
Bruckner's	2020 Volvo	VNR 64300	\$379,341.00

Plier International's bid was originally believed to be non-responsive; however, evidence presented during an informal hearing showed that their bid met the bid specifications.

Resolution No. 8588

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart to accept the bid from Plier International in the amount of \$313,056.60 for three (3) new (2021-year model) 12/14-yard dump body trucks.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**13. Consider Entering Contractual Agreement with Hometown Recycling**

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford informed the jurors that Mr. David Fuselier with Hometown Waste Services desires to enter an agreement to provide recycling services to the citizens of Sabine Parish through the police jury's collection locations.

Landfill Superintendent Peter Chreene stressed that this proposed agreement represents the first opportunity for citizens of Sabine Parish to recycle their cardboard waste. Mr. Sepulvado noted that the parish is losing air space at the landfill that is being consumed by cardboard waste that could be recycled. The citizens of the parish will have the choice to use or not use the available recycling facilities.

Resolution No. 8589

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Brown:

WHEREAS the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to provide the citizens of Sabine Parish the opportunity to recycle certain waste flows, and

WHEREAS Hometown Waste Services has indicated a willingness to provide the citizens of Sabine Parish access to such services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves the following significant core terms for an agreement with Hometown Waste Services

- Start date is July 15, 2020, with operations beginning upon approval from the Police Jury
- Compensation is to be \$1.00 per year for a ten (10) year contract with an option for renewal
- Exclusive recycling of route-based cardboard throughout the parish during the period (for commercial and municipal)
- Approval for a long-term non-exclusive agreement for the disposal of solid waste and C and D material.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Richard M. McCormic is authorized to sign and otherwise execute an agreement with Hometown Waste Services subject to approval of the contract by District Attorney Don Burkett.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13(a). Discuss the COVID 19 Pandemic

President McCormic noted that COVID-19 (Corona Virus) cases are currently spiking in Sabine Parish. He informed the Jury that there is support for temporarily closing bars located in the parish, but he was hesitant to order any business closed.

Mr. Davidson suggested issuing an order requiring individuals to wear masks.

Mr. Ebarb stated that the police jury cannot shut down Sabine Parish. He suggested recommending individuals to maintain social distancing whenever possible and to wear masks whenever in public.

Following a general discussion of the effects of the virus on the economy and the lives of the citizens of the parish, it was the consensus of the jury to make a recommendation to encourage social distancing and wearing masks. No further action was taken by the police jury.

14. Discuss Ways to Improve Census Participation

President Richard M. McCormic addressed the Police Jury concerning the low participation rate in Sabine Parish in regard to completing the 2020 Census. Currently there is an estimated 35% participation rate.

A representative of the Census Bureau will be in Sabine Parish during the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Census Bureau has requested that the parish arrange for selected places, such as libraries, to be made available at that time for individuals to prepare their census forms with the assistance of the Census Bureau representative.

President McCormic noted that the locations and times when assistance will be available needs to be advertised in the newspaper and on the radio. He stressed the importance of an accurate census not only in qualifying for grants but also in determining amounts of state and federal revenue sharing.

Mr. Ruffin stated that the jury must educate the citizens of the parish about the importance of an accurate census and the negative impact of an inaccurate count. President McCormic encouraged all jurors to communicate the importance of the census to all their constituents.

#### 15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8590

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

s/William E. Weatherford  
William E. Weatherford  
Secretary Treasurer

s/Richard M. McCormic  
Richard M. McCormic  
President