

August 31, 2016

On Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 9:30 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. Adopt the Minutes from Previous Meeting
8. Mr. Oliver Jenkins- Candidate for 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
9. Fill the Vacancy in Police Juror District 3
10. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates
11. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates.
12. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Kenneth M. Ebarb called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following members were present: Willes Funderburk, "Mike" McCormic, "Ronny" Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, and Kenneth Ebarb.

The following members were absent: "Rod" Hopkins, William E. Ruffin, and Randy Byrd

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by "Mike" McCormic.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Garcie.

5. Amend the Agenda

The agenda was not amended.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 7699

Motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie to adopt the agenda.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0      Absent: 3

At this time Police Jury President Kenneth M. Ebarb allowed a period of public comment on any items on the agenda. Mr. Ebarb 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.

7. Adopt the Minutes from Previous Meeting

Resolution No. 7700

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Sepulvado to adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2016 Police Jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0      Absent: 3

8. Mr. Oliver Jenkins- Candidate for 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Mr. Oliver Jenkins, a candidate for United States Congressman of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, addressed the Police Jury. Mr. Jenkins briefly discussed his qualifications for office and the key points of his platform.

9. Fill the Vacancy in Police Juror District 3

The Honorable Louis Rodney "Rod" Hopkins passed away on August 14, 2016 creating a vacancy in the Office of Police Juror, Election District 3. His wife, Frances Hopkins, has agreed to serve as police juror for Election District 3 until a special election can be held.

Resolution No. 7701

## **PROCLAMATION**

A RESOLUTION FILLING THE VACANCY IN POLICE JUROR DISTRICT 3 OF THE PARISH OF SABINE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Office of Police Juror, Election District 3, Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, due to the death of The Honorable Louis Rodney "Rod" Hopkins on August 14, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 18:583D. (1) and 18:602 provide that the governing authority of the local governmental subdivision where the vacancy occurs (the Sabine Parish Police Jury) shall within twenty days of the vacancy (acting on or before September 6, 2016) appoint a person to fill the vacancy who meets the qualifications of the office; and, when the remainder of the term is more than eighteen months, such appointment shall be until such time as an election is called and a Police Juror is duly elected and qualified to fill the vacancy, and;

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury must within twenty days of the date of the vacancy set the qualifying dates and dates for the primary and general elections to be held to fill the vacancy, and;

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 22, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and Louisiana Revised Statute 18:602 provides that such vacancy shall be filled by Special Election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, that Frances Hopkins be and she is hereby appointed to serve as the Police Juror for Police Juror Election District 3, of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, until such time as said position is filled by electoral process and a person is sworn and qualified for said office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, that the governing authority of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, does hereby and herewith order and call a Special Primary and a Special General Election to be held throughout the jurisdiction of Police Juror Election District 3, of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to fill the vacancy of the office of Police Juror;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, and announced, that under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 18:402, as amended, and other constitutional statutory authority supplemental thereto, a Special Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 25, 2017, and the Special General Election to be, and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Office of Police Juror Election District 3, of Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, and announced, that any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied by either qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the

appropriate election officials in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions prescribed by Subpart B of Part IV of Chapter V or of any other applicable provision of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 during the qualifying period commencing on January 11, 2017 and ending at 5:00 o'clock p. m. on January 13, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, and directed, that the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Parish Board of Election Supervisors, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Police Juror Election District 3, of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, exercise every lawful function, do every act necessary to conduct elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof.

On motion of Garcie, duly seconded by Sepulvado, the above resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 3

Abstain: 0

The oath of office was then administered to Frances Hopkins by the Sabine Parish Clerk of Court, Tammy Foster.

Mrs. Hopkins then took her place at the Jury table and assumed her duties as Police Juror for Police Juror Election District 3.

#### 10. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates

2016 is a reassessment year; therefore, the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor has reassessed the taxable property valuation of all property within the Parish. The property tax millage rate has been adjusted upward if the taxable property valuation within a taxing district decreased or the property tax millage rate has been adjusted downward if the taxable property valuation within a taxing district increased in order to maintain the property tax assessment amount the same as assessed during 2015. The Police Jury must adopt the adjusted millage rates to set them as the ad valorem tax rates for the year 2016.

Resolution No. 7702

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 31, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue:

#### MILLAGE

General Alimony	4.78 mills
Parish Wide Library	5.25 mills
Health Unit	1.04 mills
Humane Society Animal Shelter	1.67 mills
Road District #18 B & M	10.90 mills
Road District #16 B & M	10.02 mills
Road District #09 B & M	10.25 mills
Road District #17 B & M	9.97 mills
Road District #15 B & M	12.96 mills
Road District #01 B & M	18.41 mills
Road District #04 B & M	13.87 mills

Road District #19 B & M	16.35 mills
Road District #20 B & M	22.16 mills
Road District #11 B & M	25.64 mills
Fire District #1 (Wards 1 & 2)	10.53 mills
Fire District #1 (Wards 1 & 2)	8.50 mills
Fire District #1 (Wards 3 & 4)	4.81 mills
North Sabine Fire District #1	5.39 mills
North Sabine Fire District #2	7.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full. On motion of Sepulvado, duly seconded by Bison, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas 7            Nays 0            Abstained 0            Absent 2

11. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates.

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to roll forward the adopted adjusted millage rates to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates.

Resolution No. 7703

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 31, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the Police Jury voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
Road District #18 B & M	10.90 mills	10.98 mills
Road District #16 B & M	10.02 mills	10.11 mills
Road District #9 B & M	10.25 mills	10.37 mills
Road District #17 B & M	9.97 mills	10.01 mills
Road District #15 B & M	12.96 mills	13.02 mills
Fire District #1 (Wards 3 & 4)	4.81 mills	4.84 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full. On motion of Funderburk, duly seconded by McCormic, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R. S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

Yeas 7            Nays 0            Abstained 0            Absent 2

12. Adjournment

Resolution No. 7704

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Bison to adjourn.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 2

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

s/Kenneth M. Ebarb  
Kenneth M. Ebarb  
President