

February 15, 2017

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular 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, January 25, 2017
- 7a. Adopt Resolution to Support Keeping the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus, Open
8. Planning Commission
9. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2016 Annual Audit
10. Appoint Mr. Ronny Bison as a Board Member for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4
11. Declare Additional Equipment as Surplus
12. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
13. Appropriate Sales Tax for February Operations (\$195,000)
14. Committee Reports
15. Operations
16. 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, William E. Ruffin, "Ronny" Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenneth Ebarb, and "Randy" Byrd.

The following member was absent:

Mrs. Frances Hopkins

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. "Randy" Byrd.

5. Amend the Agenda

Resolution No. 7805

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado to amend the agenda as follows:

Add to Agenda the following item:

- 7a. Adopt Resolution to Support Keeping the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus, Open

Prior to a vote on the motion to take up a matter not on the agenda by this public body the Police Jury President allowed an opportunity for public comment on the motion. There being no public comments the vote was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 7806

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd to adopt the agenda as amended.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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, January 25, 2017

All Police Jurors had previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2017.

Resolution No. 7807

Motion by Bison and seconded by Funderburk to adopt the minutes of the January 25, 2017 Police Jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

7a. Adopt Resolution to Support Keeping the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus, Open

There was a brief discussion of the risk that the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus, would be closed. President Ebarb noted that the school is very important to the Parish. Mr. Ruffin suggested that Senator Gerald Long, Representative Frank Howard, and Representative Larry Bagley be contacted by the Police Jury and urged to support the continued operation of the school.

Resolution No. 7808

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus, provides much needed technical training to citizens of Sabine Parish,

AND WHEREAS the technical training provided to citizens of Sabine Parish enables them to obtain meaningful employment and improve their overall standard of living,

AND WHEREAS the closing of the facility would place great hardship on citizens of the parish in accessing quality and vital technical training,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby declares its support for the continued operation and funding by the State of Louisiana of the Louisiana Technical Institute, Sabine Valley Campus.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

8. Planning Commission

Mr. Peter Nugent, Chairman of the Planning Commission, addressed the Police Jury. He noted that three new subdivisions are being developed in the parish: Magnolia Cove Subdivision, Royal Oaks Estate, Phase II Subdivision, and Bayou Lanan Subdivision. The roads in Magnolia Cove Subdivision and Bayou Lanan Subdivision will be private.

Two roads in Royal Oaks Estates- Phase II are proposed for adoption into the parish road system:

Mid Lake Lane
United Bay Lane

These roads have been inspected by Mr. Nugent and the Parish Road Superintendent, Doug Olivier. They have determined that the roads meet the requirements and specifications for adoption into the parish road system, subject to them being maintained to the parish standards by the subdivision owners for a period of two years.

Resolution No. 7809

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Bison to adopt Mid Lake Lane and United Bay Lane into the Parish Road System subject to them being maintained to the parish's road specifications and standards by the owners of the subdivision for a period of two (2) years.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

9. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2016 Annual Audit

All jurors were provided a copy of the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2016 financial audit. The Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of the financial audit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury. It is prepared by the Secretary Treasurer and must be presented to and adopted by the Police Jury by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting.

Resolution No. 7810

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado:

WHEREAS the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of the financial audit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury and it is required to be presented to and adopted by the Police Jury in an open meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2016 financial audit as prepared by the Secretary Treasurer is hereby adopted.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

10. Appoint Mr. Ronny Bison as a Board Member for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a letter, dated February 7, 2017, from Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4 notifying the Jury that Mr. Oscar Alford tendered his resignation at their January 10, 2017 board meeting. The Fire District requests the Police Jury to appoint Mr. Ronny Bison to replace Mr. Alford on the board of Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4.

Resolution No. 7811

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Funderburk:

WHEREAS Mr. Oscar Alford resigned as a member of the board of Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4 at their January 10, 2017 board meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ronny Bison be appointed to replace Mr. Oscar Alford on the board of Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

11. Declare Additional Equipment as Surplus

Mr. Doug Olivier addressed the Police Jury. Certain equipment has been determined to no longer be of use to the Police Jury and Mr. Olivier recommended that the Jury declare the equipment surplus property and sell or otherwise dispose of it.

Resolution No. 7812

Motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the equipment in the following list has been determined to be of no further use to the Sabine Parish Police Jury:

Mauldin Model 1450 Roller
Grace Sweeper Model K
Bush Hog - 306
1990 Ford Dump Truck
1973 Ford 4114C Tractor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above listed equipment be declared surplus and that it be disposed in accordance with applicable Louisiana law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Ebarb be authorized to execute any documents necessary to sell or otherwise dispose of said surplus equipment in accordance with Louisiana law.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

12. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 7813

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to pay the approved bills.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

13. Appropriate Sales Tax for February Operations (\$195,000)

Resolution No. 7814

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to appropriate and transfer \$195,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parishwide Transportation Fund for February 2017 operations.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

14. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

15. Operations

Parish Road Superintendent Doug Olivier informed the Police Jury that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is making inspections of bridges within the parish. Several bridges have had their weight limit reduced or have been closed due to failing the inspection. Mr. Olivier expects more bridges to be closed for repair or to have

a weight limit reduction. The parish is working as quickly as possible to make the needed repairs to the affected bridges.

President Ebarb informed the Jury that the Sabine Parish Police Jury had been notified that it has been awarded a FY 2016 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$331,970. The funds are to be used to rehabilitate six residential streets west of Zwolle and four streets west of Florien.

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 7815

Motion by Funderburk and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

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

/s/Kenneth M. Ebarb
Kenneth M. Ebarb
President