

April 19, 2017

On Wednesday, April 19, 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 of the Previous Meeting, March 15, 2017
8. Mr. Bob Brotherton- Region IV Executive Board
9. Mr. Buddy Woods – Sabine Humane Shelter
10. Planning Commission
11. Consider Abandonment of Foster Road- Ward 6
12. Review and Award Bids for Used Railroad Tank Shell Culverts
13. Consider a Resolution Supporting the Continued State Funding and Operation of Hodges Gardens State Park
14. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the President to Request Administrative Consultant's Proposal for Services
15. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to Request Engineer's Qualifications Statements
16. Consider a Resolution to Adopt Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan
17. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance to Provide for Sale of Adjudicated Properties; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto
18. Consider Replacement Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Housing Authority (Jeri Alford Resigned 1/25/17)
19. Consider Appointment of Mr. Robert Conyer as a Commissioner for the Ebarb Waterworks District
20. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
21. Appropriate Sales Tax for April Operations (\$195,000)
22. Committee Reports
23. Operations
24. 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 jurors were present: Willes Funderburk, "Mike" McCormic, Frances Hopkins, William E. Ruffin, "Ronny" Bison, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenneth Ebarb, and "Randy" Byrd.

The following juror was absent:

Mr. Eric Garcie

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. "Ronny" Bison.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

Police Jury President, Kenneth M. Ebarb, allowed a period of public comment on any item 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.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 7836

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

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

7. Adopt the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 15, 2017

All police jurors had previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2017.

Resolution No. 7837

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Byrd to adopt the minutes of the March 15, 2017 police jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

8. Mr. Bob Brotherton- Region IV Executive Board

Because of a conflict with a Bossier Parish Police Jury meeting, Mr. Bob Brotherton was unable to attend the Sabine Parish Police Jury meeting. He is campaigning to be elected as a member of the Region IV Executive Board of the Police Jury Association. President Ebarb noted that Mr. Brotherton has requested the support of the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

9. Mr. Buddy Woods – Sabine Humane Shelter

Mr. Buddy Woods was unable to attend the Sabine Parish Police Jury meeting; however, the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter was represented by Mr. Lewis McBride. Mr. McBride requested the support of the Police Jury for the proposed continuation of a parishwide tax of one and sixty-seven hundredths (1.67) mills for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, operating, providing and/or supporting an animal shelter for or on behalf of the Parish.

The animal shelter has been in operation for six and one-half (6 ½) years. During that time, the shelter has processed over 12,000 animals. Over 2,400 of these animals have been rescued and 332 animals have been returned to their owners.

Mayor Freeman noted that state law prohibits any law enforcement agency from enforcing any animal control ordinance without an animal shelter being available to receive the animals. Mr. Ruffin urged all jurors to support the tax continuation. He noted the improved conditions in the parish as a result of the animal shelter. Mr. Ruffin stressed the importance of informing citizens of the benefits afforded by the animal shelter. President Ebarb publicly thanked the Sabine Parish Sheriff Department for the work they do to provide animal control within the parish.

Mr. McBride informed the Jury that if the property tax continuation fails, the animal shelter would have to close within a few months of the expiration of the current tax. Mayor Freeman requested that the Police Jury adopt a resolution in support of the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter.

Resolution No. 7838

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED
FUNDING AND OPERATION OF
THE SABINE HUMANE SOCIETY ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter has been in operation for six and one-half (6 ½) years, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter has been instrumental in the improvement of conditions pertaining to stray animals within the parish, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter is primarily funded by the assessment of a property tax upon the taxpayers of Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter is dependent upon the continuation of a parishwide tax of one and sixty-seven hundredths (1.67) mills for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, operating, providing and/or supporting an animal shelter for or on behalf of the Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby expresses support for the continued operation of the Sabine Humane Society Animal Shelter and for the continuation of a parishwide tax of one and sixty-seven hundredths (1.67) mills for funding the shelter.

On motion by Ruffin seconded by Sepulvado the foregoing resolution was adopted on this the 19th day of April 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

10. Planning Commission

No member of the Parish Planning Commission was in attendance at the meeting.

11. Consider Abandonment of Foster Road- Ward 6

Mr. Doug Olivier, Parish Road Superintendent, discussed abandonment of Foster Road in Ward 6. Mr. Olivier noted the seriously deteriorated condition of the road and he informed the jurors that it no longer meets the criteria established by the Jury to determine that a road serves a public purpose. He recommended abandonment of the road.

Resolution No. 7839

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd to abandon Foster Road in Ward 6.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

12. Review and Award Bids for Used Railroad Tank Shell Culverts

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has advertised for sealed public bids for good used railroad tank shell culverts of various sizes with a minimum of .500 inch walls and with the ends removed and all holes patched. Bids were accepted until 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2017 at which time they were opened and publicly read aloud. Copies of the individual bids were provided to the jurors. The bid prices are for culverts delivered to Sabine Parish.

Following is a summary of the bids received:

Culvert Length:	The Railroad Yard, Inc.	Gateway Pipe & Supply, Inc.	Diversified Railcar
29.5' to 39.9'	\$225.00 per foot	\$262.03 to \$286.07 per foot	\$240.00 per foot
40.0' to 49.9'	\$215.00 per foot	\$242.83 to \$253.62 per foot	\$245.00 per foot
50.0' to 70.0'	\$205.00 per foot	\$234.82 per foot	\$255.00 per foot

Resolution No. 7840

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to award the contract to provide good used railroad tank shell culverts of various sizes with a minimum of .500 inch walls to the Parish to the low bidder, The Railroad Yard, Inc.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

13. Consider a Resolution Supporting the Continued State Funding and Operation of Hodges Gardens State Park

Hodges Gardens State Park, previously known as Hodges Gardens, Park and Wilderness Area, is located between Florian and Hornbeck, near the Toledo Bend Reservoir of the Sabine River in Sabine Parish.

Hodges Gardens State Park is a unique member of the State Parks system. Originally designed and opened to the public in 1956 by oil and gas businessman A.J. Hodges Sr., the site's gardens consist of a variety of plants and flowers.

Visitors to the park can enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, explore nature trails, boat on the lake and fish from the shore. Cabins are available for overnight stays and an equestrian campground also provides overnight facilities for visitors traveling the park's trails with their horses. The Hodges recognized the potential of the abandoned quarry on the property and planned a scenic garden using the natural rock formations. Flowers were planted on one level above another, creating a terraced effect. Walkways and footbridges throughout the gardens allow the visitor to stroll through an abundance of flora. Water from a 225-acre lake, built in 1954, is pumped from the lake through the gardens to waterfalls, pools, a geyser, fountains and to the watering system before it is recycled back into the lake.

Hodges Gardens was donated to the State of Louisiana by the A.J. and Nona Trigg Hodges Foundation in 2007.

Resolution No. 7841

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED STATE FUNDING AND OPERATION OF HODGES GARDENS STATE PARK

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park has a long and distinguished history of importance to the residents of Sabine Parish, with over 50 years of traditions and memories; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park has regional, state, and national cultural, architectural, and aesthetic importance as recognized by the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park has a substantial economic and monetary value due to investment already in place; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park has been the location for state development of facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park currently has a substantial economic impact upon Sabine Parish, as well as the surrounding parishes within this region; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park is a major tourism attraction; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park protects over 700 acres of green space, already developed for camping, biking, hiking, equestrian rides, group visits, canoeing, fishing, as well as other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Hodges Gardens State Park has a strong and united group of supporters and volunteers involved in the upkeep, maintenance, and improvement of the park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby expresses support for the continued operation and funding of Hodges Gardens State Park by the Louisiana Office of State Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Lt. Governor of the State of Louisiana, members of the Louisiana State Legislature, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, and the Louisiana Office of State Parks.

On motion by Ruffin seconded by McCormic the foregoing resolution was adopted on this the 19th day of April 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

14. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the President to Request Administrative Consultant's Proposal for Services

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is in the process of applying for a 2018-2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant. The application process requires the Sabine Parish Police Jury to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Jury to request administrative consultant's proposal for services.

Resolution No. 7842

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
PRESIDENT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE
CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury intends to apply for funding under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program in order to make public facility improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President or his designated representative is hereby authorized to request proposals for professional services from administrative consultants on the above referenced project as soon as possible, and to execute a contract for LCDBG administrative consultant's services with the firm that scores highest in the selection process. Points shall be assigned to each firm submitting a proposal based upon the following criteria: (1) Project manager's experience (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to firms who have administered more than 15 LCDBG projects during the last four program years. 7 points for firms who have administered 8 to 15 LCDBG projects during the last four program years. 4 points for firms who have administered 1 to 7 LCDBG projects. 0 points for firms having administered no LCDBG projects. (2) Length of time project manager has administered LCDBG projects (25 points maximum) – 25 points shall be awarded to managers who have administered LCDBG projects for 10 to 20 years. 15 points for managers who have administered LCDBG projects for 5 to 9 years. 5 points for managers who have administered LCDBG projects for less than 5 years. (3) Experience level and technical competence (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to firms who are

extremely experienced and technically competent. 7 points shall be awarded to firms who are moderately experienced and technically competent. 4 points shall be awarded to firms who are minimally experienced and technically competent. (4) Past Performance (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to firms whose past performance with the Sabine Parish Police Jury, neighboring communities, and the LCDBG program is good to excellent. 7 points for firms whose past performance is fair to good. 4 points for firms whose past performance is poor to fair. 1 point for firms whose past performance is unsatisfactory. This is an evaluation of the administrative consultant firm’s past experience in the community, the LCDBG program, and/or with neighboring communities. Other communities should be contacted if a firm has no local performance record. The firm’s reputation, either in the community or others, will determine their rating in this category. (5) Price Consideration (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is less than \$20,000. 8 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is between \$20,000 and \$24,000. 6 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is between \$24,001 and \$28,000. 4 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is between \$28,001 and \$32,000. 2 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is more than \$32,000. Points will be awarded from zero to ten by the governing body. If more than half of the governing body does not vote in favor of 10 points, 5 points, or 0 points, then the mean of the points voted upon will be determined and rounded to the nearest whole number. In the event of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to the firm which the Sabine Parish Police Jury believes will best represent its interests.

Points shall be awarded to firms submitting statements of qualifications in accordance with the points system described above by the President or his designee. Negotiations with the firm receiving the highest number of points shall begin immediately.

On motion by Ruffin seconded by McCormic the foregoing resolution was adopted on this the 19th day of April 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

15. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to Request Engineer’s Qualifications Statements

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is in the process of applying for a 2018-2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant. The application process requires the Sabine Parish Police Jury to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Jury to request engineer’s qualifications statements.

Resolution No. 7843

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
PARISH PRESIDENT TO REQUEST ENGINEER'S
QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury intends to apply for funding under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program in order to make public facility improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish President or his designated representative is hereby authorized to request statements of qualifications from engineers on the above referenced project as soon as possible, and to execute a contract for LCDBG engineering services with the firm that scores highest in the selection process. Points shall be assigned to each firm submitting a statement of qualifications based upon the following criteria: (1) Location (10 points maximum) - 10 points for firms located within 100 miles, 5 points for firms located within 100-150 miles, and 0 points for firms located outside of 150 miles. (2) Similar Experience (50 points maximum) - 5 points shall be awarded for each project the firm has worked on similar to the one advertised in the request for engineer’s qualifications statements. (3) CDBG Experience (25 points maximum) - 5 points shall be awarded for each CDBG project the firm has worked on similar to the one advertised in the request for engineer’s

qualifications statements. (4) Past Performance (10 points maximum) - 10 points shall be awarded to the firm whose past experience with the governing body or with neighboring communities is only favorable and positive. 5 points shall be awarded to the firm whose experience with the governing body or neighboring communities evaluates as favorable by some and negative by others. 0 points shall be awarded to the firm whose experience with the governing body is evaluated as negative by the governing body or by neighboring communities. This is an evaluation of the engineering firm's past experience in the community, the CDBG program, and/or with neighboring communities. Other communities should be contacted if a firm has no local performance record. The firm's reputation, either in the community or others, will determine their rating in this category. Points will be awarded from zero to ten by the governing body. If more than half of the governing body does not vote in favor of 10 points, 5 points, or 0 points, then the mean of the points voted upon will be determined and rounded to the nearest whole number. (5) Ownership (5 points maximum) - 5 points shall be awarded to the firm that is Minority-owned and/or a small business (less than 6 million in gross receipts during the most recent tax year). (6) Tie Breaker (1-point maximum) - In the event of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to the firm which the Sabine Parish Police Jury believes will best represent its interests.

Points shall be awarded to firms submitting statements of qualifications in accordance with the points system described above by the Parish President or his designee. Negotiations with the firm receiving the highest number of points shall begin immediately.

On motion by Sepulvado seconded by McCormic the foregoing resolution was adopted on this the 19th day of April 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

16. Consider a Resolution to Adopt Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has been selected to receive a 2016 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant. The grant requires the Police Jury to adopt a resolution to adopt a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

**RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION
ASSISTANCE PLAN UNDER SECTION 104(d) OF THE HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED**

Sabine Parish will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income housing as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR 570.606(b)(1). Sabine Parish Antidisplacement contact person is William E. Weatherford, who can be reached at 318/256-5637.

All replacement housing will be provided within three years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, Sabine Parish will notify the public and submit to the Division of Administration the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;

5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units; and
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain in a low/moderate-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy.

Sabine Parish will provide relocation assistance, as described in 570.606(b)(2), to each low/moderate income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a low/moderate income dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, Sabine Parish will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes:

1. All public facilities projects (water, sewer, gas, etc.) will be designed so that there will be no displacement of any residences or businesses;
2. No homes will be demolished that can be rehabilitated; and
3. There will be no displacement of any residential or business occupants on LCDBG projects.

Resolution No. 7844

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish has received approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2016 and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Sabine Parish hereby adopts the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

On motion by Bison seconded by Funderburk the foregoing resolution was adopted on this the 19th day of April 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

17. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance to Provide for Sale of Adjudicated Properties; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto

Sepulvado, seconded by Funderburk offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2017

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALE OF ADJUDICATED
PROPERTIES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine has an interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, Act 819 was enacted by the 2008 Legislative Session, revising La. R.S. 47:2121, *et seq.* to establish procedures for the sale of adjudicated properties, and the Parish of Sabine desires to establish and adopt such procedures in order to place such adjudicated properties back into the economic stream of commerce for the benefit of its communities; and

WHEREAS, R.S.47:2201, authorizes a political subdivision to adopt general ordinances governing the public sales and donations of adjudicated property.

NOW THEREFORE:

I. ADMINISTRATION

Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby establishes the Sabine Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Sabine Parish Police Jury (hereinafter "SPPJ" or "Parish" or "Police Jury"). The Parish shall contract with a third-party administrator(s) or management company(ies) (hereinafter "Management Company" or "Management Companies") to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

The SPPJ hereby authorizes, pursuant to La. R.S.47:2196, the public sale of all properties adjudicated to the Parish since January 1, 1975, and for a period of at least three (3) years. The sale of said properties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and this Ordinance.

II. PRE-BIDDING PROCESS, BIDDING PROCESS AND PUBLIC SALE

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, or by La. R.S. 47:2121 *et seq.*, the auctions shall be governed by R.S. 9:3151 *et seq.* The pre-bidding, bidding and sales process for the different methods of auction will be set forth more specifically in the respective management company agreement(s) but shall be fully compliant with La. R.S. 47:2203. The minimum bid shall be determined in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2202(A). All notices shall comply with La. R.S. 47:2206.

III. LOT NEXT DOOR PROGRAM

Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish to allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property on different terms as set forth by the respective management companies insofar as the sale otherwise complies with state law, La. R.S. 47:2202(B).

IV. DONATION OF PROPERTY

The Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes, to the extent allowed by the Louisiana Constitution, the donation of any eligible adjudicated property to be used only for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution as the Parish Police Jury determines appropriate and in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.*

V. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ACQUISITION OF OWNERSHIP

In the event that Sabine Parish Police Jury determines a public need or use for a particular parcel of adjudicated property, such claim of ownership can be made in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2236.

VI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions established herein are declared severable.

This ordinance becomes effective in accordance with dates set forth herein and five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (8)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1)

The ordinance was adopted this 19th day of April 2017.

18. Consider Replacement Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Housing Authority (Jeri Alford resigned 1/25/17)

Mrs. Jeri Alford has resigned as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Housing Authority effective January 25, 2017. The Police Jury has been diligently searching for someone from the Florien area to replace Mrs. Alford. Mr. Funderburk reported that, to date, he has been unable to locate anyone to replace Mrs. Alford. President Ebarb noted that it is very difficult to get someone to accept a position as a commissioner or board member for one of the various local political subdivisions. President Ebarb suggested that the Jury continue to search for a replacement from the Florien area for another month; after which time, the Jury will attempt to find a replacement for Mrs. Alford from other areas in the Parish.

19. Consider Appointment of Mr. Robert Conyer as a Commissioner for the Ebarb Waterworks District

Mr. Harold Ledford, a commissioner for the Ebarb Waterworks District, has recently passed away. The Police Jury discussed appointing Mr. Robert Conyer as a commissioner for the Waterworks District.

Resolution No. 7845

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Bison to appoint Mr. Robert Conyer as a commissioner for the Ebarb Waterworks District.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

20. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 7846

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

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

21. Appropriate Sales Tax for April Operations (\$195,000)

Resolution No. 7847

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 April 2017 operations.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

22. Committee Reports

Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee met on April 11, 2017 to discuss employees' salaries and possible raises in pay. The Personnel Committee decided to freeze all employee raises,

other than the normal Payroll Step Plan increases, pending receipt of the compensation and classification study from SSA Consultants.

Road Committee:

The Road Committee met on April 18, 2017.

23. Operations

Mr. Doug Olivier, Parish Road Superintendent, discussed hiring temporary employees for the period May through November, 2017.

Resolution No. 7848

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic to authorize Doug Olivier, the Parish Road Superintendent, to hire temporary workers for those road districts that he determines would benefit from such an additional temporary employee for the period May 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017. These temporary employees will be hired at the rate of ten (\$10.00) dollars per hour. The temporary employees will not be subject to any normal Payroll Step Plan increases. All temporary employees will be required to pass a physical examination and drug test.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Mr. Olivier then discussed herbicide spraying of the Parish roads. He stated that he believed that the spraying is late and should now be well underway. Mr. McCormic noted the problem the Parish had last year getting the contractor to apply the herbicide to the roads.

The contractor has contacted Mr. Olivier and notified him that they are ready to apply herbicide whenever the Parish desires. Mr. Olivier informed the jurors that he would discuss each road district with the respective juror and make arrangements with the contractor to spray selected roads in each road district as he considers appropriate.

Mr. Olivier informed the Jury that he had reviewed Jacks Road in Ward 6. Using the criteria adopted by the Police Jury for inclusion of a road into the Parish Wide Road System, he has determined that the road serves a public purpose. Mr. Olivier recommended adding an additional .4 of a mile of the road into the system.

Resolution No. 7849

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Hopkins to adopt an additional .4 of a mile of Jacks Road in Ward 6 and extend the distance of Jacks Road included in the Parish Wide Road System to .6 of a mile.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Mr. Doug Olivier discussed adding the following roads to the Parish Road System:

Rusnik Drive
West View Drive
Pebbles Lane

Mr. Olivier has reviewed these roads and determined that they meet the criteria adopted by the Police Jury to determine whether a road serves a public purpose. He recommended adopting the roads into the Parish Wide Road System.

Resolution No. 7850

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Bison to adopt Rusnik Drive, West View Drive, and Pebbles Lane into the Parish Wide Road System.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

24. Adjournment

Resolution No. 7851

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Funderburk 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