

September 27, 2017

On Wednesday, September 27, 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, August 16, 2017
8. Nolan Rivers- Discuss Refund of Sales Taxes to Encana
9. P. M. Woods- Discuss Recent Actions of the Ebarb Water System
10. Planning Commission
11. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review
12. Adopt the Millage Rates for the 2017 Ad Valorem Taxes
13. Grant Permission to Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to Purchase, Dissolve, and to Assume Complete Operation and Maintenance of the Existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.
14. Adopt a Policy Allowing the Use of Equipment Owned by a Road District in Mutual Support of Another Road District as Provided in a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
15. Authorize Entering an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program
16. Authorize Preparation of an Application for a Capital Outlay Grant for the 2018 Fiscal Year
17. Consider Loan of Funds to Ward 1 (Road District 18) for Completion of Repairs to Roads to be Reimbursed by FEMA
18. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2018 (Opening 11/8/2017)
19. Authorize Police Jury Secretary Treasurer to Execute Lease Purchase Agreement with John Deere Financial
20. Consider Adopting Tedder Lane in Ward 4 into the Parish Road System
21. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
22. Appropriate Sales Tax for September Operations (\$195,000)
23. Committee Reports
24. Operations
25. 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, "Charlie" Brown, William E. Ruffin, "Ronny" Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenneth Ebarb, and "Randy" Byrd.

The following juror was absent:

"Mike" McCormic

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. "Charlie" Brown.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment made 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. 7927

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

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

7. Adopt the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, August 16, 2017

All Police Jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2017.

Resolution No. 7928

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Byrd to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Police Jury meeting.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

8. Nolan Rivers- Discuss Refund of Sales Taxes to Encana

Mr. Nolan Rivers, Administrator of the Sabine Parish Sales Tax Commission, addressed the Police Jury concerning a refund of sales taxes due to Encana. Mr. Rivers explained that sales taxes were paid to the various taxing entities of the Parish that were not owed. Encana has requested a refund of approximately \$1,700,000, The Sabine Parish Sales Tax Commission has negotiated a settlement in the amount of 42% of the refund requested.

The Sabine Parish Sales Tax Commission has already reserved \$460,000 for payment of this claim. An additional \$100,000 dollars will be paid to Encana upon execution of the settlement agreement with the balance due to be paid within twelve months.

The Sabine Parish Sales Tax Commission has withheld payment of \$21,621 of sales taxes from the Sabine Parish Police Jury to meet its share of the \$100,000 payment due. \$3,193 will be withheld monthly from sales tax collections due the Police Jury for its share of the payment due to retire the obligation.

9. P. M. Woods- Discuss Recent Actions of the Ebarb Water System

Mr. P. M. Woods, President of the Ebarb Water System, was in attendance and replied to inquiries from the Police Jury concerning recent actions taken by the System.

Mr. Woods discussed the extension of water service north on Highway 191. The Ebarb Water System had signed new customers in that area but found that it could not provide potable water to them. Therefore, the System refunded all deposits to the potential customers. The System currently has its engineers working to provide water service to this area.

Mr. Woods explained that water service was requested by no more than twenty individuals and he noted that the System will have to borrow a significant sum of money to provide this service. He indicated that the System plans to provide service to this area within the next two years. The System will need to install a new storage tank and a booster station for this area.

Mr. Ruffin inquired about a grant received by the Ebarb Water System. Mr. Nugent explained that about \$17,000 was received and used to extend water service. Mr. Nugent informed the Police Jury that the System was in the process of applying for additional grants to fund system extension, but that grant funding has become very difficult to obtain.

Mr. Ruffin pointed out that the complaints received by the Police Jury relating to the Ebarb Water System are due to the System promising water service in an area where a source of potable water was unavailable and the System did not have adequate funds available to provide the promised service.

10. Planning Commission

Mr. Nugent, President of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, was in attendance but had no business to conduct.

11. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review

President Kenneth M. Ebarb convened the Police Jury in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review. The Jurors were also presented a copy of a September 5, 2017 letter from the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor, Cindy Manasco, certifying that she has completed the assessment listings of Sabine Parish for the 2017 tax roll, at a total taxable value of \$174,156,636.

Six protests (Form 3101) were received and provided to all Police Jurors and the Tax Assessor, Cindy Manasco, for the Board of Tax Review process as follows:

Assessment 2060013100, PPID: 2754
TBM-WC Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines
C/O Daniel Kistler
K. E. Andrews
1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

Assessment 2050000500, PPID: 110
TBM-LS Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines, M & E
C/O Daniel Kistler
K. E. Andrews
1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

Assessment 2050080000, PPID: 259
TBM-LS Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines, M & E
C/O Daniel Kistler
K. E. Andrews
1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

Assessment 2060010060, PPID: 1126
TBM-LS Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines, M & E
C/O Daniel Kistler
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1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

Assessment 2050004050, PPID: 1305
TBM-LS Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines, M & E
C/O Daniel Kistler
K. E. Andrews
1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

Assessment 2030100000, PPID: 1814
TBM-LS Sabine, LLC
Physical Location – Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines, M & E
C/O Daniel Kistler
K. E. Andrews
1900 Dalrock Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
Personal Property

On September 18, 2017, Mr. Daniel Kistler, with K. E. Andrews, was notified that the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review would convene on September 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sabine Parish Police Jury meeting room to consider the appeals filed based on the assessed valuations.

Any protests should be addressed today and no additional meetings of the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review would be necessary and the Board can be adjourned. The Jury has the option to either uphold or not uphold the Tax Assessor in the assessments. If the assessments are upheld, the matter can then be appealed to the Louisiana Tax Commission by the taxpayer. There are four levels of appeal. The first is between the taxpayer and the Tax Assessor, then the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, then the Louisiana Tax Commission, and finally the courts.

Tax Assessor Cindy Manasco attended the meeting to respond to the protests. She noted that this is the third year that the Company had protested the business personal property tax assessments. She stated that she felt that she had been fair and consistent in the assessment of all properties.

Jury President Kenneth M. Ebarb then allowed time for the protesting taxpayers to address the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review. None were in attendance.

The Jurors desired to uphold the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read aloud a resolution which would uphold the Tax Assessor and accept the tax roll values.

Resolution No. 7929

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, commenced public hearings today, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury hereby certifies that six (6) protests of assessment have been received as follows:

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, upholds the Assessor in the protests listed herein above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby certifies that no additional meetings of the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review will be necessary and the Board is adjourned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury accepts and approves the 2017 property tax roll values of \$174,156,636 as presented by Sabine Parish Tax Assessor Cindy Manasco.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, at which time a quorum was present and voting, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes on the 27th day of September 2017.

Yeas: Funderburk, Brown, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, Byrd.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: McCormic

The Police Jury then returned to regular session as the above resolution had completed the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review business.

12. Adopt the Millage Rates for the 2017 Ad Valorem Taxes

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is required to set, by resolution, the millage rates to be applied to the assessed property values for the Parish on an annual basis.

Resolution No. 7930

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Funderburk:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Sabine Parish Police Jury:

<u>TAX FOR:</u>	<u>MILLAGE:</u>
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 No.1, Ward 6 of Sabine Parish	16.65 mills
Road District No.4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish	13.87 mills
Road District No.9, Ward 3 of Sabine Parish	10.25 mills
Road District No.11, Ward 10 of Sabine Parish	25.64 mills
Road District No.15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish	13.02 mills
Road District No.16, Ward 2 of Sabine Parish	10.02 mills
Road District No.17, Ward 4 of Sabine Parish	9.97 mills
Road District No.18, Ward 1 of Sabine Parish	10.90 mills
Road District No.19, Ward 8 of Sabine Parish	15.51 mills
Road District No.20, Ward 9 of Sabine Parish	22.16 mills
Fire Protection District #1 (Wards 1 & 2)	8.50 mills
Fire Protection District #1 (Wards 1 & 2)	10.53 mills
Fire Protection 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 proper administrative officials of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted on the 27th day of September 2017 by the following votes:

Yeas: Funderburk, Brown, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, Byrd.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: McCormic

13. Grant Permission to Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to Purchase, Dissolve, and to Assume Complete Operation and Maintenance of the Existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.

Mr. Mains, President of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 was in attendance. He noted that the Police Jury had several questions concerning the possible purchase of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. by the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1. Mr. Mains and Mr. Charles Soileau met with representatives of the Police Jury and addressed these issues. The questions were satisfactorily answered and the item was placed on today's agenda.

Present in support of the purchase was Mr. William Smith with the Louisiana Department of Health, Mr. Clarence Beebee with the Louisiana Rural Water Association, Mr. Tony Matlock with the USDA Rural Development, Mr. Knox Ross with the Coordinating and Development Corporation, and Mr. Rick Nowlin, Parish President of Natchitoches Parish.

The Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 desires to purchase, dissolve, and assume complete operation and maintenance of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. Since the majority of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System is in Natchitoches Parish, it is necessary for the Natchitoches Parish Council to approve the purchase and grant the franchise to sell water to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

On August 21, 2017, the Natchitoches Parish Council authorized and granted permission for the dissolution of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; for the existing infrastructure to be connected to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1; for the existing franchise of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System to be transferred to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1; and for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the assets of, and to assume complete operation and maintenance of, the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.

In order for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc., it is also necessary for the Sabine Parish Police Jury, by resolution, to authorize and grant permission, as required by La. R. S. 33:3815.2 for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the assets of, and to assume complete operation and maintenance of, the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; to connect the existing infrastructure of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1; to accept transfer of the existing franchise of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; and to dissolve the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.

Resolution No. 7931

Motion by Brown and seconded by Funderburk:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 and the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. have reached an agreement to connect the two systems; to dissolve the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; and for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the assets of, and to assume complete operation and maintenance of, the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water system, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 is pursuing an emergency Community Water Enrichment Fund ("CWEF") grant to secure funds to make desperately needed repairs and upgrades to the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.'s infrastructure which provides service to both Sabine Parish and Natchitoches Parish residents, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 has pledged to provide approximately \$60,000 in matching funds necessary for approval of the CWEF grant, and

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Parish Resident Members of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. have voted in favor of dissolving the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. and connecting to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the permission of the Parish Governing Authority is required by La. R.S. 33:3815.2 for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to provide services to Natchitoches Parish residents, and

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Parish Council has authorized and granted permission, as required by La. R.S. 33:3815.2, for the dissolution of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc., for the existing system infrastructure to be connected to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, for the existing franchise of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. to be transferred to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, and for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the assets of and to assume complete operation and maintenance of the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize and grant permission, as required by La. R. S. 33:3815.2 for the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to purchase the assets of, and to assume complete operation and maintenance of, the existing Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; to connect the existing infrastructure of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc. to the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1; to accept transfer of the existing franchise of the Robeline-Marthaville Water System, Inc.; and to dissolve the Robeline-Marthaville Water system, Inc.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: Funderburk, Brown, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb.

Nays: None

Abstained: Byrd

Absent: McCormic

14. Adopt a Policy Allowing the Use of Equipment Owned by a Road District in Mutual Support of Another Road District as Provided in a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

Each road district within Sabine Parish generates funds, primarily through the assessment of ad valorem taxes, to maintain roads and purchase equipment. The equipment purchased with funds generated within a road district generally may be used only within the boundaries of that district.

Road districts performing repairs or improvements to roads often must hire equipment from independent contractors while similar equipment owned by other road districts cannot be utilized due to dedication restrictions.

Several Sabine Parish Police Jurors recently attended training provided by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. They learned that equipment owned by a road district could be shared with another district if both districts entered a cooperative endeavor agreement providing mutual support. Using equipment in mutual support between the various road districts of the Parish will result in substantial savings.

Participating road districts have entered a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement whereby they agree to use equipment in mutual support of other participating road districts as directed by the Parish Road Superintendent.

Resolution No. 7932

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, each road district purchases equipment with funds generated within the district, primarily through the assessment of ad valorem taxes, and

WHEREAS, the equipment purchased with funds generated within a road district generally may be used only within the boundaries of that district, and

WHEREAS, road districts of Sabine Parish have entered a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement whereby they agree to use their equipment in mutual support of other road districts as directed by the Parish Road Superintendent,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby adopts a policy of using a road district's equipment in mutual support of another road district, as directed by the Parish Road Superintendent, if both road districts are participating in a cooperative endeavor agreement providing for such mutual support.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

15. Authorize Entering an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program

On September 1, 2017, the Police Jury received an intergovernmental agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Sabine Parish Police Jury for off-system bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation projects as approved by the Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Highway Administration.

The funding for these bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation projects will be from a joint participation between the Federal Highway Administration and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, with the Department of Transportation and Development contributing the local match at time of authorization.

Resolution No. 7933

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Brown:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 23, United States Code, Section 144 "Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program" as amended, funds have been appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund to finance replacement and/or rehabilitation of bridges located off the State and Federal road system, and

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish has requested the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to allocate funds necessary to finance the off-system bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation projects defined in the Parish's approved priority list, and

WHEREAS, Federal funds have been appropriated to finance replacement and/or rehabilitation projects under the direct administration of the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development desires to cooperate with the Parish and enter an intergovernmental agreement to implement the projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury President, Kenneth M. Ebarb, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, the 2017 intergovernmental agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and to execute any other documents necessary for implementation of the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

16. Authorize Preparation of an Application for a Capital Outlay Grant for the 2018 Fiscal Year

The Louisiana Division of Administration has advised that capital outlay applications for the 2018 fiscal year are due to them by November 1, 2017. The Coordinating and Development Corporation has offered to assist in the preparations of the capital outlay applications.

The Jury was reminded by the Secretary Treasurer that the Division of facility Planning and Control requires a local match of 25% of the total project cost for each project application submitted. The Jury will be required to show the amount of the match and the source of those funds.

The following have been offered as possible projects:

- Repair of the water leakage in the basement of the Courthouse.
- Renovation or replacement of the elevator in the Courthouse.

Resolution No. 7934

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado to authorize the preparation and submittal of a 2018 Capital Outlay Grant for repair or replacement of the elevator in the Courthouse.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

Resolution No. 7935

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to authorize the preparation and submittal of a 2018 Capital Outlay Grant for repair of the water leakage in the basement of the Courthouse.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

17. Consider Loan of Funds to Ward 1 (Road District 18) for Completion of Repairs to Roads to be Reimbursed by FEMA

Ward 1 (Road District 18) received four (4) FEMA Project Worksheets as a result of the March 2016 flooding. One Project Worksheet (#429) is considered a “small” project and has been reimbursed by FEMA. All repairs included in this project have been completed.

Ward 1 (Road District 18) is the only ward to have project worksheets that are considered “large”. Three (3) project worksheets, totaling \$688,215.62, are considered “large” projects and will be reimbursed by FEMA after the work included in the worksheets has been completed. Once the work is completed, FEMA will reimburse the Police Jury 75% of the costs incurred, not to exceed \$516,161.72. Some work included in these worksheets has been completed and the Secretary Treasurer is in the process of applying for partial reimbursements from FEMA for these expenditures.

Due to the extensive repairs needed to the roads in Ward 1 (Road District 18), the cash available to fund these repairs has been depleted. Currently, Ward 1 (Road District 18) has a deficit cash balance (overdraft) of approximately \$9,960.

Ward 1 (Road District 18) needs to obtain additional funds to complete needed road repairs included in the “large” projects (#430, #431, and #436). The General Fund has funds available and can loan Ward 1 (Road District 18) funds to complete the road repairs. Amounts loaned to Ward 1 (Road District 18) will be repaid to the General Fund.

Mr. Ebarb noted that the Police Jury wants to get the roads in Ward 1 (Road District 18) fixed and the only way this can occur is by the General Fund loaning money to the road district. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford suggested loaning a sum of \$250,000 to Ward 1 (Road District 18).

Resolution No. 7936

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado to loan Ward 1 (Road District 18) \$250,000 from the General Fund. It is intended that this loan be repaid to the General Fund.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

18. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2018 (Opening 11/8/2017)

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford advised the Jurors that he and Road Superintendent Olivier will review the proposed bid advertisement for 2018 materials, supplies and services within the next few days and will make desired changes to it. The bids will be advertised in the local newspaper no later than October 11, 2017. The bids will be run in the official journal for three (3) consecutive weeks and will be opened in public on November 8, 2017 at 10:00a.m. They will be presented to the Police Jury for review on November 15, 2017 and the bids will be awarded on December 20, 2017.

Resolution No. 7937

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Garcie to advertise for bids for road materials, supplies, and services for 2018, with the bids to be opened on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., then presented to the Sabine Parish Police Jury at its regularly scheduled November 15, 2017 meeting. The bids will be taken under advisement until the regularly scheduled December 20, 2017 Police Jury meeting when they will be awarded.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

19. Authorize Police Jury Secretary Treasurer to Execute Lease Purchase Agreement with John Deere Financial

Ward 5 (Road District 15) desires to purchase a 2016 John Deere 344K Cab Loader through a lease purchase agreement. The jurors were provided a copy of the sales quotation and the lease purchase agreement for the piece of equipment.

The loader is being purchased through a state contract at a cost of \$110,631.43. The lease purchase will consist of three equal payments of approximately \$40,000, with one payment due at inception of the lease and with two additional annual payments.

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford noted that the lease agreement currently includes a non-substitution clause which must be removed before execution for the lease not to be considered long-term debt of the Police Jury. He stated that if John Deere did not modify the agreement, he would begin shopping for financing and obtain State Bond Commission approval to incur long-term debt.

Mr. Ebarb stated that he has a concern that Mr. Garcie has stopped paving two roads to provide funding for this lease. He has specifically asked Mr. Garcie to overlay one of the roads. He inquired if Mr. Garcie intended to overlay Boggy Creek Road this year.

Mr. Garcie replied that Boggy Creek Road will not be paved this year. Mr. Garcie explained that there were other roads in his district in need of repair more than Boggy Creek Road which he considers fairly new and in good condition with only a few homes located on it.

Mr. Ebarb explained that the citizens living on Boggy Creek Road have been waiting for six years for the road to be paved. He noted that fully half of the citizens in his voting district live in Mr. Garcie's road district. Mr. Ebarb has reviewed the financial position of Ward 5 (Road District 15) and believes that there are sufficient funds available to pave both Boggy Creek Road and Aimwell Road and to fund the lease purchase of the equipment.

Mr. Garcie questioned how this issue affected consideration of approval of the lease purchase of a loader for Ward 5 (Road District 15). Mr. Garcie reminded the Jury that his loader has been down all year.

Mr. Ebarb stated that the last time Mr. Garcie had paved a road in his voting district was in 2012. He stated that all money spent in Ward 5 (Road District 15) has been expended in Mr. Garcie's voting district.

Resolution No. 7938

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Funderburk to authorize the Secretary Treasurer to execute the lease purchase agreement with John Deere Financial and to execute any other required documents to finalize the capital lease of a 2016 John Deere 344K Cab Loader.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 7 Nays: 1 Ebarb Absent: 1 McCormic

20. Consider Adopting Tedder Lane in Ward 4 into the Parish Road System

During the August 16, 2017 regular meeting, the Police Jury voted to table consideration of adoption of Tedder Lane in Ward 4 into the Parish Wide Road System.

Road Superintendent Olivier has reviewed the road and has determined that the road meets the minimum standards necessary to be brought into the Parish Wide Road System and he recommended its inclusion.

Resolution No. 7939

Motion by Bison and seconded by Funderburk to adopt Tedder Lane in Ward 4 into the Parish Wide Road System.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

21. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 7940

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

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

22. Appropriate Sales Tax for September Operations (\$195,000)

Resolution No. 7941

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 September 2017 operations.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

23. Committee Reports

Courthouse and Jail Committee

Mr. Sepulvado reported that the Police Jury had received a request for a silent alarm system for the court secretaries' office. One quote for the equipment was provided to the Committee. The Committee has requested at least two additional quotes for the alarm system. Once the quotes are received, the Committee will consider installation of the system.

24. Operations

President Ebarb expressed gratitude to everyone who worked so hard during Hurricane Harvey. The Police Jury provided approximately 25,000 sandbags to citizens of the Parish. He expressed thanks to the Parish Road Superintendent, the Sheriff, and the Town of Many noting that it was a team effort.

The Jury is working to obtain emergency funding from FEMA for damage sustained as a result of the hurricane. Approximately \$600,000 in cost reimbursements are expected to be received.

Mr. Sepulvado expressed thanks to the first responders and the volunteer firemen who patrolled the roads of the Parish to ensure the safety of the citizens.

Road Superintendent Olivier reported that they are almost done laying oil sand on Shiloh Road. He stated that they are about to start laying hot mix on Shuteye Road. Mr. Olivier explained that he intended to focus on four roads; Shuteye Road, Old Pleasant Hill Road, Ray Canton Road, and Bolivar Road. He believes that he will be able to complete all the projects that were scheduled for this year.

Mr. Olivier has been informed that Diamond B, who has our contract for hot mix, has closed their plant in Leesville. The Jury will either have to obtain hot mix from Diamond B's Alexandria plant or purchase it from Madden, located in Natchitoches or Shreveport, or East Texas Asphalt, located in Lufkin, Texas.

25. Adjournment

Resolution 7942

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Funderburk to adjourn.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 McCormic

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

s/ Kenneth M. Ebarb
Kenneth M. Ebarb
President