

April 15, 2020

On Wednesday April 15, 2020 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. Public Comments
8. Planning Commission
9. Authorize the President of the Police Jury to Enter a Capital Lease Agreement with Sabine State Bank for the Purchase of a Trash Compactor
10. Approve Entering Landfill Waste Sales Agreement
11. Consider an Ordinance Controlling the Flow of Solid Waste Within Sabine Parish
12. Review and Award Bid for Two (2) Six Inch Trash Pumps
13. Review and Award Bid for Asphalt Road Patching
14. Authorize Advertising for Bids for a 6-Yard Dump Truck for Ward 2 &3
15. Authorize Advertising for Bids for a Water Truck for the Solid Waste Landfill
16. Authorize Hiring Temporary Employees for Pot-Hole Crews
17. Appoint Mr. Harold Stanley Cook as Constable of District 2 to Complete the Term of Mr. Jerry Singletary
18. Consider Adding Albritton Road to the Parish-Wide Road System
19. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
20. Appropriate Sales Tax for April Operations (\$237,000)
21. Committee Reports
22. Operations:
 - (a). Present Pete Hill Road Inspection Results
23. 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 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, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

The following juror was absent: Eric Garcie

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 to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8532

Motion by Brown and seconded by Davidson to adopt the agenda.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

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. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present.

9. Authorize the President of the Police Jury to Enter a Capital Lease Agreement with Sabine State Bank for the Purchase of a Trash Compactor

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a draft of a capital lease agreement with Sabine State Bank & Trust Company to finance the purchase of a Caterpillar Model 826K landfill compactor at a cost of \$647,432.99. Each Juror was presented a copy of the agreement.

Resolution No. 8533

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Sepulvado:

WHEREAS the Sabine Parish Police Jury has publicly bid for the purchase of a landfill compactor and the winning bid was from Louisiana Machinery Company, LLC for a Caterpillar Model 826K landfill compactor at a cost of \$647,432.99, and

WHEREAS the Police Jury desires to purchase this landfill compactor through a capital lease agreement, and

WHEREAS, Sabine State Bank & Trust Company has offered to provide funding for this purchase through a lease agreement that includes a non-appropriation clause and does not include a non-substitution clause,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to execute a capital lease for a Caterpillar Model 826K landfill compactor at a cost of \$647,432.99.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

10. Approve Entering Landfill Waste Sales Agreement

The Sabine Parish Police Jury renewed its operation of the solid waste landfill on March 1, 2020.

The Solid Waste Committee has determined that a salesman whose duties would include generation of new business and maintenance of existing business is needed for profitable operation of the landfill.

The Solid Waste Committee has met with Bridlington Company, LLC and negotiated for the provision of these services. After a meeting with a principal of the company, the agreement was modified to satisfy the requirements of the Solid Waste Committee. A copy of the amended agreement has been provided to each juror.

Resolution No. 8534

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Brown:

WHEREAS the Sabine Parish Police Jury has renewed its operation of the solid waste landfill, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury is in need of a salesman to generate new business and to maintain existing customer accounts, and

WHEREAS, Bridlington Co., LLC has agreed to provide these services to the Police Jury,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to execute an agreement with Bridlington Co., LLC to provide sales and account maintenance services for the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

11. Consider an Ordinance Controlling the Flow of Solid Waste Within Sabine Parish

ORDINANCE 1 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SOLID WASTE PROGRAM, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SAME, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury shall establish and operate a Solid Waste Landfill,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that:

1. The Sabine Parish Police Jury shall establish a parish-wide solid waste facility to satisfy the requirements of Louisiana and Federal laws. The operation and use of the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill shall be determined by the Sabine Parish Police Jury.
2. The Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill shall be established and operated under permit authority of the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that:

1. All solid waste except as otherwise defined, shall be deposited in designated containers for storage and subsequent transportation to the landfill.
2. All material of a spoilable nature shall be deposited in the compactor stations provided for this purpose.
3. All construction material, brush, tree limbs, fencing, major household appliances and furniture, and other non-degradable material shall be deposited in containers provided for this purpose.
4. All containers shall be plainly marked for type of material and instructions shall be conspicuously placed at each station.
5. All entry to the landfill shall be controlled by the superintendent and his staff.
6. Any person entering a Parish-owned waste disposal facility shall hold the Parish and its contractors harmless from any liabilities which cause injury or damage to persons or property, subject, however, to acts of negligence by the Parish or its contractors in the operation of the waste disposal facility.
7. Any person entering a Parish-owned waste disposal facility shall be required to abide by all posted rules and regulations established by the Police Jury.
8. Any person entering a Parish-owned solid waste disposal facility from any area other than the designated entrance will be considered to be a trespasser and will be subject to prosecution pursuant to applicable law.
9. No person under the age of 13 shall be allowed out of the vehicle while in the active dumping area.
10. No person shall be allowed to smoke while in the active dumping area.
11. The speed limit on the waste disposal site shall be 25 miles per hour.
12. No person shall scavenge or salvage for any material which has been deposited at the landfill, at any container site, or in any container or compactor.
13. Refuse from any commercial operator shall be accepted only if prior agreement has been made.
14. No person shall be allowed to abuse the equipment of the parish collection and disposal system.
15. No person shall be allowed to promiscuously dump trash or refuse within the boundaries of Sabine Parish.
16. No person or corporation shall organize and initiate a collection and disposal system for solid waste within Sabine Parish without the express written approval of the Sabine Parish Police Jury.
17. No commercial collector or generator of commercial wastes may use the compactor facilities of the parish solid waste system.
18. All waste entering the waste disposal facility is subject, prior to acceptance at the site, to inspection to determine compliance with the state waste permit.
19. All solid waste, special waste, trash and refuse generated within the limits of the parish by commercial businesses and collectors of waste, whether commercial or privately generated, shall be disposed of at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill at the established tipping fee rate.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that:

1. The following penalties for conviction resulting from a violation of this ordinance or any provisions of this ordinance are hereby established:
 - a. First Conviction – Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon first conviction, be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Dollars, and/or imprisoned for up to thirty days.
 - b. Second Conviction – Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon second conviction, be fined not less than Three Hundred Dollars nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, and/or imprisoned for up to thirty days.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect May 1, 2020 and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herein be and the same are hereby repealed, after this ordinance goes into effect.

The foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Stewart was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

Yeas: 8 – “Bo” Stewart, “Mike” McCormic, “Charlie” Brown, William E. Ruffin, “Jeff” Davidson, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Eric Garcie

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 15th day of April 2020, at the regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President

12. Review and Award Bid for Two (2) Six Inch Trash Pumps

Sealed Bids were received and opened on April 1, 2020, for two (2) 6-inch diesel driven trash pumps mounted on DOT approved trailers. Three bids were received as follows:

Vendor	Price	Freight	Total Cost
Red River Pump Specialists	\$ 89,980.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 92,980.00
Consolidated Pumps	\$ 90,900.00	Included	\$ 90,900.00
Better Pumps & Solutions, LLC	\$149,840.00	\$3,200.00	\$153,040.00

Resolution No. 8535

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Ebarb to accept the low bid of Consolidated Pumps in the amount of \$90,900.00 for two (2) 6-inch diesel driven trash pumps mounted on DOT approved trailers.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

13. Review and Award Bid for Asphalt Road Patching

Sealed Bids were received and opened on April 8, 2020, for patching asphalt roads. Two bids were received as follows:

Lites Bros. Asphalt, Inc. - \$ 130.00 per cubic yard
Twin City Striping & Maintenance - \$2,450.00 per cubic yard

Resolution No.8536

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Davidson to accept the low bid of Lites Bros. Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$130.00 per cubic yard to patch selected roads to the specifications of the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

14. Authorize Advertising for Bids for a 6-Yard Dump Truck for Ward 2 &3

Road District 16, Ward 2, and Road District 9, Ward 3, need a small dump truck to haul road materials over the narrow roads in the districts. Funds were budgeted in the 2020 Annual Financial Budget to purchase this vehicle.

Resolution No. 8537

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Sepulvado:

WHEREAS Road District 16, Ward 2, and Road District 9, Ward 3, need a small dump truck to haul road materials over the narrow roads in the districts, and

WHEREAS funds were budgeted in the 2020 Annual Financial Budget to replace this vehicle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Secretary Treasurer Weatherford and Road Superintendent Hughes be hereby authorized to prepare the specifications and advertise for public bids to purchase a 6-yard dump truck for Road District 16 (Ward 2) and Road District 9 (Ward 3).

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

15. Authorize Advertising for Bids for a Water Truck for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality requires the roads in the solid waste landfill to be kept damp to prevent airborne dust particles. The Police Jury is investigating the possibility of purchasing a used water truck for use at the solid waste landfill. It is anticipated that a good used water truck can be purchased for less than \$30,000.

Resolution No. 8538

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Brown:

WHEREAS, a water truck is needed at the solid waste landfill to keep the roads damp to prevent airborne dust particles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Solid Waste Committee is hereby authorized to obtain at least three quotes for a used water truck, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Solid Waste Committee is authorized to review the quotes and purchase the water truck of their choice provided the cost of the vehicle is less than \$30,000.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

16. Authorize Hiring Temporary Employees for Pot-Hole Crews

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the Police Jury has been unable to utilize inmate crews to repair potholes in parish roads. President McCormic suggested hiring temporary employees to make these pothole repairs. Mr. Brown inquired if the Jury could hire high school students for these positions. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford informed the Jury that minors could be hired if the proper documentation is obtained from the Louisiana Department of Labor.

Road Superintendent Hughes requested six (6) temporary employees be hired.

Resolution No. 8539

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Davidson to authorize hiring up to six (6) temporary employees to work primarily to repair potholes in parish roads at a rate of pay of ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour. They will be hired subject to passing the normal physical and drug test and will work until inmate crews are again available to the Parish.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

17. Appoint Mr. Harold Stanley Cook as Constable of District 2 to Complete the Term of Mr. Jerry Singletary

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford addressed the Jury. No action is necessary.

18. Consider Adding Albritton Road to the Parish-Wide Road System

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes and the Road and Shop Committee have reviewed this road and determined that it meets the criteria to be adopted into the parish-wide road system.

Resolution No. 8540

Motion by Brown and seconded by Ebarb to adopt Albritton Road, located in Road District 17 (Ward 4), which has a right of way 4/10ths of a mile long and 20 feet wide into the parish-wide road system.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

19. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8541

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

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

20. Appropriate Sales Tax for April Operations (\$237,000)

Resolution No. 8542

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Brown to appropriate and transfer \$237,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for April 2020 operations.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

21. Committee Reports

Solid Waste Committee:

President McCormic reported that the Solid Waste Committee has met four times since the March Jury meeting in order to stay current concerning the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

Courthouse and Jail Committee:

Mr. Sepulvado informed the Jury that the Parish had applied to the Louisiana Public Service Commission for a Statewide Energy Efficiency Program for Public Entities grant. On March 25, 2020, the Jury was notified that the grant had been approved for funding in the amount of \$396,245.00. These funds will be used to improve lighting inside the parish courthouse.

22. Operations

(a). Present Pete Hill Road Inspection Results

This item was tabled.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement – Grade McDonald Road

Road Superintendent Hughes requested the Jury approve entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Many for the Jury to grade McDonald Road.

Resolution No. 8543

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Byrd to approve entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Many for the Police Jury to grade McDonald Road.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

23. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8544

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President