

October 20, 2021

On Wednesday October 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

AGENDA

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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 15, 2021
9. Planning Commission
10. Mr. Cedric Floyd- Redistricting
11. Mr. Stan Hazlip- Review Health Insurance Renewal for 2022
12. Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation -. Madeleine Brumley- Laborde & Earles- Update on Opioid Litigation
13. Exit Executive Session
14. Mrs. Georgia Cravens – Discuss Parish Broadband
- 14a. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn – Discuss November 13, 2021, Election
15. Approve Purchase of General Liability and Auto Insurance
16. Approve Purchase of Workers’ Compensation Insurance
17. Resolution to Change Voting Date
18. Consider an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties
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21. Consider the Appointment of Mr. Charles Pennington as a Commissioner for Sabine Waterworks District No 1
22. Consider Appointing Mrs. Diann Miglioreto to Fill the Vacancy on the Sabine Parish Library Board Due to the Death of Mr. Valmore Byles
23. Consider the Re-appointment of Mrs. Bonnie Miles to the Sabine Parish Library Board
24. Consider the Re-appointment of Mrs. Donna Ammons to the Sabine Parish Library Board
25. Consider Surveillance Cameras at Dump Sites
26. Consider Accepting JD Ranch Road into the Parish Maintenance System
27. Approve Letting Bid for 5-7 Yard Dump Truck
28. Consider the Transfer of Jared Lee from Position #PW-09, Master Mechanic, to Position #PW08, Mechanic at His Current Rate of Pay.
- 28a. Discuss Shop Master Mechanic Position
29. Consider Funding Position #PW09, Master Mechanic, at the Rate of \$28.00 Per Hour as Approved May 14, 2019
30. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2022,2023, 2024)- Reminder Only
31. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
32. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$250,000)
33. Committee Reports
34. Operations
35. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Mike McCormic called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: “Bo” Stewart, Mike McCormic, William E. Ruffin, Stephen Steinke, “Jeff” Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Eric Garcie.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda. There were no comments.

Resolution No. 8866

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Stewart to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 14a. – Representative Rodney Schamerhorn – Discuss November 13, 2021 Election

Item 28a. – Discuss Shop Master Mechanic Position

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8867

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ebarb to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 15, 2021

All police jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2021.

Resolution No. 8868

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2021.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

9. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was in attendance.

10. Mr. Cedric Floyd- Redistricting

Mr. Cedric Floyd with Data Center LLC has been engaged to perform redistricting for the Sabine Parish Police Jury. Mr. Floyd informed the Police Jury that the 2020 U. S. Census reported a population of 22,155 in Sabine Parish. This is a decline in population of 2,078 (8.58%) compared to the 2010 U. S. Census. He informed the Jury that the ideal district size is 2,462 citizens.

Mr. Floyd presented an ordinance setting forth the 2020 Census counts and requested the Jury adopt it.

ORDINANCE 12 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE 2020 CENSUS COUNTS IN EACH PARISH POLICE JURY ELECTION DISTRICT AND DETERMINING WHETHER REDISTRICTING IS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the 2020 U. S. Census count has been completed and the PL 94-171 redistricting data was delivered to the State of Louisiana in August 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury under LA RS: 33:1411, must make a determination whether redistricting is necessary with the 2020 U. S. Census population count; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury authorized a study to calculate the 2020 U. S. Census population in each police jury district; and

WHEREAS, the current police jury districts have the following 2020 U. S. Census population numbers:

**SABINE PARISH POLICE JURY
2020 U. S. CENSUS BENCHMARK PLAN**

Total Population – 22,155 Ideal District Size – 2,462 Plan Deviation – 29.08%

District	Population	Deviation	% Dev.	White	% White	Black	% Black
1	2,299	-163	-6.62%	1,897	82.51%	237	10.31%
2	2,933	471	19.13%	2,620	89.33%	142	4.84%
3	2,459	-3	-0.12%	2,002	81.42%	168	6.83%
4	2,531	69	2.80%	874	34.53%	1,491	58.91%
5	2,547	85	3.45%	1,978	77.66%	283	11.11%
6	2,360	-102	-4.14%	1,451	61.48%	35	1.48%
7	2,413	-49	-1.99%	1,658	68.71%	40	1.66%
8	2,396	-66	-2.68%	926	38.65%	756	31.55%
9	2,217	-245	-9.95%	1,630	73.52%	377	17.00%

WHEREAS, the overall deviation of the nine-member police jury districts is 29.08%, which is more than double the legal limit of ten (10%) percent mandated in Federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby declares that a redistricting of the police jury districts must commence to adjust the district populations to be

within ten (10%) percent deviation of the ideal district population of 2,462. The adopted Redistricting Plan must be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for Section 5 Pre-Clearance, if required, by January 31, 2023, and the State of Louisiana no later than June 7, 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

This ordinance having been offered by Steinke and seconded by Davidson after being read and considered section by section and notice having been published in accordance with law and having been heard in a public hearing in Many, Louisiana on this 20th day of October, 2021

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 20th day of October 2021, 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

11. Mr. Stan Hazlip- Review Health Insurance Renewal for 2022

Stan and Pat Hazlip with the Hazlip Companies spoke to the police jury concerning the renewal of employee health insurance coverage for the year 2022. The Police Jury is currently insured with PGRMA. If the Police Jury retains the same level of coverage with PGRMA, the estimated annual premium for medical insurance will be \$1,118,145.38 and the estimated annual premium for dental insurance will be \$30,441.96.

Mr. Hazlip suggested that the Police Jury consider changing the benefit structure of the employees' health insurance plan to reduce the cost of coverage.

The Police Jury took consideration of the renewal of employee health insurance coverage for 2022 under advisement with no action taken at this time.

12. Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation -. Madeleine Brumley- Laborde & Earles- Update on Opioid Litigation

The Police Jury did not enter executive session. Ms. Madeleine Brumley, an attorney with Laborde & Earles, informed the Jury that a partial settlement has been reached in the ongoing opioid litigation. Nationally, a partial settlement of 22.8 billion dollars has been proposed. Louisiana's share of the proposed settlement is 350 million dollars. The Louisiana Attorney General is charged with the allocation of these funds among the state and local governments.

Ms. Brumley strongly recommended that the Police Jury adopt a resolution to participate in the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding

Resolution No. 8869

A Resolution authorizing **the Parish of Sabine** (herein referred to as this "Governmental Unit") to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (the "MOU") and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and the Parish of Sabine is a litigating participant in that action;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the Parish of Sabine, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every City and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 3. That Derrick G. Earles and/or David C. Laborde are hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 4. That, the Police Jury President, is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

SECTION 5. That the Secretary Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Secretary Treasurer of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

Attorney General Jeff Landry
c/o Bill Stiles
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This resolution having been offered by Ruffin and seconded by Davidson, was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Therefore, the foregoing resolution was declared duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2021.

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President

13. Exit Executive Session

No action taken. The Police Jury did not enter executive session.

14. Mrs. Georgia Cravens – Discuss Parish Broadband

The Police Jury has been active in attempting to bring broad band service to Sabine Parish. Mrs. Georgia Cravens addressed the Jury concerning the parish broadband service. She noted that there is abundant funding available through grants to assist in closing the digital divide in Sabine Parish. She stated that approximately 75% of the parish does not currently have access to broad band. Broad band is now considered a part of the parish's infrastructure.

Mrs. Cravens reported that Sabine Parish had been awarded Federal funds totaling eighteen million (\$18,000,000) dollars to install broad band infrastructure. This is expected to provide service to approximately 6,900 households. However, the State of Louisiana is offering additional funding to provide service to more households through the GUMBO Grant Program.

She noted that money received by Sabine Parish through the American Rescue Plan can be used as a local contribution for the GUMBO Grant to improve the Parish's chance of being awarded a grant.

14a. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn – Discuss November 13, 2021, Election

Representative Rodney Schamerhorn briefly discussed the four constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot for the November 13, 2021, election. The propositions are as follows:

Proposition Number One- Centralized tax collection for local tax monies.

Proposition Number Two – Lowers the tax rate for individual income taxes from a maximum of 6% to a maximum of 4.75%.

Proposition Number Three – Allows levee districts created after 2006 to raise taxes in districts where a majority of voters approve.

Proposition Number Four- to enact a three-tier corporate tax rate and does away with the franchise tax.

Representative Schamerhorn endorses the four amendments to the constitution.

Resolution No. 8870

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to endorse and support Proposition Number 1 on the November 13, 2021, election which establishes centralized tax collection for local tax monies.

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

Yeas: 6 - McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 2 – Steinke and Ebarb

Absent: 0

15. Approve Purchase of General Liability and Auto Insurance

Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. has obtained a quote of \$241,950 for our liability and automobile insurance. This is an increase of \$7,697 (3.3%) compared to the premium for last year. The increase is primarily due to an increase in the number of insured vehicles.

Resolution No. 8871

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado to accept the quote of \$241,950 from Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. for liability and automobile insurance for the period November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022, and to authorize Secretary Treasurer Weatherford to execute all documents necessary to bind coverage.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Approve Purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance

Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. has obtained a quote of \$101,793 for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance. This is an increase of \$7,844 (8.3%) compared to the premium for the prior year.

Resolution No. 8872

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ruffin to accept the quote of \$101,793 from Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance for the period November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022, and to authorize Secretary Treasurer Weatherford to execute all documents necessary to bind coverage.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

17. Resolution to Change Voting Date

Resolution No. 8873

The following resolution was offered by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado:

RESOLUTION

A resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to Executive Order

of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the elections; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, heretofore called for an election to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 2021 JBE 13 on September 9, 2021 (said Executive Order, with any supplements or modifications, herein the “Executive Order”), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by Hurricane Ida;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the “Parish and District”), that:

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from October 9, 2021, to November 13, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, at NINE O’CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolution previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The President and/or Secretary-Treasurer are further authorized, empowered, and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the elections.

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

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Thomas Stewart	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mike McCormic	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stephen Steinke	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
William E. Ruffin	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jeff Davidson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Eric Garcie	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ricky Sepulvado	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth M. Ebarb	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Randy Byrd	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of October, 2021.

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

s/ Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President

18. Consider an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties

ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF SABINE TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 8011010600, 8076000100, &

807601353) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the Parish of Sabine, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

1. **PARCEL# 8011010600: S ½ OF LOT LYING WEST OF HIGHWAY OF BLOCK 15 IN TOWN OF FLORIEN, CONTAINING .1 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 2-5-11, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/01/2017, NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**

Purchaser: CHANDRA WHITE Bid: \$769.90 Auction Date: LOT NEXT DOOR

2. **PARCEL# 8076000100: LOT 12 OF BLOCK 15 OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT HILL, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH IN 1982, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2258 W MAIN STREET, PLEASANT HILL, LA.**

Purchaser: BRYAN BUTLER Bid: \$733.33 Auction Date: November 9, 2021

3. **PARCEL# 807601353: 4 TRACTS LOCATED IN BLOCK 17 OF TOWN OF PLEASANT HILL IN S/2 OF SE/4 OF SECTION 29-10-11 (266108 LESS .596 AC TO DURR IN #266392), NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH IN 1991.**

Purchaser: BRYAN BUTLER Bid: \$3,666.66 Auction Date: November 9, 2021

WHEREAS, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 1 of 2017 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine has declared the property described above surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Sabine has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property and

WHEREAS, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the above-described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the

Parish of Sabine and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

- b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Sabine Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Sabine Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above-described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified. The above ordinance having been offered upon a motion by Steinke and seconded by Byrd was then submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 20th day of October 2021, 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

19. Consider an Ordinance Temporarily Moving the Polling Place for Precincts 1-2, 1-3, and 5-3 From the Florien Civic Center, 106 High School Drive, Florien, Louisiana, to the Florien Train Depot, 220 West Port Arthur Avenue, Florien, Louisiana

No action was taken on this item.

20. Consider a Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Sabine Sweetees Softball Team for Winning the 2021 Dixie Softball World Series

Resolution No. 8874

The following resolution was offered by Garcie and seconded by Stewart:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SABINE
SWEETTES FOR WINNING THE 2021 DIXIE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES
CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish has a long-standing history of excelling in sports, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth Association has further demonstrated such excellence in its long tenure, and

WHEREAS, such success has been and continues to be the result of the dedication of parents, coaches, sponsors, and other persons or entities, and

WHEREAS, the six-year -old Sabine Sweetees Dixie softball team was undefeated during the 2021 softball season, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Sweetees have continuously exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship and athletic skill, and

WHEREAS, The Sabine Sweetees won the 2021 Dixie Softball World Series held in Alexandria, Louisiana

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury does hereby congratulate and commend the Sabine Sweetees softball team, their coaches, parents, and supporters for winning the 2021 Dixie Softball World Series.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Consider the Appointment of Mr. Charles Pennington as a Commissioner for Sabine Waterworks District No. 1

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the Sabine Parish Water District No.1 recommending that Mr. Charles Pennington be appointed as a commissioner to fill the vacancy due to the expiration of Mr. Chris Comeaux's term.

Mr. Charles Pennington was present and responded to inquiries presented by the Jury.

Resolution No. 8875

The following resolution was offered by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the term for Mr. Chris Comeaux to serve as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Water District No. 1 has expired, and

WHEREAS, The Sabine Parish Water District No.1 has recommended that Mr. Charles Pennington be appointed as a commissioner to fill the vacancy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby appoints Mr. Charles Pennington as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Water District No. 1, with his term expiring August 19, 2026.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

22. Consider Appointing Mrs. Diann Migliore to to Fill the Vacancy on the Sabine Parish Library Board Due to the Death of Mr. Valmore Byles

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the Sabine Parish Library Board recommending that Mrs. Diann Migliore be appointed as a board member to fill the vacancy due to the death of Mr. Valmore Byles.

Mrs. Diann Migliore was present and responded to inquiries presented by the Jury.

Resolution No. 8876

The following resolution was offered by Stewart and seconded by Sepulvado:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Sabine Parish Library Board because of the death of Mr. Valmore Byles, and

WHEREAS, The Sabine Parish Library Board has recommended that Mrs. Diann Migliore be appointed as a board member to fill the vacancy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby appoints Mrs. Diann Migliore as a board member for the Sabine Parish Library Board, with her term expiring May 17, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Consider the Re-appointment of Mrs. Bonnie Miles to the Sabine Parish Library Board

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the Sabine Parish Library Board recommending the re-appointment of Mrs. Bonnie Fox-Miles to the Board.

Resolution No. 8877

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Ruffin to re-appoint Mrs. Bonnie Fox-Miles as a board member to the Sabine Parish Library Board, with her term ending May 17, 2026.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Consider the Re-appointment of Mrs. Donna Ammons to the Sabine Parish Library Board

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the Sabine Parish Library Board recommending the re-appointment of Mrs. Donna Ammons to the Board.

Resolution No. 8878

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Sepulvado to re-appoint Mrs. Donna Ammons as a board member to the Sabine Parish Library Board, with her term ending May 17, 2026.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Consider Surveillance Cameras at Dump Sites

Chief Deputy Brad Walker has contacted the Sabine Parish Police Jury and requested permission to place surveillance cameras at selected compactor sites.

Resolution No. 8879

Motion by Steinke and seconded by Stewart to grant permission to the Sabine Parish Sheriff Department to install surveillance cameras at Parish compactor sites.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

26. Consider Accepting JD Ranch Road into the Parish Maintenance System

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes reported that he had reviewed and inspected J. D. Ranch Road located in Ward 10, (Road District 11) and found that it met all criteria for being adopted into the parish road system. Adoption of the road has been considered and approved by the Road and Shop Committee.

Resolution No. 8880

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart to adopt the J. D. Ranch Road, located in Ward 10, (Road District 11), into the parish road system.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

27. Approve Letting Bid for 5-7 Yard Dump Truck

Ward 8, (Road District 19), is in need of a new 5 to 7-yard dump truck.

Resolution No. 8881

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Ruffin to approve the advertisement for bid and the purchase of a new 5 to 7-yard dump truck for Ward 8, (Road District 19), and to authorize Road

Superintendent Bobby Hughes and Secretary Treasurer William Weatherford to draft the specifications for the truck.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

28. Consider the Transfer of Jared Lee from Position #PW-09, Master Mechanic, to Position #PW08, Mechanic at His Current Rate of Pay.

No action was taken on this item.

28a. Discuss Shop Master Mechanic Position

President McCormic reminded the jurors that the jury has previously approved a salary range of \$25 to \$28 per hour for the position of “Master Mechanic”. The term “Master Mechanic” defines a certain skill level of the employee.

The Jury currently has a person employed as a “Master Mechanic” and has the opportunity to hire an additional employee with that skill level. There was then a discussion on the salary level for the current “Master Mechanic”.

Resolution No. 8882

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Steinke to increase the base rate of pay for the current “Master Mechanic” to twenty-five dollars (\$25) per hour.

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

Yeas: 5 - McCormic, Steinke, Davidson, Sepulvado, and Byrd

Nays: 4 – Ebarb, Ruffin, Garcie, and Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mr. Ebarb recommended that the Police Jury establish an additional “Master Mechanic” position at the shop. He suggested that the rate of pay for the new position would be within a range of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to twenty-eight dollars (\$28) per hour, based on qualifications.

Resolution No. 8883

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Police Jury Shop has need of qualified mechanics to repair equipment, and

WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to hire an additional highly trained mechanic

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a second “Master Mechanic” position be established at the shop, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of “Mechanic Helper” be abolished, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the base salary for the “Master Mechanic” position will be within a range of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to twenty-eight dollars (\$28) per hour, based on qualifications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of “Master Mechanic” will participate in the normal STEP Plan and be qualified to receive the normal fringe benefits offered Police Jury employees.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

29. Consider Funding Position #PW09, Master Mechanic, at the Rate of \$28.00 Per Hour as Approved May 14, 2019

No action taken on this item.

30. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2022,2023, 2024)- Reminder Only
Jurors were reminded the Jury needs to adopt a three (3) year Parish Transportation Act Priority List for roads for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024. This must be done prior to January 1, 2022, in order to comply with the Parish Transportation Act.

31. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8884

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

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

32. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$250,000)

Resolution No. 8885

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to appropriate and transfer \$250,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for October 2021 operations.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

33. Committee Reports

Road and Shop Committee:

President McCormic reported that the Jury has located a front-end loader that can be rented. This loader will be used to propel the Asphalt Zipper machine. He also reported that the Airport Road would be the first road reclaimed by the Asphalt Zipper.

President McCormic suggested that the Jury consider purchasing a lay-down machine to asphalt parish roads.

34. Operations

Road Superintendent Hughes reported that the Jury was now promoting the "Adopt a Road" program. Signs are available for individuals interested in participating in the program.

35. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8886

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President