

November 3, 2021

On Wednesday November 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and special called 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 October 20, 2021
9. Consider Approval of Reserving \$700,000 of the American Rescue Plan Grant for Broad Band in Sabine Parish
10. Review and Award Bid for 12/14 Yard Dump Truck for Ward 5 (Road District 15)
11. Discuss Options for Employee Health Insurance
12. Committee Reports
13. Operations
14. 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: Mike McCormic, William E. Ruffin, Stephen Steinke, "Jeff" Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and "Randy" Byrd.

The following juror was absent: "Bo" Stewart.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. Stephen Steinke.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ricky Sepulvado.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8887

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Steinke to adopt the agenda.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

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 October 20, 2021

All police jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2021.

Resolution No. 8888

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2021.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

9. Consider Approval of Reserving \$700,000 of the American Rescue Plan Grant for Broad Band in Sabine Parish

President McCormic recommended reserving \$700,000 of the American Rescue Plan Grant funds to support efforts to improve broad band coverage in Sabine Parish; primarily by providing a supporting contribution for a GUMBO Grant. The supporting contribution will increase the chance of receiving the grant.

Mr. Ebarb noted that lack of broad band service is one of the largest problems facing the Police Jury because it limits economic growth in the parish.

Resolution No. 8889

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Steinke to reserve \$700,000 of the American Rescue Plan Grant funds to support and improve broad band service within Sabine Parish.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

10. Review and Award Bid for 12/14 Yard Dump Truck for Ward 5 (Road District 15)

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. November 1, 2021, for the purchase of a new 12/14-yard dump body truck. At that time, the sealed bids were opened and publicly read aloud. One sealed bid was received by the Police Jury.

Resolution No. 8890

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury received one sealed bid for a new 12/14-yard dump body truck as follows:

| Description | Vendor | Bid Price |
|--|----------------------|------------------|
| 2022 International HV507 6X4 With Viking-Cives 15 Yard Dump Body with Tarp | Pliler International | \$141,800.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts this bid, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford and Police Jury President Richard M. McCormic are authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to complete this purchase.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

11. Discuss Options for Employee Health Insurance

Stan Hazlip with the Hazlip Companies has forwarded three possible options for employee health insurance coverage to the Police Jury for review as follows:

- Option #1- retain the same coverage as previously provided to Jury employees.
- Option #2 – Increase the employee deductible amount.
- Option #3 – Change to a managed care plan.

Mr. Ebarb noted that the insurance plan is an important fringe benefit offered to employees.

After discussion, it is the consensus of the Jury to retain the same coverage as previously provided to employees.

Resolution No. 8891

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has received an employee health insurance renewal quote in the amount of \$1,118,145.38 which retains the same coverage as previously provided to employees, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury recognizes the value and importance of good health insurance coverage to its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the renewal offer from PGRMA that retains the same coverages as provided in the prior year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford and Police Jury President Richard M. McCormic are authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to complete this renewal.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

12. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

13. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes reported on his recent visit with the Texas Department of Transportation and his review of their procedures to repair potholes.

Mr. Hughes reported that the reclaiming of Airport Road would begin on November 18th.

Mr. Hughes informed the Jury that Toro Creek Bridge has been closed because of damage to its pilings caused by driftwood.

14. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8892

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President