

October 19, 2022

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 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. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
9. Planning Commission
10. Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board
11. Mr. Stan Hazlip – Group Health Insurance Proposal
12. Mr. Jeff Morrow- Discuss Services Provided by the Council on Aging
13. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 21, 2022
14. Consider an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcel 9043001150) by Public Auction; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto
15. Appoint Mrs. Cindy Manasco as Commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4
16. Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
17. Authorize Entering Memorandum of Understanding with the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor
18. Resolution - LGAP Grant
19. Ratify Emergency Hiring of Superintendent for the Solid Waste Landfill
20. Consider Reimbursement of Landfill Superintendent and Landfill Office Manager for Use of Personal Cellular Telephone
21. Authorize Annual Membership in The Coordinating & Development Corporation for 2023
22. Consider Accepting Valerie Lane into the Parish Road System
23. Declare 1988 John Deere Road Grader, G-805, Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com
24. Discuss Dust Control Service
- 24a. Kristi Harris Kor – Road Planning
25. Approve Purchase of General Liability and Auto Insurance
26. Approve Purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance
27. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2023,2024, 2025)- Reminder Only
28. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
29. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$350,000)
30. Committee Reports
31. Operations
32. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ricky L. Sepulvado 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, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

The following juror was absent: “Jeff” Davidson.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. “Randy” Byrd.

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 public comments.

Resolution No. 9127

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Garcie to amend the agenda to include the following item:

Item 24a. Kristi Harris Kor – Road Planning

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9128

Motion by Ruffin 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: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda.

Mr. Pat Scarborough commented on Items 24 (Dust Control Service) and 24a (Road Planning). He noted the serious dust problem that the citizens of Sabine Parish are currently experiencing. Mr. Scarborough stated that the dust problem resulted from a failure of the police jury to plan. He urged the Police Jury to develop comprehensive road plans.

Mrs. Joy Scarborough addressed the jury concerning Item 4 (the Pledge of Allegiance). She expressed her opposition to Police Jury Resolution No. 9112 which established rules and restrictions regarding public comments during police jury meetings.

Ms. Rebekah Stiegemeier commented on Items 24 (Dust Control Service) and 7 (Public Comments). She inquired as to whether the jury intended to hire a contractor for dust control and stressed the need for planning. She also voiced her opposition to Resolution No. 9112.

Mr. Reed Founds stated that there is a problem and requested that the police jury adopt a plan to mitigate the problem. He asked the jury to make their plan public so that citizens will know what to expect.

8. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

State Representative Rodney Schamerhorn addressed the Police Jury. He encouraged the jurors to listen to the complaints of their constituents and promptly reply to them. Mr. Schamerhorn stressed the need for communication between the jurors and their constituents.

9. Planning Commission

Peter Nugent, a member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, was in attendance and provided the jury a brief update on activity within the parish.

10. Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board

No member of the Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board was in attendance.

11. Mr. Stan Hazlip – Group Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Stan Hazlip presented a renewal proposal for group health care coverage from the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA). Two options were presented to the Police Jury.

- Option One- \$750 – deductible/ \$3,500 out-of-pocket maximum- This is the same as the Jury’s current PPO benefit plan with no significant changes. The annual premium will be \$966,363.12, a decrease of 78,825.84 compared to the 2022 premium.
- Option Two - \$1,500 – deductible/\$5,000 out-of-pocket maximum – This plan design is the same as the current plan with the exception of an increased deductible, out-of-pocket maximum, and PCP office visit copayments. The annual premium will be \$836,151.17, a decrease of \$209,037.79 compared to the 2022 premium.

Resolution No. 9129

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA) has provided two renewal options to provide group health insurance and dental coverage, and

WHEREAS, Option One retains the coverage historically provided to police jury employees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts PGRMA Renewal Option One with an annual premium of \$966,363.12, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute the acceptance of the renewal offer.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

12. Mr. Jeff Morrow- Discuss Services Provided by the Council on Aging

Mr. Jeff Morrow, Executive Director of the Sabine Council on Aging, addressed the Police Jury. He informed the Police Jury that the Council is developing an area plan and he requested the jurors to complete a survey to give feedback on the services provided and to recommend additional services.

13. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held September 21, 2022

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes.

Resolution No. 9130

Motion by Steinke and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 2022.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

14. Consider an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcel 9043001150) by Public Auction; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto

ORDINANCE NO. 9 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF SABINE TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 9043001150) 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# 9043001150: BEGIN ON N LINE LOT 57 WHICH IS 75' E NW CORNER LOT & BEGIN ON S LINE LOT 57 WHICH IS 175' W OF SE CORNER LOT, GIAUQUES 2ND ADDITION, NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

Purchaser: PORSHA ALDREDGE Bid: \$1,500.00 Auction Date: October 26, 2022

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

15. Appoint Mrs. Cindy Manasco as Commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Elizabeth A. Pickett as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4. Mrs. Cindy Manasco has indicated a willingness to serve as a commissioner for the District.

Resolution No. 9131

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, Elizabeth A. Pickett has tendered her resignation as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4 effective August 29, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cindy Manasco has indicated that she is willing to serve as a commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Cindy Manasco is hereby appointed as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Manasco will serve for the remainder of Ms. Pickett's term.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

16. Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs has forwarded a cooperative endeavor agreement to the Police Jury to provide for a portion of the cost of the operation and maintenance of the parish Veteran's Service Offices.

Resolution No. 9132

Motion by Steinke and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to support local veterans and improve their access to benefits and services, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) both contribute to the operation and maintenance of parish Veterans' Service Offices, and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:260-262 provides that LDVA shall not contribute more than seventy-five percent (75%) for such operation and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, police juries may make appropriations out of funds for the purpose of providing or assisting in providing for the maintenance and operation of Veterans' Service Offices,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury shall contribute to the support of the Veterans' Service Office by paying the LDVA a total of \$14,395 in minimum monthly payments of \$1,200.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the LDVA and the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cooperative endeavor agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

17. Authorize Entering Memorandum of Understanding with the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor

The Sabine Parish Tax Assessor has forwarded a Memorandum of Understanding to the Sabine Parish Police Jury to provide for a 2023 aerial photography flight to capture up-to-date imagery for the parish. The Finance Committee has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and recommended entering the agreement.

Resolution No. 9133

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by McCormic:

WHEREAS, the last aerial imagery of the parish was completed in 2020, and

WHEREAS, there have been many changes in the parish which need to be documented, and

WHEREAS, the imagery is useful for many of the duties and responsibilities of both the Tax Assessor and the Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to participate in the capture of imagery of the parish

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury will provide funding for the 2023 aerial photography flight in the total amount of \$30,000, to be paid over a period of three (3) years with \$10,000 payable in May of each year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

18. Resolution - LGAP Grant

The 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant applications are now available and must be completed and received by the Office of Community Development no later than November 21, 2022.

Mr. Sepulvado requested the Police Jury to support and authorize the preparation and filing of an LGAP grant application in the amount of \$140,000 to make various improvements to the Parish Courthouse.

Resolution No. 9134

Motion by Steinke and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, Local Government Assistance (LGAP) grants are now available for the 2022-2023 year, and

WHEREAS, applications for LGAP grants must be received by the Office of Community Development no later than November 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to apply for an LGAP grant to make the following improvements:

- Renovate the plumbing including drains, toilets, and sinks of the men's and women's bathroom on the first floor and to make handicapped accessible - \$50,000
- Replace the air conditioning vents, ducts and ceiling tiles in the courtroom - \$60,000
- Installing air conditioning vents, drop ceiling, floor covering and painting the walls of the training area of the Sheriff's Office - \$30,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury fully supports and hereby authorizes its grant writer to prepare an application for a 2022-2023 LGAP Grant to make improvements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President be hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to make the application for the LGAP Grant.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

19. Ratify Emergency Hiring of Superintendent for the Solid Waste Landfill

Mr. Pete Chreene resigned as Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill effective October 14, 2022. He was the only employee of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to hold a Class A Operator's license. The Jury must have an employee with a Class A License to operate the landfill.

The opportunity to hire Mr. Peter Chreene, Jr., who holds a Class A Operator's License, arose on October 5, 2022. The Solid Waste Committee unanimously recommended hiring Peter Chreene, Jr. effective October 10, 2022.

Resolution No. 9135

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, Mr. Pete Chreene, Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill resigned effective October 14, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury must have an employee with a Class A Operator's License to operate the landfill, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee unanimously recommended hiring Mr. Peter Chreene, Jr. as Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill effective October 10, 2022 because of the emergency arising because of Mr. Pete Chreene's resignation

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby ratifies the emergency hiring of Mr. Peter Chreene, Jr. as Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Peter Chreene will be hired effective October 10, 2022 with an annual salary of \$100,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Peter Chreene, Jr. will not participate in the STEP Program but will be eligible to participate in all other employee benefits normally offered to Police Jury employees.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

20. Consider Reimbursement of Landfill Superintendent and Landfill Office Manager for Use of Personal Cellular Telephone

The Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill and the Landfill Office Manager use their personal cellular telephones to conduct parish business. Other Parish employees who use their cellular telephones to conduct parish business receive a reimbursement of fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

Resolution No. 9136

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Ebarb to authorize a monthly reimbursement of fifty dollars (\$50) to the Superintendent of the Solid Waste Landfill and the Landfill Office Manager for the use of their personal cellular telephones to conduct parish business.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

21. Authorize Annual Membership in The Coordinating & Development Corporation for 2023
The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received an invoice for annual dues for membership in The Coordinating & Development Corporation for the year 2023. Annual membership dues are \$9,220.

Resolution No. 9137

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Ebarb to approve payment of annual dues for membership in The Coordinating & Development Corporation for the year 2023 in the amount of \$9,220.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 - McCormic

Absent: 1 - Davidson

22. Consider Accepting Valerie Lane into the Parish Road System

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Road Superintendent, requested that the Police Jury consider accepting Valerie Lane located in the Lacy Landing Subdivision into the parish road maintenance system. Valerie Lane has met the requirement of being maintained by the owners for two years and has been inspected and recommended for acceptance. Valerie Lane is a gravel road ½ mile in length located in Ward 5 (Road District 15).

Resolution No. 9138

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie to accept Valerie Lane, a gravel road ½ mile in length, located in Ward 5 (Road District 15) into the parish road maintenance system.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

23. Declare 1988 John Deere Road Grader, G-805, Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com

The Sabine Parish Police Jury Road Department has a road grader that no longer serves a useful purpose. The Jury desires to dispose of the grader by on-line auction.

Resolution No. 9139

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury Road Department has a road grader that no longer serves a useful public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to dispose of the grader through public on-line auction.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the following equipment be declared surplus:

Item No.	District	Description	Minimum Bid
G-805	9 & 16	1988 John Deere 670B Grader	\$10,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above listed surplus property be disposed by auction through govdeals.com, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale by on-line auction.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

24. Discuss Dust Control Service

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Road Superintendent, reported that the Police Jury does not have any road worthy water trucks to provide dust control for parish roads. Mr. Hughes has therefore obtained a quote from a contractor to provide dust control services at a cost of \$13,500 per mile. This service would control the dust for a period of four to six weeks using water mixed with calcium chloride.

It was the consensus of the Jury that the cost of contracting dust control was prohibitive. However, "Bo" Stewart suggested budgeting for road oil to both improve the graveled roads and to control dust.

24a. Kristi Harris Kor – Road Planning

Ms. Kristi Harris Kor was not in attendance. However, the Police Jury allowed Mr. Pat Scarborough to comment on his ideas as to how the Police Jury should perform long term planning for major road repairs and notify the public about those plans. Mr. Scarborough offered to assist the road superintendent and the related juror in developing a plan for a road as a prototype for the jury to evaluate. Mr. McCormic indicated his willingness to accept Mr. Scarborough's offer and participate in developing a road plan utilizing Mr. Scarborough's ideas.

25. Approve Purchase of General Liability and Auto Insurance

Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. has obtained a quote of \$216,677 for our liability and automobile insurance. This is a decrease of \$25,273 (10.4%) compared to the premium for last year.

Resolution No. 9140

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Ruffin to accept the quote of \$216,677 from Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. for liability and automobile insurance for the period November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, 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: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

26. Approve Purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance

Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. has obtained a quote of \$115,170 for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance. This is an increase of \$13,377 (13.1%) compared to the premium for the prior year.

Resolution No. 9141

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Ebarb to accept the quote of \$115,170 from Moreman, Moore & Company, Inc. for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance for the period November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, 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: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

27. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2023,2024, 2025)- Reminder Only

Jurors were reminded the Jury needs to adopt a three (3) year Parish Transportation Act Priority List for roads for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. This must be done prior to January 1, 2023, in order to comply with the Parish Transportation Act.

28. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9142

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

29. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$350,000)

Resolution No. 9143

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to appropriate and transfer \$350,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for October 2022 operations.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

30. Committee Reports

Broadband Committee:

Mr. Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Broadband Committee, reported that he and Georgia Craven had met with representatives from Beauregard Parish to discuss how Sabine Parish had obtained funding for broadband service.

Mr. McCormic informed the Jury that he had been in contact with Mr. Jason Hunt, Broadband Director. Mr. Hunt is organizing a meeting during the first part of November to present his operational plans.

Mr. McCormic stated that construction of parish wide broadband service should begin very soon.

Courthouse & Jail Committee:

Mr. Kenneth Ebarb, Chairman of the Courthouse & Jail Committee, asked Mr. D. J. Rhodes, Maintenance Supervisor, to discuss work being performed at the courthouse. Mr. Rhodes informed the Jury that he had obtained a quote for a bullet resistant glass door to the judge's office as requested by Judge Gentry. He noted that the existing door must be completely removed, and a new door installed to accommodate the new glass.

Mr. Rhodes presented a quote from Cane River Glass, LLC for a 36x84 clear finish aluminum Level 3 bullet resistant door, glass, and frame at a cost of \$18,656.69.

Mr. McCormic noted that future plans for security improvements at the courthouse include installing a metal detector at the front door and installing biometric locks on the rear doors.

Resolution No. 9144

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Byrd to accept the quote from Cane River Glass LLC in the amount of \$18,656.69 to install a 36x84 clear finish aluminum Level 3 bullet resistant door, glass, and frame to the Judge's office.

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

Yeas: 7 - McCormic, Ruffin, Steinke, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Davidson

31. Operations

Mr. Hughes discussed how federal funding for bridge improvements might be utilized in the Parish.

32. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9145

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Davidson

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President