

February 26, 2021

On Friday February 26, 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 Meetings Held December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021
9. Planning Commission
10. Ms. Edith Palmer – Spring Street and Spring Court in The Branch Subdivision
11. Approve the Transfer of \$500,000 From the General Fund Account to the Parish Transportation Act Account
12. Exchange the Position of Cypress Bend with Old LA 476 on the Parish Transportation Priority List
13. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of Not to Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District
14. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Police Jury President to Execute the Funding Commitment Letter and the Agreement Between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Sabine Parish to Install Striping and Signing Along Multiple Parish Roads.
15. Appoint Benjamin Shaw as a Commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2
16. Consider an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on Fisher Oakhill Drive, Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17), to 25 Miles Per Hour
17. Consider an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on Seagull Lane, Located in Ward 2 (Road District 16), to 15 Miles Per Hour
18. Consider an Ordinance Prohibiting Individuals or Entities Having Social Media Sites That Present Wording or Seals That Could Be Interpreted as Representing the Sabine Parish Police Jury
19. Adopt the 2020 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
20. Review Bids and Award Contract for Purchase of a Road Sweeper
21. Discuss Purchase of Asphalt Zipper Machine
22. Discuss Use of Parish Truck by the Maintenance Supervisor
23. Discuss Road Department Access to General Ledger and Budget Data
24. Consider Relocating School Bus Turnaround on Shamrock Road at Peach Tree Lane
25. Approve Fifty Dollar Per Month Reimbursement for Business Use of Personal Cell Telephones for Specified Employment Positions
26. Announce Sabine Parish Waste Tire Cleanup
27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for February Operations (\$250,000)
29. Committee Reports
30. Operations
31. 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 telephone and 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, William E. Ruffin, Melissa Brown, “Jeff” Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment made to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8736

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

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, 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. Ronny Bison inquired if the Sabine Parish Police Jury had an official Facebook page. President McCormic replied that the Police Jury did not have an official Facebook page. Mr. Davidson informed Mr. Bison that the Facebook page to which he was referring was his personal page.

Mr. McCormic then advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meetings Held December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes of the regular meetings held December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021.

Resolution No. 8737

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado to accept the minutes of the regular meetings held December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

9. Planning Commission

Mr. Peter Nugent, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was in attendance but had no business to bring before the Police Jury.

10. Ms. Edith Palmer – Spring Street and Spring Court in The Branch Subdivision

Ms. Edith Palmer inquired if Spring Street and Spring Court in The Branch Subdivision were included as streets maintained by the Police Jury.

President McCormic informed her that the Jury had reviewed the minutes and found that the road of Branch Subdivision was accepted by the Sabine Parish Police Jury through Resolution No. 3353 on May 18, 1994 and should be included in the Parish maintenance program. He stated that Spring Street and Spring Court were omitted from the list of Parish roads in error and would be immediately added.

11. Approve the Transfer of \$500,000 From the General Fund Account to the Parish Transportation Act Account

Mr. Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported that the Committee recommends the transfer of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the General Fund account to the Parish Transportation Act account.

Resolution No. 8738

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to transfer five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the General Fund account to the Parish Transportation Act account.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

12. Exchange the Position of Cypress Bend with Old LA 476 on the Parish Transportation Priority List

Mr. Mike McCormic reported that the Road and Shop Committee recommends that the priority positions of Cypress Bend and Old LA 476 be exchanged on the Parish Transportation Priority List.

Resolution No. 8739

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado to exchange the priority positions of Cypress Bend and Old LA 476 on the Parish Transportation Priority List with Cypress Bend being moved to fourth and Old LA 476 being moved to fourteenth in priority.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Davidson

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of Not to Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District

Mr. Mike Busada, representing the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District, addressed the Police Jury concerning the issuance of waterworks revenue refunding bonds in an amount not to

exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000). He informed the Police Jury that the District could save approximately \$437,000 by refinancing existing bonds at lower interest rates.

Resolution No. 8740

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing and approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds of the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District.

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, and La. R.S. 33:1415, it is now the desire of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, as the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "**Police Jury**") to authorize and approve the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**"), by the South Toledo Bend Waterworks District, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), the proceeds of which will be used by the District to refund all or a portion of the District's outstanding \$2,999,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997A, dated May 20, 1997 (the "**Series 1997A Bonds**") and the \$601,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997B, dated May 20, 1997 (the "**Series 1997B Bonds**" and, together with the Series 1997A Bonds, the "**Prior Bonds**").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana:

SECTION 1. That, in compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, and La. R.S. 33:1415, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of the District, the Police Jury authorizes and approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series. The Bonds shall bear interest at a fixed rate or rates not exceeding five percent (5.00%) *per annum*, shall mature no later than June 1, 2037, and shall be issued under the authority of Chapters 14 and 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, or such other authority as may be determined by resolution of the District at the time of the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. The President, Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution and to assist the District in carrying out its functions in connection with the financing.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

WHEREUPON, this Resolution was declared to be adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on this 26th day of February, 2021.

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic, President

14. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Police Jury President to Execute the Funding Commitment Letter and the Agreement Between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Sabine Parish to Install Striping and Signing Along Multiple Parish Roads

Resolution No. 8741

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has forwarded the Sabine Parish Police Jury an Agreement providing for Federal aid (Project No. H.013763) for LRSP signs and striping on local roads in Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has forwarded a Funding Commitment Letter to the Sabine Parish Police Jury to provide \$106,000 for the project, and

WHEREAS, two (2) original copies of the Agreement and the Funding Commitment Letter must be signed by an authorized signatory party,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, Mr. Richard M. McCormic, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement and the Funding Commitment Letter on behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury (Parish Government).

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

WHEREUPON, this Resolution was declared to be adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on this 26th day of February, 2021.

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic, President

15. Appoint Benjamin Shaw as a Commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2
The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a letter from Mr. Jack Hanke resigning his position as commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2. The Jury has also received a letter from Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2 recommending Mr. Ben Shaw as a commissioner to replace Mr. Hanke.

Resolution No. 8742

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Hanke has resigned as commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2 as of January 15, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ben Shaw has been recommended to replace Mr. Hanke as commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ben Shaw is hereby appointed as commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2 to complete the remaining term of Mr. Jack Hanke, which expires February 18, 2022.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Consider an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on Fisher Oakhill Drive, Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17), to 25 Miles Per Hour

ORDINANCE 3 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR FISHER OAKHILL DRIVE IN ROAD DISTRICT 17 (WARD 4)

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is responsible for the safety of individuals traveling on parish roads, and

WHEREAS, the current posted speed limit for Fisher Oakhill Drive in Road District 17 (Ward 4) allows drivers to travel at speeds of up to forty-five (45) miles per hour without being issued a citation, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that this is a dangerous speed for travel on Fisher Oakhill Drive in Road District 17 (Ward 4).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on Fisher Oakhill Drive in Road District 17 (Ward 4) shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2021 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.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 26th day of February 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

17. Consider an Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit on Seagull Lane, Located in Ward 2 (Road District 16), to 15 Miles Per Hour

ORDINANCE 4 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR SEAGULL LANE IN ROAD DISTRICT 16 (WARD 2)

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is responsible for the safety of individuals traveling on parish roads, and

WHEREAS, the current posted speed limit for Seagull Lane in Road District 16 (Ward 2) allows drivers to travel at speeds of up to forty-five (45) miles per hour without being issued a citation, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that this is a dangerous speed for travel on Seagull Lane in Road District 16 (Ward 2).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on Seagull Lane in Road District 16 (Ward 2) shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2021 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.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 26th day of February 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

18. Consider an Ordinance Prohibiting Individuals or Entities Having Social Media Sites That Present Wording or Seals That Could Be Interpreted as Representing the Sabine Parish Police Jury

ORDINANCE 5 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES HAVING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES THAT PRESENT WORDING OR SEALS THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS REPRESENTING THE SABINE PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is the governing authority of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is responsible for ensuring that accurate information concerning the activities of the Police Jury is disseminated to the citizens of Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, social media sites; which should be broadly understood to include blogs, wikis, microblogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newsletters, Facebook pages, online forums, social networking sites, and other sites and services that permit users to share information with others in a contemporaneous manner, have become a major source of information for the public, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury recognizes the importance of social media in shaping public thinking about the organization, its services, employees and members, and

WHEREAS, citizens must be able to easily identify information provided by the Sabine Parish Police Jury from information or opinions of unauthorized individuals or entities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that, without prior written permission as evidenced by an adopted resolution, all individuals and entities, other than the Sabine Parish Police Jury, are hereby prohibited from using the seal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, its logo, or any other images or wording that could cause a reasonable person to believe that a social media site officially represents the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that anyone convicted of using the seal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, its logo, or any other images or wording that could cause a reasonable person to believe that a social media site officially represents the Sabine Parish Police Jury shall be punished by a fine of up to \$500.00 or a term of imprisonment of up to 30 days in the parish jail, or both. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2021 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.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 26th day of February 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. Adopt the 2020 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

The Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies. The questionnaire must be completed by the President and Secretary Treasurer and it must be presented to and adopted by the Police Jury by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. The completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption resolution must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit.

A copy of the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2020 was provided to each juror.

Resolution No. 8743

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of the financial audit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury and it is required to be presented to and adopted by the Police Jury in an open meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2020 financial audit as prepared by the President and Secretary Treasurer is hereby adopted.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Review Bids and Award Contract for Purchase of a Road Sweeper

On February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. sealed bids for a street broom were opened and read aloud in the Police Jury meeting room.

Only one bid was received and a copy of it has been provided to each juror. A tabulation of the bid is as follows:

Bidder	Description	Bid Price
Louisiana Cat	2019 Broce Broom RCT-350	\$61,819.17

Resolution No. 8744

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, sealed bids for a new street broom were accepted by the Sabine Parish Police Jury until 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2021, at which time the bids were opened and read aloud in public, and

WHEREAS, only one sealed bid was received,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid from Louisiana Cat for a new 2019 Broce Broom RCT-350 at the bid price of \$61,819.17.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Discuss Purchase of Asphalt Zipper Machine

Mr. Jeff Davidson advised the Police Jury that the Parish could obtain a six-foot wide asphalt zipper to reclaim asphalt roads through a lease purchase agreement with a term of five years and an annual cost of approximately \$40,500. He expressed his belief that the purchase of the asphalt zipper would result in significant savings to the Parish.

He reported that St. Helena Parish has participated in a lease purchase of the asphalt zipper for two years and has reclaimed between sixty (60) and seventy (70) miles of asphalted roads. Mr. Davidson stated that the savings from purchasing this equipment could be used to purchase more rock for parish roads.

Mr. McCormic reported that the Road and Shop Committee has directed Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes to contact other parishes that are purchasing the asphalt zipper and solicit information from them regarding the equipment. Mr. Hughes was also requested to arrange for the Road and Shop Committee to observe the equipment while in operation. The Road and Shop

Committee would then do a cost analysis to determine possible savings if the Police Jury purchased the equipment.

22. Discuss Use of Parish Truck by the Maintenance Supervisor

Secretary-Treasurer William E. Weatherford reported that the maintenance supervisor is currently paid seventy-five dollars per month for business use of his personal vehicle. A used parish truck is now available for the maintenance supervisor's use.

The maintenance supervisor requested an increase to \$150 per month for use of his personal truck for parish business. Mr. Ebarb expressed his belief that providing a used parish truck for the maintenance supervisor is a better solution. Mr. McCormic suggested the maintenance supervisor maintain records of his personal truck usage and be reimbursed at the state approved mileage rate. There was a general discussion of these options.

Resolution No. 8745

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, the maintenance supervisor has been paid seventy-five dollars per month for business use of his personal vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the parish has a used truck available for use by the maintenance supervisor,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the payment of a seventy-five dollar (\$75) per month per diem to the maintenance supervisor for business use of his personal truck be hereby cancelled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a used parish truck be provided for the maintenance supervisor to use while performing his daily duties excluding commuting to and from work.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Discuss Road Department Access to General Ledger and Budget Data

Secretary-Treasurer Weatherford reported that "read only" access to the accounting software has been provided to the road department. Road department administration employees can now view general ledger and budget data.

24. Consider Relocating School Bus Turnaround on Shamrock Road at Peach Tree Lane

Road Superintendent Hughes reported that the Sabine Parish School Board has requested the Police Jury to relocate the school bus turnaround on Shamrock Road at Peach Tree Lane. The relocation is expected to cost approximately \$450.

Resolution No. 8746

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Sepulvado to approve relocating the school bus turnaround on Shamrock Road at Peach Tree Lane.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Approve Fifty Dollar Per Month Reimbursement for Business Use of Personal Cell Telephones for Specified Employment Positions

Road Superintendent Hughes requested that reimbursement for business use of personal cell telephones be approved and authorized on a position basis rather than by an individual basis, as has been past practice.

Resolution No. 8747

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury pays certain employees a monthly per diem of fifty dollars (\$50) for business use of their personal cellular telephones, and

WHEREAS, authorization for this payment has been made on an individual basis by a vote of the Jury, and

WHEREAS, this practice is cumbersome and time consuming,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following positions are hereby approved to receive a monthly per diem of fifty dollars (\$50) for business use of their personal cellular telephones:

- Road superintendent
- Dump site manager
- Road foremen
- Master mechanic
- Mechanic
- Enforcement deputies
- Litter deputies

,and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the road superintendent is hereby authorized to determine the individual employees to receive the monthly per diem, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the road superintendent is directed to provide the administrative office a letter, signed by the road superintendent, providing the name and employment position of individuals approved to receive the \$50 monthly per diem for business use of their personal cellular telephones.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

26. Announce Sabine Parish Waste Tire Cleanup

Road Superintendent Hughes reported that the Parish Waste Tire Cleanup will be held on March 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the road office. Citizens of the Parish can dispose of up to five (5) car or pickup truck sized tires per person.

27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8748

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, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for February Operations (\$250,000)

Resolution No. 8749

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 February 2021 operations.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

29. Committee Reports

Road and Shop Committee:

Mr. McCormic suggested that the Finance Committee consider the possibility of transferring money from the General Fund to the individual road districts for improvements to the parish roads.

Mr. Stewart stressed the importance of having good ditches on the parish roads.

Mr. McCormic noted that plugged culverts are a significant cause of poor drainage. There is a question as to whether the Police Jury can replace an individual's stopped-up culvert that is causing erosion to a parish road. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford suggested that the Police Jury obtain an opinion from the Attorney General concerning the changing of stopped-up culverts along parish roads.

Resolution No. 8750

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Ruffin to request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General concerning the Police Jury replacing individually owned culverts that are stopped up and causing erosion to parish roads.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

30. Operations

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford reported that Family Farm and Garden is withdrawing their bid for culverts effective March 1, 2021.

Resolution No. 8751

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS the Family Farm and Garden was awarded the public bid to provide many various types and sizes of culverts to the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the period January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS the rising cost of metals has resulted in a significant increase in the cost of culverts to the Family Farm and Garden, and

WHEREAS, the Family Farm and Garden has notified the Sabine Parish Police Jury that it is withdrawing its bid effective March 1, 2021 and will no longer honor its bid prices,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby directs the Secretary Treasurer to publicly advertise for bids for those culverts previously awarded to the Family Farm and Garden and for various sizes of dual walled plastic culverts commonly used, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the period of bid award will be from the date of award until December 31, 2021.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford reported that he had filed a petition against Louisiana Regional Landfill Company for damages at the Sabine Parish Landfill on February 25, 2021. He also informed the Jury that legal counsel for the Police Jury had given a demand letter to Louisiana Regional Landfill Company for closure/post-closure costs related to their operation of the landfill.

31. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8752

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, 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