

June 16, 2021

On Wednesday June 16, 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 Special Called Meeting Held May 11, 2021, and the Regular Meeting Held May 19, 2021
9. Planning Commission
10. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
11. Mr. Glynn Price – Emergency Rental Assistance- State Program
12. Mr. Biggs – Home Health Care Service for Sabine Parish
13. Mr. Darrell Simmons – Discuss the Rodeo
14. Consider a Resolution Approving the Incurring of an Additional \$200,000 of Debt and Issuance of a Replacement Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020, by the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,495,000
15. Approve Operating Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management
16. Consider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff
17. Consider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fire Protection District 1, Wards 3 & 4
- 17a. Consider Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
- 17b. Consider an Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Buddy Road and Tatum Lane Located in Ward 6, Road District 1
18. Consider the Purchase of an Asphalt Zipper Machine
19. Consider the Purchase of a Ditching Machine
20. Consider the Purchase of a Tractor
21. Consider Entering an Operating Lease for a Front-end Loader
22. Consider Hiring a Three-Man Crew to Operate the Asphalt Zipper and Other Equipment
23. Ratify Hiring Shirley Rivers as a Grant Writer
24. Consider Approving the Application of Evelyn Rhame for Assistance with a Handicapped Driveway
25. Consider Granting the Road Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer the Authority to Hire and Fire All Positions Working Under Their Direct Supervision Subject to Meeting the Documentation and Due Process Requirements Established by Police Jury Policies and Procedures
26. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for June Operations (\$250,000)
28. Committee Reports
29. Operations
30. 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. Stephen Steinke.

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. 8802

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

Item 17a. Consider Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

Item 17b. Consider an Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Buddy Road and Tatum Lane Located in Ward 6, Road District 1

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. 8803

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart 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.

Mr. William Firesheets questioned the Police Jury's need for a ditching machine.

Mr. Stewart suggested that the Police Jury rent two bulldozers to clean out and form ditches and cut lateral ditches on parish roads.

Several citizens voiced their concerns about condition of various roads.

Road Superintendent Hughes described how parish grader operators were hired and trained. He noted that the Police Jury has arranged for Caterpillar to provide some classes to the grader operators.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Special Called Meeting Held May 11, 2021, and the Regular Meeting Held May 19, 2021

All police jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the special called meeting held May 11, 2021, and the regular meeting held May 19, 2021.

Resolution No. 8804

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Ebarb to accept the minutes of the special called meeting held May 11, 2021, and the regular meeting held May 19, 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. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

The Honorable Rodney Schamerhorn addressed the Police Jury and provided a brief summary of the actions taken by the Louisiana Legislature.

11. Mr. Glynn Price – Emergency Rental Assistance- State Program

Mr. Glynn Price was not in attendance.

12. Mr. Biggs – Home Health Care Service for Sabine Parish

Ms. Virginia Gardner, representing Bates Home Healthcare Services, LLC, addressed the Police Jury concerning the company's plans to expand services into Sabine Parish. She stated that the company is currently in the process of collecting information. She passed out a questionnaire to the jurors and requested them to complete and return it to her.

13. Mr. Darrell Simmons – Discuss the Rodeo

Mr. Darrell Simmons, president of the Sabine Fair and Rodeo, Inc., reported drainage and erosion problems at the fairgrounds. He noted that there is extensive flooding occurring in the Exhibit Building and he requested assistance in ditching around the building.

Mr. Steven Stewart presented a proposal to construct a covered arena building. There followed a discussion concerning the possible availability of grants to fund construction of the building.

14. Consider a Resolution Approving the Incurring of an Additional \$200,000 of Debt and Issuance of a Replacement Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020, by the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,495,000

Mr. Walter Mains, President of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 (the District), informed the Police Jury that the estimated costs to complete the acquisition and consolidation of the Ajax-Beulah Water Association into the District's water system has increased by \$200,000.

The Louisiana Department of Health, Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (the "Department") is the purchaser of the Original Bond issued to finance this acquisition and has agreed to loan an additional \$200,000 to the District to cover the increased costs of the Project under the same terms as the Original Bond.

Resolution No. 8805

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the incurring of an additional \$200,000 of debt and issuance of a replacement Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020, by Sabine

Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed \$2,495,000.

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the “District”) has previously incurred debt and issued its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, dated August 20, 2020, in the principal amount of \$2,295,000 (the “Original Bond”) to finance the costs of the acquisition and consolidation of the Ajax-Beulah Water Association into the District’s water system (the “Project”), and issued the Original Bond pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the District adopted on February 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District sold the Original Bond to the Louisiana Department of Health, Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (the “Department”); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project has increased by \$200,000, and the Department has agreed to loan an additional \$200,000 to the District to cover the increased costs of the Project under the same terms as the Original Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District, acting as the governing authority of District, adopted a resolution on June 7, 2021, authorizing the incurring of an additional \$200,000 of debt and issuance of its replacement Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,495,000 (the “Replacement Bond”) under the same terms as the Original Bond; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), give its consent and authority for the District to incur the additional debt and to issue the Replacement Bond; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415(B) it is now the desire of this governing authority of the Parish to approve the issuance of the Replacement Bond by the District;

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, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and La. R.S. 33:1415(B), and in accordance with the request of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District, the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, hereby approves the incurring of an additional \$200,000 of debt by the District and the issuance by the District of its replacement Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,495,000, for the aforesaid purposes. The aforesaid debt shall be issued pursuant to La. R.S.39:526 and Sub-Part A, Part II, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and shall be sold to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

SECTION2. The Replacement Bond will continue to be secured by and payable by the revenues of the District of subsequent years, after the payment from such revenues of (1) all charges required by law or regulation, (2) all contractual obligations, (3) all necessary and usual charges provided for by ordinance or resolution, excluding depreciation and (4) all payments in respect of bonds for which a pledge or dedication of specified taxes or revenues has been provided by law or in proceedings authorizing such bonds, regardless of the date of issue of such bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, and neither the Parish of Sabine nor this governing authority shall in any way be liable for the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Replacement Bond.

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16th day of June, 2021.

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President

15. Approve Operating Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management

Enterprise Fleet Management has proposed an operating lease agreement for light duty vehicles with the Sabine Parish Police Jury. The agreement will not provide for ownership of the vehicles to transfer to the Police Jury. The lease is expected to reduce the cost of operating the light duty vehicles by reducing fuel costs and maintenance costs while providing a reliable fleet of vehicles.

Resolution No. 8806

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado:

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fleet Management has proposed an operating lease agreement with the Sabine Parish Police Jury for scheduled light duty vehicles, and

WHEREAS, ownership of the vehicles will be retained by Enterprise Fleet Management and not transferred to the Sabine Parish Police Jury,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed operating lease agreement is hereby approved by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Mike McCormic and Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford are authorized to execute the operating lease agreement and any other documents necessary to finalize the agreement.

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

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

Nays: 2 – Stewart and Ruffin

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

16. Consider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Sheriff

The Sabine Parish Police Jury works closely with the Sabine Parish Sheriff to provide deputies to enforce road permitting and road and litter ordinances. Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes has worked with Chief Deputy Brad Walker to clarify the respective responsibilities of the Jury and the Sheriff in a cooperative endeavor agreement.

Resolution No. 8807

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Davidson to authorize President Mike McCormic to sign and otherwise execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Sabine Parish Sheriff to provide deputies to enforce road permitting and road and litter ordinances.

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. Consider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fire Protection District 1, Wards 3 & 4
The Fire Protection District 1, Wards 3 & 4, has requested the Sabine Parish Police Jury to provide equipment and labor for improvement to the Twin Island Fire Station driveway, located at 1501 Cypress Bend Road, to enhance ingress and egress of firefighting equipment.

Resolution No. 8808

Motion by Steinke and seconded by Stewart to authorize President Mike McCormic to sign and otherwise execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Fire Protection District 1, Wards 3 & 4, to provide equipment and labor for improvement to the Twin Island Fire Station driveway

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

17a. Consider Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs has forwarded cooperative endeavor agreements to the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the periods January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford reminded the jurors that the Police Jury partners with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to serve the veterans and their families living in Sabine Parish. The Police Jury provides the office space and contributes approximately 31% of the costs to operate the Sabine Parish Veterans Service Office.

The Police Jury will contribute \$14,232 for the costs to operate the office during 2021 and \$14,395 during 2022.

Resolution No. 8809

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Ebarb to authorize President Mike McCormic to sign and otherwise execute cooperative endeavor agreements between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs for the years 2021 and 2022 to contribute to the costs to operate the Sabine Parish Veterans Service Office.

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

17b. Consider an Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Buddy Road and Tatum Lane Located in Ward 6, Road District 1

ORDINANCE 8 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR BUDDY ROAD AND TATUM LANE IN ROAD DISTRICT 1 (WARD 6)

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 Buddy Road and Tatum Lane in Road District 1 (Ward 6) 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 Buddy Road and Tatum Lane in Road District 1 (Ward 6).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on Buddy Road or Tatum Lane in Road District 1 (Ward 6) shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect July 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 Stewart was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

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 16th day of June 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 the Purchase of an Asphalt Zipper Machine

President Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported to the Jury that the Committee recommends purchasing an Asphalt Zipper 720XI at an estimated cost of \$279,000. The Committee also recommends that the purchase be financed over a five (5) year period.

Mr. Stewart voiced opposition to the purchase at this time because of the poor condition of the existing drainage ditches. He expressed his belief that resources should be expended to improve drainage before the roads are reclaimed.

Mr. Barry Dill representing Asphalt Zipper listed local governments in Louisiana currently using their machine as proof of its utility. He stressed the need to repair the roads properly so that rainfall does not cause deterioration. Mr. Dill briefly explained the process that his company recommends for road reclamation.

Resolution No. 8810

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends the purchase of an Asphalt Zipper 720XI, and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends that the purchase of the equipment, estimated to cost \$279,000, be financed for a five-year period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed purchase of an Asphalt Zipper 720XI is hereby approved by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Mike McCormic and Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford are authorized to execute the purchase agreement and any other documents necessary to finalize the purchase, which is to be financed for a period of five (5) years.

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

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

Nays: 2 – Stewart and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

19. Consider the Purchase of a Ditching Machine

President Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported to the Jury that the Committee recommends purchasing a Maddock Model 160 Ditcher, or equivalent, at an estimated cost of \$252,000.

Resolution No. 8811

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends the purchase of a Maddock Model 160 Ditcher, or equivalent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of a Maddock Model 160 Ditcher, or equivalent, is hereby authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford and Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes are hereby authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for a ditcher, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies for this purchase will be transferred from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund for payment.

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

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

Nays: 3 – Stewart, Steinke, and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Consider the Purchase of a Tractor

President Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported to the Jury that the Committee recommends purchasing a 150-horsepower tractor, which will be used to pull the ditcher, at an estimated cost of \$96,000.

Resolution No. 8812

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends the purchase 150-horsepower tractor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of a 150-horsepower tractor is hereby authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford and Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes are hereby authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for a 150-horsepower tractor or purchase the equipment through state contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies for this purchase will be transferred from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund for payment.

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

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

Nays: 3 – Stewart, Steinke, and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Consider Entering an Operating Lease for a Front-end Loader

President Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported to the Jury that the Committee recommends acquiring a wheel front-end loader for use with the reclaimer/stabilizer. It is estimated that the loader can be rented, on a monthly basis, for \$6,600 per month. The loader is expected to be needed four (4) months each year.

Resolution No. 8813

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Davidson:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends acquiring a wheel front-end loader for use with the reclaimer/stabilizer through a monthly rental agreement, and

WHEREAS, the wheel front-end loader will be rented only for those months that it is to be used with the reclaimer/stabilizer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the monthly rental of a wheel front-end loader for use with the reclaimer/stabilizer, as needed, is hereby authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rental will be on a month to month basis with no ownership transferred from the lessor to the Sabine Parish Police Jury in any manner whatsoever, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes and Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford are authorized to specify the options for the wheel front-end loader and to execute any documents necessary to enact the rental agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies for payment of this rental will be transferred from the Sales Tax Fund to the Transportation Fund.

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

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

Nays: 2 – Stewart and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Consider Hiring a Three-Man Crew to Operate the Asphalt Zipper and Other Equipment
President Mike McCormic, Chairman of the Road and Shop Committee, reported to the Jury that the Committee recommends hiring a three-man crew designated to operate the reclaimer/stabilizer and other equipment and to perform other duties as needed. He noted that one or two members of this crew would be assigned the responsibility for maintenance of the new equipment. The three-man crew will consist of one new hire who will be the foreman of the crew and two existing employees transferred from the pothole crews.

Resolution No. 8814

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommends hiring a three-man crew to operate the reclaimer/stabilizer, the ditcher, the cab tractor, the wheel front-end loader, and other equipment and to perform other duties as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes is hereby authorized to hire a three-man crew to operate the reclaimer/stabilizer and other equipment and to perform other duties as needed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one member of the crew will be hired as a foreman of the crew with his beginning pay rate being the base rate of pay for foremen and he will be eligible to participate in all normal employee benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two employees will be transferred from temporary employment on the parish pothole crews to permanent employment as equipment operators with their beginning pay rate being the base rate of pay for equipment operators and they will be eligible to participate in all normal employee benefits

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

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

Nays: 2 – Stewart and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Ratify Hiring Shirley Rivers as a Grant Writer

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has a significant need for a grant writer to access the funding available to local governments. Because of the pending deadlines of some available grants, Mrs. Shirley Rivers has been hired as a contract employee to prepare grant applications.

Resolution No. 8815

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to hire a grant writer on a contract basis to assist it in obtaining available grant funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes hiring a contract grant writer to work fifteen (15) hours each week at the rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour for a term of six (6) months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant writer will not be an employee of the Sabine Parish Police Jury but rather an independent contractor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant writer's work will be reviewed and evaluated at the end of the six-month period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the engagement of Mrs. Shirley Rivers as the contract grant writer for the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby ratified.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Ruffin

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Consider Approving the Application of Evelyn Rhame for Assistance with a Handicapped Driveway

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes informed the Police Jury that he had received a request for assistance to repair a driveway for a handicapped person, Ms. Evelyn R. Rhame. Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 allows the Parish to assist qualified disabled persons who meet the established criteria. Mr. Hughes has reviewed the supporting documentation provided by Ms. Rhame and finds that she meets the required criteria.

Resolution No. 8816

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ebarb:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 allows the Police Jury to assist disabled persons meeting the established criteria in repairing their driveway, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has reviewed supporting documents provided by Ms. Evelyn R. Rhame and found that she meets all the required criteria,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes to direct work to improve the condition of Ms. Rhame's driveway to ensure that it is assessable for emergency vehicles and others providing safety and welfare services.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Consider Granting the Road Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer the Authority to Hire and Fire All Positions Working Under Their Direct Supervision Subject to Meeting the Documentation and Due Process Requirements Established by Police Jury Policies and Procedures

President Mike McCormic read Resolution Number 8374, which provides the road superintendent and the secretary treasurer the authority to hire and fire all positions working under their direct supervision, aloud.

No further action was taken on this item.

26. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8817

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

27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for June Operations (\$250,000)

Resolution No. 8818

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 June 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

28. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

29. Operations

There was no discussion on operations.

30. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8819

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

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic

Secretary Treasurer

President