

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, April, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. (CST).

There were present: Marsha Wiley, Mark Borrel, Kirby Roy, Charles Jones, Trent Clark, McKinley Keller, John Earles and Henry Moreau

Also present were: Jonathan Gaspard, Legal Counsel; Ron Bordelon, Engineer; Maria Trichell (Rep. Robert Johnson), Joseph Frank, OHSEP Director; Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director; Laura Gaspard, Assistant Secretary Treasurer; Jamey Wiley, Secretary/Treasurer; Raymond Daye, Avoyelles Publishing; Kirk Lacour, Acadian Ambulance; Mark Jeansonne, Attorney; James Cole, Roy O. Martin and Kenneth Pickett, Mayor of Mansura

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kirby Roy

The invocation was given by President Charles Jones.

The Police Jury of Avoyelles Parish, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Charles Jones, President, who welcomed all present and stated the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

The President asked if there were any public comments. The comments from the audience is as follows:

Karen Morrow resides on Leo Morrow Road. She explained to the Jury the road is in terrible shape and floods frequently.

Donnis Armand resides on Leo Morrow. She advised the Jury she is against restricting the use of Leo Morrow/Devillier Road, her spouse requires regular visits from a nurse and by restricting the access would create problems with the Home Health Company.

Nelson Bordelon resides on Leo Morrow. He described Devillier Road as being in better shape than Leo Morrow. Mr. Kevin Bordelon advised Mr. Nelson Bordelon, the landowner on Devillier Road, Ronnie Link provides maintenance at his own expense.

Terrell Ford addressed the Jurors. He explained that his 88 year old mother lives on Leo Morrow/Devillier Road and by restricting access would jeopardize her safety and well-being.

Kenneth Ford also explained his mothers well being would be at risk should the Jurors consider restricting access by allowing a landowner to erect a gate, with access by key, only.

Mark Jeansonne advised the Jurors that he is representing the Ford family in civil litigation which is the result of the Ford family being landlocked. He expressed to the Jurors that if a decision was made to restrict access, it would likely result in the Parish being exposed to litigation in the future.

Mayor Kenneth Pickett was present and spoke on behalf of the Ford family. Mayor Pickett sincerely requested the Jury not allow a landowner to erect a fence. He also advised by doing so, would cause more harm to resident who own land and use Devillier Road on a daily basis.

Ronnie Link advised the Jury he requested the Jurors vote to allow him to erect a fence due to recent burglarizes in the community and felt the fence would provide adequate protection.

Mark Aviary explained that he and 20 other people lease property on Devillier Road to hunt. He advised by erecting a gate would not only cause a great inconvenience, it would also require the paying members to travel down a portion of road that floods due the winter months.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Marsha Wiley, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2018, as printed in the "Weekly News", official Journal of the Parish and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by McKinley Keller, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of a Special Meeting held on March 27, 2018, as printed in the "Weekly News", official Journal of the Parish and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Kirby Roy, seconded by Marsha Wiley, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the minutes of the Avoyelles Commission of Tourism meeting held on March 26, 2018, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Mrs. Maria Trichell, Legislative Aide to Representative Robert Johnson provided the following updates:

During the month of March, the Avoyelles Parish Council on Aging provided over 7,000 meals to residents of the parish.

The Library will be opening a used book store in the near future.

The Office of Veteran Affairs scheduled 148 visits during the month of March.

Penn Lemoine, resident of Old River Road advised the Jurors he spoke to Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director a few months ago and requested that he removed two culverts that had caved in and water was being impeded causing flooding. Mr. Lemoine stated that the culverts have not been removed. He did express appreciation for work that was recently done. Mr. Bordelon advised Mr. Lemoine there was a misunderstanding during their last conversation and he would call him Friday to go out and create a work order to remove the two culverts.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the creation of a the Bayou Des Glasies Cultural Arts District. On vote, the motion carried.

After a public hearing was held, with several residents objecting, no motion made, the request to restrict the use of Leo Morrow and Devillier was not discussed and died for a lack of second.

After a public hearing and with no objection from the public, on motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by McKinley Keller, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby amend a previously adopted Ordinance, Sec. 10-35 Junkyards and now adopts a revised Ordinance, Sec 10-35- Junkyards, Salvage Yards and Nuisances **(b)** Junk declared a public nuisance. It is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be unlawful for the owner or his agent or the occupant of any lot, or other property, whether public or private, whether improved or unimproved, vacant or occupied within the Parish of Avoyelles to permit the placing, abandonment, leaving, keeping or storage upon any premises or within any building of any object or substance defined herein above as junk, and is punishable by the penalties and remedied set forth **(c)** Exceptions and Screening Required.**(1)** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it shall be lawful for a junk dealer to store or offer for sale any object defined herein above; provided, said junk stored for such purposes on any open lot or parcel of ground is properly enclosed on all boundary lines, except where prohibited by law or regulation with a non-transparent fence or wall, not less than seven (7) nor more than ten (10) feet high so as to prohibit sight of contents, and properly screen from public view. The fence or wall shall not contain any poster or advertisement of any kind, except one sign of the owner, lessee, operator or licensee, of said premises on each street frontage, not exceeding one hundred (100) feet square in size. Said fence, in itself, shall not create a nuisance and will be of uniform color scheme. **(2)** Any existing Salvage Yard owner that currently has an existing barrier on all boundaries that are not less then six (6) feet, so as to prohibit sight of content, and is non-transparent, shall be exempt from having to erect a new fence or wall. The barrier must remain intact as long as the salvage yard exists. and geometric design and quality as approved by the Parish President or his designee. **(3)** Any place for screening shall be submitted to the Avoyelles Planning Commission accompanied by an application for an initial permit and shall be sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance. The fence must be constructed in such a manner and with such materials that render it capable os resisting wind of 90 miles per hour. **(4)** Persons owning, operating or maintaining a junk/salvage yard shall maintain the screening in condition equal to the original instillation of the screening. Should the fence become damaged, it must be repaired within 90 days. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution calling for an election in Fire District 2, to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 to levy a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in 2021 ending in 2030, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operation of fire protection facilities and equipment, including salaries of firemen, obtaining water for fire protection and paying charges for hydrant rental. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by John Earles, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution setting the franchise fee of 5% to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the parish under a state granted franchise authority On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Henry Moreau, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Moreau’s Material Yard Invoice No. 19164/19165, Road District No. 2, not to exceed \$786.89. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution approving a design exceptions for State Project No. H. 0011524/F.A.P./ No. H001524- Katie Lane Bridge; Carl Hunt Bridge; Leo Morrow Bridge; and German Bayou Road Bridge. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Kirby Roy, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month. On vote, the motion carried.

After bids were tabulated by Pan American Engineers, on motion by Henry Moreau, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt a resolution with a recommendation of award being made to the low bidder, Durable Piling Restoration, Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No. 1 & No. 3, not to exceed \$218,380.08, further authorizing the president to execute contracts and change orders. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Moreauville to pay their portion of repairs to Desselle Crossing Bridge (\$50,000.00), Road District No. 2, further authorizing the president to execute documents to effectuate same. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Tammy Laborde to attend the LMFA Conference, April 25-27, 2018, costs not to exceed \$600.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Trent Clark, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve Avoyelles Publishing Invoice #323219, 323442, 323468, and 323714, Road District No. 2- Desselle Crossing Bridge repairs bid advertisement, cost not to exceed \$232.00. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent and no objection from the audience, on motion by Henry Moreau, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby add Police Jury Legislative Day to the agenda for discussion.

On motion by Kirby Roy, seconded by Marsha Wiley, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby approve John Earles; Henry Moreau; and, Marsha Wiley to attend Legislative Day, cost not to exceed \$285.00. On vote, the motion carried.

With unanimous consent and with no objection from the audience, on motion by John Earles, seconded by Henry Moreau, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby add Boyd Holmes Engineering proposal to the agenda to the agenda for discussion.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Mark Borrel, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the proposal from Boyd Holmes Engineering proposal for Little River and Bryant Road Bridges, LADOTD Project No. 713-05-0013 (H. 006016) & 713-05-0014 (H. 006017), BHE Project No. 00-0010, cost not exceed \$44,100.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Marsha Wiley, seconded by Trent Clark, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury does hereby grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all bills and to waive a reading of the whole. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by John Earles, seconded by Trent Clark, the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

s/Charles B. Jones
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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