

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, *Location LSU Ag Center*
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, at the LSU Ag Center on Tuesday, September 14 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Tracey Bryant, John Earles, Charles Jones, Kirby Roy, McKinley Keller, Amy Guidry- Acadian Ambulance, Chad Bernard- Acadian Ambulance; Alissa Piazza Tassin- Attorney for Med Express, Jonathan Gaspard-Attorney for the PJ, Kevin Bordelon- Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon- Engineer; Joey Frank, Laura Gaspard, Sheriff David Dausat, Anthony Desselle, Ryan Quebedeaux, Brandon Scott, Jim Lee, John Ealres, Jr., District Attorney, Chalres Riddle, Theresa Thevenot- Librarian, Sean Mayeaux, Charlie Rachal, and Chris Dausat

Absent were: Glenn McKinley

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by McKinley Keller, and opening prayer, led by Charles Jones.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum attained

On motion by Mark Borrel seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, printed in the “Weekly News” and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Mark Borrel, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission Meeting held on August 23, 2021, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by John Earles, to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary-Treasurer which displayed budgeted to actual. On vote, the motion carried.

Delegate (s) Theresa Thevenot- Avoyelles Parish Library Director
Mrs. Theresa announced her retirement effective December 31st. Mrs. Thevenot has been the Parish Librarian/Director for 40 years, operating 8 locations. She also introduced her replacement, Ms. Nealie Hale

Stephanie Rachal- Landowner Bayou Des Sot
Ms. Rachal informed the jury she and her family had property on Bayou Des Sot, with the new landowners prohibiting the old access point will force them to use a “trail” owned by LDWLF Further, LDWLF has closed the trail in the past due to lack of funding. If it were to happen again with the current situation, they would be landlocked

Sheriff David Dausat- Ambulance Service
Sheriff Dausat explained to the Jury when he took office, Med Express approached him about Acadian response times. They also advised him they met with Mayors who agreed the parish needed a rotation plan. Sheriff Dausat expressed his concern for response times, and making the best decision for the safety and well-being of our citizens. He is working on a plan.

Alissa Piazza Tassin- Attorney for Med Express

Mrs. Tassin expressed her commitment to be a part of the solution for ambulance service in the parish. Mrs. Tassin explained to the Jury they have the power to select an EMS service in the parish. She also advised the board the Sheriff was supposed to present a plan months ago, and has yet to do so. She would like the Jury to take action, so she requested the item be added to the October agenda.

Chris Dauzat- Landowner Bayou Des Sot

Mr. Dauzat advised the Jury he was not asking for new road, but would like to make a motion that the portion of road that is in question belongs to the Parish. He also said if the Jury did not make a motion, he would lose access to his camp, which he has owned for 40 years.

Brandon Scott- Attorney for Relentless Land Co

Mr. Scott advised the jury his clients property are private with no public access and should remain that way.

Jim Lee-Attorney for Bayou Des Sot LLC

Mr. Lee advised the Jury an abstract was performed of Bayou Des Sot road. According to Kevin Bordelon the parish maintains 0.7 of a mile. He recommends to his clients if the parish takes possession of that portion, they file a federal lawsuit against the parish.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon based upon good faith effort by all parties, the Jury wishes to table discussion in regards to Bayou Des Sot. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon convene into executive session to discuss legal matters . On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel, to convene into regular session. On vote, the motion carried.

After a public hearing, with no one in attendance, on motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Tracey Bryant to scarify 2,100 feet of Beauregard/Landry Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel, to abandon the back end of Jack's Road. Landowner will install a gate and turnaround. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to table discussions about broadband. On vote, the motion carried.

Jurors, District Attorney Riddle and Sheriff Dauzat briefly discussed Indian Gaming Revenue.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Jacob Coco, to table solid waste negotiations to reduce proposed amount to within the budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to award Gillespie Blacktopping with resurfacing Government Street, not to exceed \$50,150.00

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Charles Jones to amend a motion to enter into and Intergovernmental Agreement with RABB to clear debris from Bayou Natchitoches pending approval by Road District No. 2 (they will pay \$5,000) the parish will pay \$5,000.00. On vote, the amended motion passed.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon seconded by John Earles to table raising weight limit on Slim Lemoine until the road can be rated. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to begin renting the atrium. \$100 deposit, \$50.00 per day, deposit is refundable if keys are returned and atrium is cleaned. Any event lasting longer than 1 hour will be required to rent a Porta Potty, proof is required. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bordelon Bordelon, seconded by Charles Jones to have the Planning Commission Secretary send a copy of all Planning Commission meeting minutes to the APPJ Secretary/Treasurer for publication. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to upgrade security camera system \$17,300. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel, to reimburse JP/Constable online courses. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Jacob Coco authorizing \$20,000 budget for grass cutting for the remainder of 2021. On vote:

YEA: TRACEY BRYANT, BOBBY BORDELON, JOHN EARLES, JACOB COCO, MARK BORREL, AND CHARLES JONES

NAY: MCKINLEY KELLER

ABSENT: GLENN MCKINLEY

ABSTAIN: NONE

the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Charles Jones, to replace Jimmy Landry on the Spring Lake Commission with Phillip Bartel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Tracey Braynt, 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 Charles Jones, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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