

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, *Location LSU Ag Center*
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, at the LSU Ag Center on Tuesday, October 12 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon,, 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, District Attorney, Chalres Riddle, Chrissie Jeansonne, Rayford Labore, Jimmy Landry, Terry Maddox, Abe Maddox, Graig Gremillion, Robert Gumibellot, Constance Andres, Tammy Laborde, Aleshia Frank, Katie Cooper, Benny Bordelon, Nita Dupuy, Vickie Dausat, Mark Dausat, Ed Rachal, Liz Leger, Jeffrey Carmouche, Alissa Piazza Tassin, Ronald Coco, John Mayeux, Randy Cooper, John Longlois, James Loinglois, Twyla Lemoine and Sheila Longlois

Absent were: Jacob Coco

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 John Earles, seconded by John Earles, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2021, printed in the “Weekly News” and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by John Earles, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission Meeting held on September 27, 2021, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Tracey Bryant to adopt the minutes of the Planning Commission held in June and July, 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)

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 to improve response times by doing away with the monopoly system. She would like the Jury to take action, so she requested the item be added to the November agenda.

Sheriff David Dausat

Attended the meeting tonight in support of a motion that was offered by Bobby Bordelon to declare Avoyelles Parish a Second Amendment Sanctuary Parish.

Liz Leger- President of Sleeves up

Implemented programs in the parish to promote vaccination

Ed Rachal

Asked the Jury to provide some assistance to Bayou Estates Road

On motion by John Earles, seconded by McKinley Keller, to approve design exception for Oak Hall over Bayou Boeuf. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, second by Bobby Bordelon to contract with Geographic Planning & Demographics service for the upcoming redistricting On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt a resolution to declare Avoyelles Parish a Second Amendment Sanctuary Parish. On vote,

YEA: Tracey Bryant, Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon

NAY: John Earles, Charles Jones, McKinley Keller, John Earles

ABSENT: Jacob Coco

ABSTAIN: None

President Roy wanted the record to reflect his support of the Second Amendment to declare Avoyelles a Sanctuary Parish, but he did not exercise his right to vote.

The motion failed.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to award Hwy 107/115 overlay project to Diamond B, \$199,110.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Tracey Bryant to re-appoint James Mixon to the Bunkie General Hospital Board. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel to appoint Wayne Gremillion to the Road District No. 2 Board, replacing Glenn Gremillion. On vote, the amended motion passed.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Tracey Bryant to adopt a resolution and authorizing the president to sign Memorandum of Understanding implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds. On vote, the motion carried. *Juror, John Earles abstained from voting. Juror, Bobby Bordelon was absent*

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Mark Borrel, to send a letter to the City of Marksville in support of removing culverts from Bayou Pierite (by the Garan building). This support is contingent upon the approval of the Tunica Biloxi Tribe On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles to extend the solid waste contract with Waste Connection for one year, not to exceed \$3,000,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Charles Jones, to proceed with capital outlay application (roads presented on a list were approved) On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by John Earles, to adopt a resolution to issues conditional funding letters of commitment using ARPA funds as a local match for Waterworks District 1, Fifth Ward Water, Ward 3 Water and Southwest Waster for a total match of \$815,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Charles Jones to add Bayou Des Sot to the executive session for discussion. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by McKinley Keller, to convene into executive session. On vote, the motion carried.

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

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Mark Borrel to file a motion for suspensive appeal in the matter Ed Rachal v Avoyelles Parish Police Jury. In addition a one time offer to grade the road and add gravel will be done by the parish contingent upon all landowners signing a waiver that Bayou Estates Road is not a Police Jury owned road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Tracey Bryant, authorizing the District Attorney to defend a lawsuit filed against the Police Jury by Relentless Land Co. & Bayou Des Sots , LLC- Civil Suit No. 21-3515. On vote

YEA: Charles Jones, Glenn McKinley, Tracey Bryant, Mark Borrel and McKinley Keller

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jacob Coco and Bobby Bordelon

ABSTAIN: John Earles

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by McKinley Keller, 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 Tracey Bryant, seconded by Charles Jones, the meeting adjourned 6:42 p.m.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M.Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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