

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura

There were present: Kirby Roy, Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Tracey Bryant, Kirby Roy
John Earles, and Charles Jones

Also present were: Kevin Bordelon, Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon, Pan American Engineers;
Jonathan Gaspard, Assistant District Attorney; Joseph Frank, Director of Homeland
Alizza Piazza Tassin, Attorney for Med Express; Amy Guidry, Acadian Ambulance; Jeff
Pogve, Med Express Ambulance, Jenny Fauls, Chrissie Jeansonne Legislative Aide to
Rep, Mayor Terryl St.Romain, Mayor Bruce Coulon, Jimmy Landry, Wayne Lemoine,
Theresa Thevenot, Librarian, Nealie Hale, David Bergeron, Chris Lemoine, Justin
Moreau, Paul Lemoine, Steve Guillory, Ashtyn Boudreaux, Elliot Bordelon, John
Toledo, Tim Guillory, Darren Lemoine, Anthony Desselle, Patsy Graham, and Chris
Dauzat

Absent were: Glenn McKinley and McKinley Keller

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

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

President Roy asked for public comments. None offered, none taken.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by John Earles, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March
9, 2021, 2020 as printed in the "Weekly News" and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco to accept the minutes of the Avoyelles Commission of
Tourism minutes held on March 22, 2021. On vote, the motion carried.

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

DELEGATES:

- A. Theresa Thevenot, Librarian
Mrs. Theresa provided updates for local branches. All branches now have E-Fax
- B. Jimmy Landry
Mr. Landry advised the Jury the Spring Bayou Lake Commission adopted a Resolution as it relates to the
Parish having responsibility to maintain and operate the Control Structure at Little River. He also
suggested the Parish seek yearly recommendation from the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- C. Chris Lemoine- Justice of the Peace
Recommended to the Jury to allow Mr. Moore from St Tammany Parish to provide a presentation on the
operation of a Litter Court in their parish. It would serve as a starting point to form a Litter Court in
Avoyelles Parish. Juror Tracey Bryant will spearhead the Committee, Juror Charles Jones asked the Jury
to proceed with forming the board.

- D. David Bergeron
Mr. Bergeron inquired as to the time line of opening the Spring Bayou Bridge. He said it was closed in January. Civil Works Director, Kevin Bordelon told Mr Bergeron the bridge is at 50% complete and it should be opened on May 1st.
- E. Patsy Graham
Would like flooding issue on Lake Guillame to be addressed. Her property floods frequently making it difficult to leave her home.
- F. Alissa Piazza Tassin- Med Express
Apologized for not being on the agenda for discussion and was added. Mrs. Tassin wanted an updated from her March request for Med Express to be placed in rotation for ambulance services. She felt a date would be appropriate for her request. President Kirby Roy advised Mrs. Tassin the plan is in the Sheriffs Dautzats hands. She also stated there is documented proof of Acadians poor response time.

Juror Bobby bordelon addressed comments made by Rev. Augustine, Rev. Guillory, Rev. Holmes and Mayor Draper, which occurred at the Committee Meeting in March. Juror Bordelon has photographs of screen shots of his social media account where it was purported by Rev. Augustine, Rev Guillory, Rev Holmes and Mayor Draper that Juror Bordelon made racial statements, the photographs did not contain any racial comments. The screen shout contained a message on Juror Bordelon's Facebook account. Juror Bordelon read aloud three post advising constituents of his District that he is not part of a "clique", and he felt that building a new Health Unit was merely spending money because the Health Unit had it to spend. He also suggested that an apology be issued to himself and the Jury for false accusations. He finalized by saying he has been in law enforcement for over 17 years and has never made any racist comments and he is not a racist.

Juror Charles Jones also addressed the Jury in regards to the previous item. He also said he did not hear Juror Bordelon make racist comments during the meeting, but there was a lot of people taking over one another. He was concerned with how the Jury had gotten to this point. He also stated the Avoyelles Collation has many meetings discussing racial issues in our Parish. He also stated Rev Draper is a very respected minister in the Parish. Juror Jones has been to many meetings with Rev Draper and Rev Augustine and they have disagreed but never to the point of screaming and shouting. He is very disappointed these types of discussion are brought out in a meeting.

After a public hearing, on motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by, John Earles to table installing gates on a portion of Little River Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Bobby Bordelon, seconded by Charles Jones to table installing gates on Levi Gremillion Road. Juror Bordelon also requested Juror Coco add Levi Gremillion Road Drainage Work to the Road District 2 Agenda for May. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Jacob Coco, to accept the resignation of Michele Guillot, Constable Ward 5. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel to appoint Bradley Armand as Constable Ward 5 replacing Michele Guillot. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Tracey Bryant, seconded by Mark Borrel, calling for a Special Election on October 9, 2021 Primary, October 13, 2021 General, Qualifying dates July 14-16, 2021, to elect a Constable of Ward 5. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Mark Borrel, to appoint Phillip Lamartiniere as Liaison of Region 2, replacing Ron Bordelon. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded Mark Borrel, to solicit bids for Bunkie Drainage Project. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by John Earles, to appoint Patra Coco to replace Lori Bordelon on the Library Board. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Jacob Coco to approve the following pay raises:

Kenneth Friels, from \$16.86/hour to \$18.00; Chadwick Jacobs from \$13.74/hour to \$15.50 hour; Aleshia Frank, from \$10.43 to \$11.50; Mary Sampson from \$9.00/hour to \$10.00

On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Jacob Coco to approve the addition of a Tire Shop at the Maintenance Facility \$5,700.00 On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to award Round 6 Project to Merrick Construction, will not exceed \$630,000 budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by John Earles, seconded by Mark Borrel, 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 Jacob Coco the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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