

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
March 7, 2018
Police Jury Chambers
507 West Main Street
Homer, LA 71040

The Claiborne Parish Police Jury met in regular session in the Jury Chambers of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury Complex, located at 507 West Main Street in Homer, LA at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th of March. On being called to order by President, Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

James Laird, Mark Furlow, Kevin Gray, Joe Sturges, Paul Cook, Joseph Merritt, Jr., Tommy Sanders, Gill Dowies, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr.

There were 23 others in attendance which included, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, Sheriff Ken Bailey, District Attorney Danny Newell, E-911 Director Mr. Walter Johnson, Executive Director of the CPPJ-OOCS Mr. Tim Cain, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, Mrs. Teresa Raley of the Claiborne Parish 4-H, Mr. Jerry Whitton and Mr. Sam Dowies of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, Mr. J.T. Taylor of the Economic Development Board, Mr. Mark Brown of CPHSD3 and CEC, Mr. Joey White of the Economic Development Board and CEC, Mayor Beverly Kilgore of Town of Haynesville and CPHSD3, Mrs. Jackie Roberts of the Haynesville News, Mr. Jimmy Hand of Main Street Homer, Mrs. Toni Goodwin CMMC-CEO, Mrs. Kristie Copeland CMMC-CNO, Mrs. Michelle Stillwell CMMC-CFO, Mrs. Melanie Sotak CMMC-COO, Mr. Landon Tooke, Attorney Jim Colvin, and Ms. Betty Sanford of CMMC-Chaplain, Mrs. Amanda Lord with Claiborne Rehab, Mr. Mark Crenshaw and Mr. Carter Lewis.

The meeting was opened with a word of Prayer led Rev. Willie Young, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Cook.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Joe Merritt, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular Agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Joe Merritt, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously voted to amend the Regular Agenda and add the following items:

1. Request from the Town of Homer, in a fax received March 1, 2018, requesting the following items – (1) load of SB2, (1) load of cold-mix, (6) water valve signs, (15) safety cones and (2) loads of clay dirt. The supplies are to be reimbursed to the Jury under the Town's ad valorem tax credit.
2. Request from Main Street Homer, in a letter received March 5, 2018, requesting assistance from the Police Jury for certain work to be done on developing the new downtown park.
3. Presentation of the proposed new health insurance rates for the Police Jury employees participating in the Parish's health insurance program. Under the BCBS program there will be a 12.86% rate for the period starting June 1, 2018.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

2. Payment of the February 2018 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request from Rev. Brian Thurman of FBC Homer, in an email received February 8, 2018, requesting use of the Courthouse Square on Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. for Observance of the National Day of Prayer.
4. Request from About Our Father Business Outreach Ministries, Pastor Jammie Ford, in a letter received on February 14, 2018, requesting use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, July 21, 2018, starting at 10:00 a.m. for their “Prayer On A Square” event.

President Scott Davidson moved to handle the 3 amendments at this time.

Upon motion by Joe Surges, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the Town of Homer, in a fax received March 1, 2018, requesting the following items – (1) one load of SB2, (1) one load of Cold-Mix, (5) five water valve signs, (15) fifteen safety cones, and (2) two loads of clay dirt. The supplies are to be reimbursed to the Jury under the Town’s ad valorem tax credit.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, in a letter received March 5, 2018, requesting assistance from the Police Jury for certain work to be done on developing the new downtown park, the Jury tabled this request to get more information on the project.

President Scott Davidson presented the proposed new health insurance rates for the Police Jury employees participating in the Parish’s health insurance program. Under the BCBS program there will be a 12.8% rate for the period starting June 1, 2018.

Regular Agenda

President Scott Davidson reminded Jurors that their personal finance disclosure forms for 2017 are due May 15, 2018.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2018 – 006 – Resolution of Support for Claiborne Electric’s Fiber to the Home Project

RESOLUTION 2018-006

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC CO-OP’S FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Claiborne Parish Police Jury is the governing authority for the Parish of Claiborne, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, there is a need throughout Claiborne Parish for reliable and affordable broadband internet service especially in the rural areas of the Parish where cable is inaccessible and satellite and cellular service can be inconsistent at best, and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not for profit service organization that exists for one reason, to meet the needs of the members. Claiborne Electric Cooperative service area includes the parishes of Claiborne, Bienville, Webster, Union, Lincoln, and a small portion of Ouachita serving more than 18,000 members having 23,000 meters (full usage and low usage meters), and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Electric Cooperative has conducted extensive research including market analysis, technical analysis, and member surveys in an effort to deliver reliable and affordable broadband internet service to the members of the Cooperative and non-members alike, and

WHEREAS, having affordable broadband internet service is no longer a luxury, for many it is a necessity to serve the needs and demands of school aged children, for health care, for banking,

for research, for business operation, for recreation, and for communication just to name some of the uses. Currently the majority of Claiborne Parish residents are buying sub-par services to try to meet these ever-growing needs, and

WHEREAS, The Claiborne Parish Police Jury is confident that Claiborne Electric Cooperative is quite capable of managing the program that is being proposed to provide to the citizens of Claiborne Parish and surrounding areas affordable broadband internet service and Claiborne Electric has secured financing for the project's \$80 million capital investment which will also benefit all parish governments, parish and municipal alike.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby endorse and support the Claiborne Electric Cooperative application to the Louisiana Public Service Commission for approval to bring true broadband internet to the citizens of their service area.

On a Motion by Kevin Gray duly seconded by Joe Sturges the motion is approved by a unanimous vote.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, **Claiborne Parish Police Jury Resolution 2018-006** will be forwarded to the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Commissioners, and the Parishes Offices and School Boards of Bienville, Webster, Lincoln, Ouachita, and Union.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Claiborne Memorial CEO Mrs. Toni Goodwin, gave an update on the current status of the Medical Center. Mrs. Goodwin voiced her concern about having a local physician that sits on the CPHSD#3 Board, being in conflict of interest due to his being paid by an outside source, which is another competing medical facility, for his private practice. District Two Juror Mark Furlow, also expressed concern on this matter due to the perceived appearance to the general public. CMMC Attorney Mr. Jim Colvin informed the Jury, that it appeared to be no legal conflict of interest for that physician to serve on this hospital board, while being paid by another competing facility for his private practice. President Scott Davidson asked when his term would expire. Mr. Colvin informed President Davidson, that he believes that the board member's term would expire at the end of 2019.

At this time, President Scott Davidson gave a report from the Roads Committee.

The Jury is going to try to meet with the Coroner, along with the funeral home directors who are questioning the length of time to receive death certificates, at some point in early April to see if a plan can be worked out that all parties could live with.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the lowest quote for a new portable building for the Claiborne Parish Health Unit which will be purchased from Industrial Generators of Athens, LA in the amount of \$20.57 per square foot, up to an amount of \$4,000.

President Davison also updated everyone on the past few meetings with the industries effected under the parish's heavy hauler ordinance. He stated that we have met with the timber industry and others and have listened to their concerns and taken them into consideration. We will be using some of their recommendations and the amended draft of the Heavy Hauler Ordinance should be available to be hopefully by at some point in May or June and the Parish plans for it to go into effect on January 1, 2019.

President Scott Davidson read aloud Parish Coroner Mark Haynes monthly report. Dr. Mark Haynes couldn't attend due to a conflict in schedule. President Davidson presented the Coroner's Report for the month as follows: (9) Hospice/ER deaths, (2) deaths that required autopsy, (1) other facility death, (3) on scene deaths and (5) CEC's.

ITEM #22 – March 7, 2018 – AGENDA

SECRETARY-TREASURER – UPDATE ON GRANTS AND OTHER ITEMS

1. LGAP Projects –

CPPJ – Gas Line Extension on Hwy 2 to Parish Owned Property
Contract #1415-CLB-0001 Amount - \$25,000 now \$0
Project – extension of natural gas line to the Police Jury owned property on Hwy 2
Status – Change of scope approved by Office of Comm. Devlp. – transferred to 0002

CPPJ – Emergency Generator for CPPJ Public Works Building on Hwy 2
Contract #1415-CLB-0002 Amount - \$14,167 now \$39,167
Project – standby emergency generator for the CPPJ Public Works Building on Hwy 2
Status – Bid awarded to Arcco Power Systems of Bossier City, LA for \$27,099 - delivered

CPPJ – Pine Hill Water System
Contract #1516-CLB-0001 Amount \$21,500
Project – repaint exterior of elevated storage tank located on Hwy 70
Status – contracts submitted to the State and approved

CPPJ – South Claiborne Water System
Contract #1516-CLB-0002 Amount \$21,500
Project – install ATS on emergency generators at well sites
Status – contracts submitted to the State and approved

2. CWEF Projects

Leatherman Creek Water System
Contract #1415-CWEF-CLB-0001 Amount - \$25,000
Project – Repair and rehab of ground storage tank
Status – Construction complete, applying for reimbursement

3. Sales Tax Collections for January 2018 – net of \$49,811 from gross collections of \$52,725 on taxable sales of \$4,593,369.
Net sales tax collections for December 2017 – \$59,730 – decrease \$-9,919 (-16.61%)
Net sales tax collections for January 2017 - \$40,436 – increase \$9,375 (23.18%)

4. Cash position at February 28, 2018 - \$9,487,611
Cash position at February 28, 2017 - \$9,293,349 (increase of \$194,262)
Cash position at January 31, 2018 - \$9,078,714 (increase of \$408,897)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown at February 28, 2018 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of February 2018 – \$803,658

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings I plan to attend –

3/8 – Economic Development Board Meeting
3/22 – CPHSD#3 Board Meeting
3/26 – Committee Meetings
4/4 – Regular Meeting

Public Comments:

District Ten Juror Rev. Willie Young, commended Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne Woodard for taking such good care of our Parish finances. Rev. Young told the Jury, that in the past, the finances were awful and that he appreciates the job that Dwayne does for the Jury.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President