

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
April 4, 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 4th of April. On being called to order by President, Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

Mark Furlow, Joe Sturges, Paul Cook, Joseph Merritt, Jr., Tommy Sanders, and Gill Dowies.

Jurors James Laird, Kevin Gray and Rev. Willie Young were absent.

There were 16 others in attendance which included, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, Sheriff Ken Bailey, Executive Director of the CPPJ-OOCS Mr. Tim Cain, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, Mrs. Teresa Raley and Mr. Lee Faulk of the Claiborne Parish 4-H, Mr. Jerry Whitton and Mr. Sam Dowies of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, Mr. Randal Smoak of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Mrs. Cathy Hightower of the Guardian Journal, Mr. David Greene and Mr. Chris Bloxom of Republic Waste, Mr. Jimmy Hand of Main Street Homer and Mr. Mark Crenshaw.

The meeting was opened with a word of Prayer led President Scott Davidson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Cook.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular Agenda as presented.

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

1. Request from the Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett to hire (2) part time individuals for the Parish's spraying program.
2. Notice from the PJAL, in a fax received March 29, 2018 – the LGAP and CWFEP Programs will be funded at \$5 million dollars each for the upcoming budget year.
3. Presentation of the 2018 Chip Seal Program – 19.2 miles
4. Notification of the Parish's July 2017 population of 15, 891 as received in a letter dated March 27, 2018 from John Schroder, State Treasurer.

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 March 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the March 2018 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request from the Claiborne Jubilee, in a letter dated March 19, 2018, requesting use of the Court House Lawn for Saturday, May 12, 2018 for its annual arts festival.

President Scott Davidson moved to handle the 4 amendments at this time.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Joe Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett to hire two (2) part time individuals for the Parish’s spraying program through Manpower.

President Scott Davidson read a notice received via fax on March 29, 2018 from the PJAL – The LGAP and CWEF Programs will be funded at \$5 million dollars each for the upcoming budget year.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of the 2018 Chip Seal Program which consists of 19.2 miles.

2018 Proposed Chip Seal List

Old Arcadia Rd	1.5	3-Shot
Winn Bottom Rd	2.2	3-Shot
Columbia Rd	0.3	3-Shot
Sugar Creek Rd	0.3	3-Shot
Stand Pipe Rd	1.0	3-Shot
Ford Rd.	0.3	3-Shot
Martizky Rd	0.1	3-Shot
Krouse Rd	0.2	1-Shot
Maddox Rd	1.9	1-Shot
Heard Rd.	0.5	1-Shot
Sherrill Rd.	1.9	1-Shot
Church Rd	0.5	1-Shot
Frazier Rd	0.8	1-Shot
Sugar Creek Rd	0.6	1-Shot
Sugar Creek Rd	0.3	3-Shot
Rich Rd	0.7	1-Shot
Fincher Creel Rd	3.1	1-Shot
Mt. Sinai Rd	2.4	1-Shot
Wayne Odom Rd	0.6	1-Shot

Total Miles 1-Shot = 13.2 miles
Total Miles 3-Shot = 6. Miles

President Scott Davidson read aloud the notification of the Parish’s July 2017 population estimation of 15,891 as received in a letter dated March 27, 2018 from John Schroder, State Treasurer.

Regular Agenda

President Scott Davidson reminded all Jurors that their Tier III Financial Disclosure documents are due by May 15, 2018.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the Haynesville Golf Association, in a letter received March 13, 2018, requesting the Police Jury’s assistance in installing a 24” x 26” culvert at the golf course. The work is to be done on a reimbursement basis.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the Parish’s 3-year Transportation Plan as required via the Parish Transportation Act.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2018 – 007 – A Resolution Requesting that the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Seek Public Input from their 16 Parish Region Concerning Implementing Water Usage Fees on Meters in the District

RESOLUION 2018-007

WHEREAS, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District currently serves 16 parishes in North Louisiana, and;

WHEREAS, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District board is made of 19 members, nine from the parishes of Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Union, Webster and Winn, one member from the rest of the parishes to serve on a rotating basis, three members from the nominees of user groups of the wood product industry, agricultural users and other industrial users and six members from the municipalities within the district which have a minimum use of 500,000 gallons per day, and;

WHEREAS, District 12 Representative Robert E. Shadoin has proposed legislation, specifically HB 430, which allows for the addition to the board’s powers by authorizing the assessment against all users within the district a fee on each meter installed or a charge based on the annual rate of use of each user, and;

WHEREAS, HB 430 has no cap on the fee that can be charged each user within the 16 parishes served by the Sparta Commission, and;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury that this proposed legislation has not received sufficient input from the citizens of these 16 parishes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby strongly encourage any citizen within the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Richland, Sabine, Union, Webster and Winn to urge their Sparta representatives to gather public input on usage fees and to change proposed House Bill 430 as it is written currently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to each of the 16 parishes served by the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District.

Upon a motion by Gil Dowies duly seconded by Paul Cook this motion is was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in a regular session convened on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Yeas – (7) Furlow, Sturges, Davidson, Cook, Merritt, Sanders and Dowies
Nays – (0) none
Abstain – N/A
Absent – (3) Laird, Gray and Young

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously approved quoted repairs under the interior phase of the Clerk of Court Office, Newell Building/Clerk Office Extension, and the Tax Assessor Office from Garcia Construction of Homer for an estimated \$36,000.

Claiborne Parish Coroner, Dr. Mark Haynes, gave his monthly report of the Coroner’s Office. He stated there were 10 deaths – (3) Hospice/ER, (1) Other, (6) On Scene, (0) Autopsy, and (3) CEC’s.

ITEM #15 – April 4, 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 February 2018 – net of \$39,046 from gross collections of \$41,234 on taxable sales of \$3,788,058.
Net sales tax collections for January 2018 – \$49,811 – decrease \$-10,765 (-21.61%)
Net sales tax collections for February 2017 - \$37,965 – increase \$1,081 (2.85%)

4. Cash position at March 31, 2018 - \$8,977,403
Cash position at March 31, 2017 - \$9,211,628 (decrease of \$-234,225)
Cash position at February 28, 2017 - \$9,487,611 (decrease of \$-510,208)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown at March 31, 2018 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of March 2018 – \$281,087

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

- 4/12 – Economic Development Board Meeting
- 4/23 – Auditors
- 4/26 – CPHSD#3 Board Meeting
- 4/30 – Committee Meetings
- 5/9 – Regular Meeting

Public Comments:

Mr. Lee Faulk of the LSU Ag Center invited everyone to their upcoming Field Day at the Hill Farm on April 26, 2018.

Mrs. Teresa Raley extended an invitation to all Juror's to the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet to be held on April 30th at the Fair Barn.

Mr. Jerry Whitton updated the Jury on the Hwy 146 Public Boat Launch. He stated the fishing pier has been completed, along the with dirt work and grass has been planted.

Mr. David Greene of Republic Waste Services introduced his new North Louisiana General Manager, Mr. Chris Bloxom.

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President