

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
July 8, 2015
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 eighth day of July 2015. On being called to order by Vice-President, Jerry Adkins, the following jurors were present:

D'arcy Stevens, Mark Furlow, Robert "Bob" McDaniel, Joe Sturges, Roy Mardis, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr. (late arrival).

President Scott Davidson, Lavelle Penix and George Tigner, III were absent.

There were 13 others in attendance which included, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, Sheriff Ken Bailey, Mrs. Jodie Heigle of OOCs, Mrs. Cathy Greeson of OEP, Mrs. Pam Suggs of the Claiborne Parish Library, Mr. Lee Faulk and Teresa Raley of the Claiborne Parish 4-H, Mayor Roy Lewis of Homer, Ms. Jackie Roberts of the Haynesville News, Rev. Terry Willis of Homer, Mr. Joey White of Claiborne Electric, and Mr. Donald Malray of Homer.

The meeting was opened with a word of Prayer led by Roy Mardis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Roy Lewis.

Upon motion by Roy Mardis, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Robert McDaniel, the Jury unanimously voted to amend the agenda and add the following:

1. Request from Town of Homer Public Works Director, Lee Wells for one (1) load of Cold Mix and twenty-five (25) stop signs (24" x 24") to be done on a reimbursement basis with their ad valorem tax credit.

Upon motion by Roy Mardis, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the June 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the June 2015 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request from Main Street Homer, in an email received on June 30, 2015, requesting the use of the Court House Lawn for the 2nd Annual Great Louisiana Harmonica Festival.
4. Request from the Sparta Groundwater Commission, in a letter received June 16, 2015, requesting their annual budgeted contribution of \$3,000 and to be included in the Parish's 2016 operating budget. This money is used for the commission's operating budget. This money is used for the commission's operations and education programs concerning the Sparta Aquifer. (same as prior years)
5. Request from the Claiborne Parish 4-H Outdoor Skills Program, in a letter dated June 17, 2015, requesting \$277.81 from the Police Jury to help pay the cost of decaling the new Shooting Sports Trailer.

Regular Agenda

Vice-President Adkins read aloud a thank you note from Mrs. Erin White thanking the Police Jury for their help with the reception honoring Dr. Donald K. Haynes.

Vice-President Adkins read aloud a notice, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury will sit as a Board of Review for the 2015 Toll for a 15 day period beginning on September 9, 2015 and ending on September 23, 2015. The hearing date for the Board of Review will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Jury Room of the CPPJ Administrative Building located at 507 West Main Street in Homer, LA 71040.

Vice-President Adkins read aloud a notice, the Employer Contribution Rate for the District Attorney's Retirement System, will drop to 3.50% for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. (Contribution rate was 7.0% for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015)

Upon motion by Roy Mardis, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Sparta Commission to reappoint Dwayne R. Woodard to the Commission for a (4) four year term beginning October 16, 2015.

Upon motion by Roy Mardis, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved, upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the hiring of Mr. Tim Cain for the OOCs Director position beginning August 3, 2015 with a beginning annual salary of \$35,000 plus benefits.

Vice-President Adkins read a notice; the Police Jury's 2014 Audited Financial Statements will be presented at the August 5, 2015 regular meeting due to Melissa Bosch having jury duty today.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Robert McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Town of Homer Mayor Roy Lewis to appoint Tammy Sampson to the board of Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District No. 3, in a letter received July 1, 2015, to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Alecia N. Smith who was removed due to excessive absences as per the District's by-laws.

ITEM #18 – July 8, 2015 – AGENDA

SECRETARY-TREASURER – UPDATE ON GRANTS AND OTHER ITEMS

1. LGAP Projects –

CPSO – Criminal Investigation Division Building
Contract #1213-CLB-0002 Amount - \$27,560
Project – removal of rood top curb unit in training room and resealing of front outer brick
Status – Bid awarded to Pro-Build Construction of Homer for \$31,626 and project has started.

CPPJ – Police Jury Administration Building
Contract #1314-CLB-0001 Amount - \$49,800
Project – repairs/renovations to the exterior of the PJ Administration Building
Status – Bid awarded to Garcia Construction and project has started.

2. CWEF Projects

Central Claiborne Water System
Contract #1112-CWEF-CLB-0002
Amount - \$40,000
Project – drill new well
Status – in process of seeking a change of scope approval from the State

Middle Fork Water System
Contract #1213-CWEF-CLB-0001
Amount - \$45,000
Project – water system improvements
Status – project is complete, waiting on reimbursement and close out

3. Sales Tax Collections for May 2015 – net of \$46,146 from gross collections of \$47,329 on taxable sales of \$4,602,543.
Net sales tax collections for April 2015 – \$47,169 – decrease \$-1,023 (-2.17%)
Net sales tax collections for May 2014 - \$72,067 – decrease \$-25,921 (-35.97%)

4. Cash position at June 30, 2015 - \$8,274,896
Cash position at June 30, 2014 - \$8,284,115 (decrease of \$-9,219)
Cash position at May 31, 2015 - \$8,386,825 (decrease of \$-111,929)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown at June 30, 2015 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of June 2015 – \$440,478

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

- 7/10 – LRPIC Board Meeting in Monroe
- 7/20 – Economic Development Board Meeting
- 7/21 – CPHSD #3 Finance Committee Meeting
- 7/23 – CPHSD #3 Board Meeting - Haynesville
- 7/27 – Committee Meeting
- 8/5 – Regular Meeting

Public Comment:

Sheriff Ken Bailey announced to the Jury that the CPSO will be taking over the Claiborne Parish Detention Center as of August 1, 2015.

Sheriff Ken Bailey also announced the Corney Creek Bridge in now open.

Sheriff Ken Bailey informed the Jury that Hardy Taylor has been sentenced to 10 years for manslaughter in the death of former Police Juror Butch Bays.

Mr. Donald Malray of Homer requested permission to speak the Jury and to question why his road hazard claim (pot hole) was denied on supposed damage to a tire on his vehicle. Mr. Malray was informed that it is standard Police Jury policy to deny all road hazard claims involving tires/rims on Parish Roads since it is deemed a “road hazard” by all Parishes and the State of Louisiana.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Roy Mardis, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President