

July 17, 2019

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, July 9, 2019
8. Deborah Dees, CPA/CFF – Deliver Annual Financial Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2018
9. Planning Commission
10. Discuss Bridge Ratings Within the Parish and Award Contract for Preparation of Bridge Ratings
11. Declare Surplus Property
12. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
13. Appropriate Sales Tax Transfer for July Operations (\$230,000)
14. Committee Reports
15. Operations
- 15(a). Discuss the Landfill Contract
16. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ronald L. Bison called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: Willes Funderburk, Mike McCormic, “Charlie” Brown, “Ronny” Bison, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

The following juror was absent: William E. Ruffin

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Weatherford.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Charlie Brown.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda.

Resolution No. 8347

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Garcie to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 15(a) - Discuss the Landfill Contract

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

Police Jury President, Ronald L. Bison, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. Bison advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8348

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Sepulvado to adopt the agenda as amended.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

7. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, July 9, 2019

All Police Jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the special called meeting held on July 9, 2019.

Resolution No.8349

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Brown to accept the minutes of the special called meeting held on July 9, 2019.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

8. Deborah Dees, CPA/CFF – Deliver Annual Financial Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Ms. Deborah Dees, CPA/CFF, a principal in the accounting firm of Dees Gardner Certified Public Accountants, LLC, presented the audited financial statements of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Police Jury received an unqualified opinion on the Primary Government financial statements, the best opinion that can be given by the auditor.

Ms. Dees discussed the highlights of the financial report. The total net position of the Police Jury increased by \$1,676,835 during the year ended December 31, 2018. During 2018, the Police Jury expended \$6,062,399 for road repairs and improvements.

Resolution No.8350

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Garcie to accept the annual audited financial statements of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2018 as presented by Ms. Deborah Dees, CPA/CFF.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

9. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present at the meeting.

10. Discuss Bridge Ratings Within the Parish and Award Contract for Preparation of Bridge Ratings

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford called the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and spoke with Ms. Jenny Fu. She confirmed that there are forty-five (45) unrated bridges in the parish. Of those bridges, forty-one (41) were built by the Department of Transportation and will be load rated by LADOTD at no cost to the parish.

Four (4) bridges were not built by the DOTD. Ms. Fu informed Mr. Weatherford that the LADOTD has prepared a contract to load rate these bridges at a cost of \$5,000 each. However, the LADOTD will allow the parish to engage an independent engineer to perform the load rating.

Resolution No.8351

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Garcie to use the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to load rate all the bridges in the Parish.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

11 Declare Surplus Property

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has several pieces of obsolete equipment that it desires to sell through an on-line auction.

Resolution No. 8352

The following resolution was offered by Brown and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to sell several pieces of obsolete equipment through an on-line auction,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following items be declared as surplus property:

<u>Equipment #</u>	<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Vin/Serial Number</u>	<u>Road District</u>
None	Cub Cadet Mower	3728214573	Parish-wide
P-3	2007 Ford F-150	1FTRF122X7KB61867	Parish-wide
D-33	1999 Chevy	1GBJ7H1B3XJ101833	9 & 16
D39	2000 Mack RD6905	1M2P264C3YM030139	9 & 16

D-08	2008 Mack GU713	1M2AX03C98M001105	Parish-wide
GA-325	2012 Gradall XL3100	3140000325	Parish-wide
D-14	1998 Mack RD688	1M2P267CXWM038814	18
LA-62	1981 Ford A-62	RS02677	15
Mf-31	1984 Massey Ferguson MF31	9A153779	17
BH-31	Bushhog SM60R	1100039	17
G-54	2001 New Holland RG 140	10Y00354	17
G-300	2000 New Holland RG140	10Y00300	17
D-47	1999 Ford F800	3FEWF80CXXMA05447	4 & 20
None	Cat Loader Model 910	80U2567	17
None	Massey Ferguson Tractor	53779	17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these items be sold through an on-line auction with govdeals.com and with the minimum bid amounts determined by the Parish Road Superintendent.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

#### 12. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8353

Motion by Brown and seconded by McCormic to pay the approved bills.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

#### 13. Appropriate Sales Tax Transfer for July Operations (\$230,000)

Resolution No. 8354

Motion by McCormic and seconded by Funderburk to appropriate and transfer \$230,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parishwide Transportation Fund for July 2019 operations.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

14. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

15. Operations

Mrs. Ann Gasaway:

Ms. Gasaway voiced her dissatisfaction with the road grading in her area.

Middle Creek Road:

Road Superintendent Hughes noted that a 25 MPH speed limit has been discussed for Middle Creek Road. An ordinance will need to be passed to allow enforcement of a lower speed limit. Consideration of this item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

15(a). Discuss the Landfill Contract

Mr. Matt Crockett, Regional Engineer with Waste Connections, Inc., addressed the Police Jury. He informed the Jury that the landfill has an additional thirty-nine (39) years of life at the current usage level. There is currently nine (9) years capacity of constructed airspace at the landfill.

He explained that Waste Connections, Inc. has established a liability account in the amount of 1.7 million dollars for post-closure costs associated with the Sabine Parish Landfill.

Mr. Emely assured the Jury that Mr. Crockett is available to meet with the jury at any time.

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8355

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb to adjourn.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas - 8 – Funderburk, McCormic, Brown, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: - 0

Abstain: - 0

Absent: - 1 - Ruffin

s/William E. Weatherford  
William E. Weatherford  
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ronald L. Bison  
Ronald L. Bison  
President