

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the regular Police Jury meeting, 3rd floor, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the following item:

1. Consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Acadia to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein.
 - A. Senior Citizen Programs Tax Renewal
 - B. Library Tax Renewal

No public comments given.

Public Hearing Adjourned.

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY met on the above date at 6:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, in regular session with President, Chance Henry presiding. At the request of the President, a prayer was offered and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

Walter Andrus
Jeffery Morgan
Gordon Morgan
Steve Comeaux
A.J. Credeur
Pat Daigle
Chance K. Henry

Jimmy Pellerin was absent.

A motion was offered by Mr. A.J. Credeur, seconded by Mr. Steve Comeaux, and carried unanimously, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting, as written.

A motion was offered by Mr. Steve Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Walter Andrus and carried to approve the following amendments to the agenda:

1. Discuss with possible action a resolution to accept the Ferre Canal Road Improvements project as constructed by Elliott Construction, LLC as being complete on January 18, 2023. Added as agenda item 22a.
2. Discuss with possible action abandonment of a portion of Old Spanish Trail in Midland, LA. Call for public hearing on March 14, 2023. Added as agenda item 16a.
3. Remove agenda item number 12.

President, Chance K. Henry, acknowledged National Black History Month with a presentation of Proclamation. Members of District One were present and a group photograph was taken.

President, Chance K. Henry, introduced the new Acadia Parish Horticultural Agent, Paul Bongarzone. Mr. Bongarzone spoke to the jurors regarding attending the Spring Vegetable Garden presentation on March 8th, 2023.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan for the appointment of Corey Vincent for the permanent position of Road Manager. A roll call vote was taken and went as follows:

YEAS: Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Steve Comeaux, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Chance K. Henry

NAYS: N/A

Mr. Troy Villa with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, L.L.P. discussed possible solar panels within the parish. There are regulations by the State of Louisiana that have yet to be passed. An ordinance was discussed and a motion was offered by A.J. Credeur and seconded by Steve Comeaux to allow attorney Glen Howie to proceed with research on the ordinance. At this time, no public hearing to be held on this matter. A committee will need to be in place before this matter can move forward.

A discussion took place on the potential development of the Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center on Nation Road in Rayne, Louisiana. Public comments were given. Mrs. Georgette Richard spoke on her concerns about safety and also the possibility on creating an ordinance. Mr. Carol Thibodeaux stated he has adjoining property and his concerns on safety and how this facility will affect the properties surrounding the facility and adding a “buffer” zone. Mr. Thibodeaux also made the comment of an ordinance being put in place. Mrs. Jennifer Ritchie spoke on the safety concerns with the center being in her area with her children at play. She also mentioned that no notifications were given to the citizens in the area. Mr. Chance K. Henry read out the opposition cards of the citizens who did not wish to speak. Attorney Glen Howie then spoke about the zoning in Acadia Parish, the Parish of Acadia has none. He spoke on zoning ordinances which is possible but will take time, the citizens opposition for zoning and also if a zoning ordinance would be in place, it would take time and would still not prevent this facility from development. Mrs. Marsha Pellerin spoke on ordinances within the parish and asked why an ordinance can not be put in place due to the welfare of the people? Mr. Steve Comeaux spoke on the issue and reiterated that this facility is not being done by the Acadia Parish Police Jury. This is a private sell. Mr. Walter Andrus spoke and referred their concerns to other agencies to voice their opinions to see what can further be done to stop this development. Mr. Greg Richard spoke on the safety concerns, response times and permitting concerns. A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Mr. Steve Comeaux and carried. Citizens were referred to other agencies to voice their concern. Mr. Mitch spoke on this development and the property values to the citizens who live on or near Nation Road as well as safety concerns.

A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by A.J. Credeur and carried to go out for bids for Shultz Road for bridge repairs. Corey Vincent and Brad Lavergne spoke on the repairs needed.

A motion was offered by Pat Daigle, seconded by Gordon Morgan to accept Hickory Lane repair bids with the lowest in the amount of \$52,869 by L. Fontenot’s Trucking LLC.

A discussion took place on the property purchase for the Rice Arena. A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Jeffery Morgan to move forward with the purchase of four acres across from the Rice Arena while A.J. Credeur abstained. The asking amount was \$325,000 and the appraisal amount was \$320,000.

A discussion took place on the purchase of a new location for Animal Control. The asking price is \$105,000 and the appraisal amount is \$97,000. A.J. Credeur asked the Supervisor, Jonathan from Animal Control, where are the majority of the calls coming from within the parish? Most of the calls are coming from the East side of the parish, Church Point area. Mrs. Julie Nolan spoke on the concerns with having the animal control in Egan, LA. A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to move forward with the purchase for Animal Control. Steve Comeaux called for question.

YEAS: Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Steve Comeaux, Chance K. Henry
NAYS: Pat Daigle and A.J. Credeur

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Jeffery Morgan to call for a public hearing on an ordinance to impose a 20mph speed limit on White Dove Lane.

A motion was offered by A. J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle to call for a public hearing on the abandonment of a portion of Old Spanish Trail in Midland, LA.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

- A. Senior Citizen Programs Tax Renewal
- B. Library Tax Renewal

A roll call vote was taken and went as follows:

YEAS: Walter Andrus, Jeffery Morgan, Gordon Morgan, Steve Comeaux, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Chance K. Henry

NAYS: N/A

A motion was offered and carried by Gordon Morgan and seconded by Pat Daigle to adopt a resolution for Language Access Plan.

A motion was offered and carried by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Walter Andrus to grant District 1's request of ARPA funds for various projects.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Jeffery Morgan to adopt a resolution in support of legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District comprised of various Parishes in or near the Acadiana region. Sheriff K.P. Gibson spoke on this matter.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan to proceed with updating the camera and speaker systems within the Parish Jail in the amount of \$125,963.11.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt a resolution to accept the low bids for six months for supplies, materials and services for the different departments within the Police Jury System.

A motion was offered and carried by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to accept the Ferre Canal Road Improvements project as constructed by Elliot Construction, LLC. as being complete on January 18, 2023.

The Monthly Permit office report was reviewed.

The presentation of the monthly financials, which included budget to actual comparison on the general fund and all major funds was given by the CFO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED BY MR. STEVE COMEAUX, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON MORGAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M.

/s/ Huey Bryan Borill
HUEY BRYAN BORILL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

/s/ Chance K. Henry
CHANCE K. HENRY
PRESIDENT