

JULY 11, 2023

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM before the regular Police Jury meeting, 3rd floor, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the following items:

1. Adopting an ordinance to change the speed limit on Roy Leblanc Road
-No public comments given.
2. Amending Ordinance No. 2023-002 Hotel Occupancy Tax
-No public comments given.
3. Adopting an Ordinance regulating the use of Recreational Park Campers in the unincorporated areas of Acadia Parish.
-No public comments given.

With 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 K. 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
Gordon Morgan
Steve Comeaux
A.J. Credeur
Pat Daigle
Chance K. Henry

Jeffery Morgan absent.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to approve the following amendments to the agenda:

1. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution to accept the Annual Budget for the Acadia – St. Landry Hospital
2. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to “Remove and Replace the Vie Terre Beau Bridge, Planning and Construction” project, including certifying requests for state disbursements.
3. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to the “Improvements to the Acadia Parish Courthouse Building (Window Replacement), Planning and Construction” project, including certifying requests for state disbursements.
4. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to the “Ye Olde Country Road and Muskrat Road Improvements, Planning and Construction” project, including certifying requests for state disbursements.
5. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to the “Rice Arena Improvements, Planning and Construction” project, including certifying requests for state disbursements.
6. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract with Mader Engineering to prepare plans and specifications and solicit bids for the “Ye Olde Country Road and Muskrat Road Improvements, Planning and Construction” project, contingent upon Facility Planning and Control approval.
7. Discuss with possible action adopting a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract with Mader Engineering to prepare plans and specifications and solicit bids for the “Rice Arena Improvements, Planning and Construction” project, contingent upon Facility Planning and Control approval.

A discussion was held by Michael Lejeune on adopting a resolution to accept the Annual Budget for the Acadia – St. Landry Hospital for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A motion was offered by A.J.

Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to adopt a resolution to accept the Annual Budget for the Acadia – St. Landry Hospital for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Lily Williams and Yvonne Duncan addressed the jury pertaining to the charges of the property clean up on 104 North Avenue P, Crowley, LA. They stated that they are sisters and they both owned the property along with their brother Michael Floyd. They mentioned that they became aware of Acadia Parish Police Jury hiring a demolition contractor to demolish and remove debris from the property without notifying the owners. Lily and Yvonne stated that neither live in Crowley and rely on the Police Jury to send them notifications of any issues in a timely manner so that they can take corrective action. In 2021, she received two certified letters from the Police Jury concerning Michael Floyd committing violations on the property, Yvonne said she immediately sent an e-mail requesting to be put on the Police Jury Meeting agenda to address this issue, which Lily Williams attended. They were unaware that their brother had been in jail for several months prior to and during these times, these actions taken by the Police Jury occurred. Yvonne stated that the reason this is relevant is because their brother has not allowed them to access the property since 2016. She stated that Michael Floyd had threatened them on several occasions and they didn't feel safe going on the property. She mentioned these issues were explained by her sister Lily Williams to the Police Jury at the meeting on November 9, 2021. She stated the she and her sister were cooperating in good faith and they wanted the property cleaned up. Yvonne stated that the last conversation she had with the Secretary-Treasurer before this action was taken by the Police Jury was on March 20, 2023 at 4:50pm. She stated that he went on to the property and reported back to Yvonne that there was someone cleaning up the land and as long as they were putting in an effort, the city was okay with that. So, as far as she knew, the property was being cleaned up. Yvonne is the one that receives the property tax notices and pays the property taxes. She mentioned that she is the one who received certified letters in the past concerning her brother's violations and she did not receive any notifications that the Police Jury was hiring a contractor to clean their property. She stated she has not received any official correspondents from the Acadia Parish Police Jury since 2021. She mentioned that the Acadia Parish Police Jury acted before notification which prevented them from taking care of their own property themselves. They are contesting any fees that may be assessed as a result of the Police Jury's action.

Ashley LeBlanc, Acadia Parish OSHEP Director and Permitting/Code Enforcement Department head, spoke on this matter. She stated that the initial notices were given by certified mail and also hand delivered to Michael Floyd who was on the property at the time. The parish was initially told that he was occupying the property. The sisters were the ones that received the mail. The parish did courtesy and went hand delivered the documents to Michael Floyd in 2021. The documents were issued at the time, a grass letter, a derelict structure letter and a nuisance letter. The grass was addressed at one-point Ashley said. It had been cut but the rest of it had not. The case was brought to the Acadia Parish Police Jury. Also, a follow up letter was also sent in September of 2021 regarding the Ordinances. This was brought to the Police Jury in November of 2021. Ashley stated that Lily Williams was present at that hearing. The property owners asked for more time concerning the issues with the brother being on the property. The jury agreed to give 90 days to try to address the issues on the property. Those 90 days had long passed. When the 90 days were up, the case was handed over to the administrative office to proceed forward with the cleanup of property.

President Chance K. Henry stated that the notices and procedures were followed. He asked the sisters if they received notice and both answered yes. Chance K. Henry had a question for the administration, he asked when is this in front of the Police Jury and not in front of the Administrative Law Judge. Ashley replied, this took place before the Administrative Law Judge was in place. Ashley mentioned that this is a civil issue because it was already ruled on by the jury.

Glen Howie, Attorney, spoke and stated that the notice was the 90 days given at the Police Jury Meeting. That is the final notice. After the 90 days, the parish can legally move forward and take care of the issues with the property.

Yvonne spoke and said they understand that but when they were communicating back and forth with the Secretary-Treasurer, it was not mentioned.

Bryan Borill, Secretary-Treasurer, spoke to the jury and mentioned that yes, he did have a conversation with her. He mentioned to her during the conversation that there were squatters on the property and he was able to get them off. The sisters never approached the property. Both of the sisters live out of state. Bryan stated that no one came and checked on the property. Bryan also mentioned that he is the person getting these phone calls about this property, getting threatened to show up to the Police Jury and sue. So as the Secretary-Treasurer, he moved on the action that the Police Jury already had.

Chance stated that it doesn't pay to send a letter or have a 90 day in place if the parish is not going to act and enforce.

Glen Howie, attorney, stated there is no action that can be taken by the jury legally. The bill will remain as is.

Robert S. Carter, CPA of Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC presented to the Acadia Parish Police Jury the 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures. He gave a summary of the findings. A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan and carried to adopt a resolution to accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures as presented.

A motion was offered by Walter Andrus, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried to award the 2023 Debris Monitoring RFP Bid to Tetra Tech, Inc.

A motion was offered by Walter Andrus, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried to award the 2023 Debris Removal RFP Bid to Crowder Gulf.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Gordon Morgan and carried to accept the low bids for six months for supplies, materials and services for the different departments within the Police Jury system.

Brett Bayard with Mader Engineering spoke to the jurors on the Landfill Liner Project. Cost is approximately \$2,723,000. A motion was offered by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux and carried to pass a resolution to fund the Landfill Liner Project.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to accept the proposal for the Tier 2 Test Assistance at the Acadia Parish Sanitary Landfill from Franklin Engineers. Proposed cost is \$25,507.50.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle and carried to adopt a resolution on the Plaquemine Drainage Project. Glen Simon discussed this at the committee meeting.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Gordon Morgan to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to act on behalf of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, in all matters pertaining to "Remove and Replace the Vie Terre Beau Bridge, Planning and Construction" project, including certifying requests for state disbursements.

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A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Steve Comeaux to adopt an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25-mph for Roy Leblanc Road.
A roll-call vote was taken and went as follows:

YEAS: Walter Andrus, Gordon Morgan, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Steve Comeaux

NAYS: N/A

ABSENT: Jeffery Morgan

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Walter Andrus to adopt an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2023-002- Hotel Occupancy Tax.
A roll-call vote was taken and went as follows:

YEAS: Walter Andrus, Gordon Morgan, A.J. Credeur, Pat Daigle, Steve Comeaux

NAYS: N/A

ABSENT: Jeffery Morgan

A discussion took place on the adoption of an ordinance regulating the use of Recreational Park Campers in the unincorporated areas of Acadia Parish. President Chance K. Henry spoke on what this will include. He mentioned that this is mainly to address situations like squatters, post storms, if FEMA does come in and bring trailers, that these trailers don't get permitted for permanent occupancy. The goal is to get citizens back into some permanent living conditions.

Gordon Morgan, Juror District 4, addressed the jurors and wanted to make sure that this will not affect citizens that need to live in a camper. He mentioned as the Ordinance states, he will not be in support of it. He doesn't want to "blanket cover" this, "some people have to live in a camper". He stated "personally, if you want to live in a camper hooked up to the home", he doesn't mind that.

Steve Comeaux, Juror District 8, spoke to the jurors and mentioned that he doesn't understand how they would allow campers in an RV park verses in their yards. He understands that it's a business.

President Chance K. Henry, Juror District 3, spoke to the jurors and said that if the campers are in the yard and has wheels on it and it's mobile, it's fine. It's when it's jacked up and tires off and immobile.

Steve Comeaux asked if the ordinance is specific when it comes to those terms.? Gordon Morgan spoke and said that the way the ordinance reads right now, he will not support it and encourage the other jurors to not support this as well. Gordon Morgan said that they could revisit this agenda item. Chance mentioned that they could approve this with the mobility factor that it has to be mobile. Gordon said that he does not know this for a fact and thinks it's something that should be pushed back and have more discussion.

Mr. Cooney addressed the jury on this matter. He has been involved with mobile homes, RVs, recreational vehicles especially working in Lafayette all his life and being a building official over in Lafayette with people living in recreational vehicles full time with no intentions whatsoever of moving out. There are FEMA guidelines that says it's not a permanent residence. The issue with this is a recreational vehicle is wired at a plant. They are built to a minimal, to handle what that recreational vehicle is designed for, which may be a couple of air conditioning units on the roof and other things. He mentioned, it's when people go in and start putting window units in it. They start modifying it, putting a kitchen in it with a four-burner stove instead of a two-burner stove. That's where the danger of potential fires could start, when things are modified beyond what they went initially built for. He agreed on the time, what is part-time, what is the actual time frame? He mentioned on most occasions, it's six (6) months. The biggest issue he mentioned is with people living in them and they out them on blocks, which also if you put a recreational vehicle on blocks, it has to have flood elevation certificates with FEMA guidelines. He mentioned that there are several reasons why they are bringing attention to this issue. These should not be used as a permanent residence.

Gordon Morgan asked if the fire marshals get involved in which Mr. Cooney replies yes, they do if a fire may occur. The parish is to oversee these complaints and issues. Ashley Leblanc mentions that this ordinance would help code enforcement and the parish itself. Acadia Parish has a permit for recreational usage as needed.

Steve Comeaux made the motion to table this item until the wording is correct and agreeable.

Gordon Morgan seconded. With no opposition, this item has been tabled until next month’s full jury meeting.

A motion was offered by Steve Comeaux, seconded by Pat Daigle to call for a public hearing to amend the Solar Farm Ordinance.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Pat Daigle to call for a public hearing to amend the Planning Commission Ordinance.

A motion was offered by A.J. Credeur, seconded by Gordon Morgan to call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit on Georgia Loop (HWY 98) to 25mph.

A motion was offered and carried by Gordon Morgan, seconded by Steve Comeaux to adopt a resolution to appoint Josh Richard or Chris Huesers to the Acadia Parish Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Willie Bergeron.

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 STEVE COMEAUX, SECONDED BY GORDON MORGAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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