

CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY met on the above date at 6:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Crowley, Louisiana, in regular session with the President, A. J Credeur, presiding. At the request of the President, a moment of silence was offered and the Pledge to the Flag was recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

THOMAS BENOIT
A J BROUSSARD
A J CREDEUR
FELTON MOREAU
JOHN QUEBODEAUX
KERMIT RICHARD
THOMAS SONNIER
ALTON STEVENSON

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard and carried, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of January 29, 2008.

Ms. Jo Cart addressed the Police Jury regarding meeting dates.

A motion was offered by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Road and Bridge Committee that the \$15.00 culvert permit fee be waived and that residents be allowed to apply for permits at the Branch, Crowley and Iota Police Jury facilities.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Felton Moreau, and carried, to accept the recommendations of the Road and Bridge Committee that a 60 day extension be granted to H & S Construction Company regarding the Hidden Heritage Road Construction Project.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Road and Bridge Committee to authorize the expenditure of \$1,800.00 with the Mire-Branch Water System to adjust the elevation of a water line crossing.

A motion was offered by Mr. Felton Moreau, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard, and carried, to accept the recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee withholding the payment of Application and Certificate for Payment #20 and payment of Application and Certificate for Payment #21 in the amount of \$362,223.61 on the Correctional Center Construction Project.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a request of the City of Crowley for the Police Jury to authorize, appropriate and budget \$75,000.00 for the installation of a lighting system on Interstate 10 at Exit 82 be referred to the Secretary-Treasurer to determine if funds are available to cover the City's request.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Thomas Sonnier, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to place the Auto Liability Insurance Coverage with Stone Oak Underwriters, LLC, with an annual premium of \$44,155.00.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Felton Moreau, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Police Jury budgeted hourly employees be given a 2.5% cost of living wage increase effective January 1, 2008.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Thomas Sonnier, and carried, that the request of the District Attorney, Michael Harson, to add Lori A. McGee, Assistant District Attorney, to the Police Jury payroll at the rate of \$6,000.00 annually, to add Roger P. Hamilton, Jr., as an Assistant District Attorney, at the annual rate of \$12,500.00 and to increase the annual payroll rate of Kim Hayes by \$5,000.00 and also to increase the annual payroll rate of Frederick Welter by \$8,500.00 be approved with all changes effective January 1, 2008.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the bills be approved for payment.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. John Quebodeaux, and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to request that Ms. Gwen Hanks, Acadia Parish Tourist Commission, be present at the next Finance Committee meeting to answer questions regarding the Commission's 2008 Budget.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard, and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a John Deere 5425 tractor be purchased, for use at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena, under State contract for \$33,522.20 minus the \$7,000.00 trade-in of a John Deere 2640 tractor.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Thomas Sonnier, and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to refer the matter of the HVAC inspection and maintenance to the Building & Grounds Committee.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to deny the request of Mr. Wayne Melvin for reimbursement for windshield repair.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. Alton Stevenson, and carried, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the President to sign Plan Change #1 and also the final acceptance of the contract for the Runway 4-22 Navajds Improvements Project at LeGros Memorial Airport.

The members of the Police Jury discussed the Emergency Work Report and a motion was offered by Mr. Cade Benoit, seconded by Mr. John Quebodeaux, and carried, that in the future the Emergency Work report will be brought before the Road and Bridge Committee at the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer.

A motion was offered by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Kermit Richard, and carried, to add an item to the agenda regarding making the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer effective January 14, 2008.

A motion was offered by Mr. John Quebodeaux, seconded by Mr. Felton Moreau, and carried, that the \$50,000.00 annual salary of the Secretary-Treasurer be effective January 14, 2008. Mr. Broussard voted no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS OFFERED DULY SECONDED, THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2008, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

PRESIDENT