

State of Louisiana
Parish of Vernon



**MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY
PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING
300 S. 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met for the Organizational meeting, Monday, January 8, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Police Jury meeting room with the following members **PRESENT**:

James B. "Jim" Tuck – President, Marvin Hilton, Alton "David" Fox, Douglas "Doug" Roshong, Cody Hostetler, Scottie Benjamin, Charnel Bailey, Malcolm "Dean" Mitchell, David Brister, Curtis Clay – Vice President, Steven "Quintin" Thompson, and Kenny Haymon. The following members were **ABSENT**: NONE.

The Vernon Parish Police Jury was convened as the governing authority of the Parish of Vernon, by Mr. James B. "Jim" Tuck, President, and was then ready for the business on the agenda.

The invocation was given by Mr. Curtis Clay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Charnel Bailey.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda items; there was none.

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hilton, to nominate Mr. James B. Tuck for President. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Roshong to cease nominations.

By acclamation, Mr. Tuck was elected as President.

A motion was made by Mr. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to nominate Mr. Curtis L. Clay as Vice President. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Hiton, seconded by Mr. Fox, to cease nominations.

By acclimation, Mr. Clay was elected Vice President.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Roshong to nominate Mrs. Rhonda M. Plummer for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Roshong, to cease nominations.

By acclimation, Mrs. Plummer was elected at Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

The President gave the following **NOTICE**: the regular meeting of the Vernon Parish Police Jury will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 due to the President's Day holiday.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to adopt a proclamation declaring January 2024 as School Board Appreciation Month in Vernon Parish.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Clay and carried, to adopt a resolution establishing the meeting schedule of the Vernon Parish Police Jury for the year 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Committee meeting, the December 18, 2023 Regular meeting, and the December 28, 2023 Special Call meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to enter into public hearing to hear public input on a proposed ordinance to authorize the sale of adjudicated property to B & J Limited Properties for \$29,000.00; B & J Limited Properties is the adjoining property owner and has maintained the property for several years. This property was previously declared surplus by the jury.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Brister, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt an ordinance to authorize the sale of adjudicated property to B & J Limited Properties for \$29,000.00; B & J Limited Properties is the adjoining property owner and has maintained the property for several years. This property was previously declared surplus by the jury. **The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded by follows:**

YEAS: Tuck, Hilton, Fox, Roshong, Hostetler, Benjamin, Bailey, Mitchell, Brister, Clay, Thompson, and Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Benjamin and carried, to adopt memorial resolutions for the following community members: Mrs. Lola Louise Stanley Welch, Mr. Wayne Hall, Mrs. Charlene Dowden, Mrs. Kimberly Taylor, Mrs. Theresa Nicks, Mrs. Sharon “Kay” Brandon, Mr. Eric Robinson, Mrs. Tamika Cannon, Mr. Alton Night, Mr. William Glen Willis, .

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Brister and carried, to authorize payment of all invoices as authorized by the Finance Committee and authorize payment of all expenditures above the budgeted amount from Ward Maintenance and/or Construction accounts.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to add the following item to the agenda: hire Mr. Joseph “Bo” Cryer, Foreman, District 10, 11, 12, six (6) month probation period, effective January 16, 2024. **The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded by follows:**

YEAS: Tuck, Hilton, Fox, Roshong, Hostetler, Benjamin, Bailey, Mitchell, Brister, Clay, Thompson, and Haymon

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

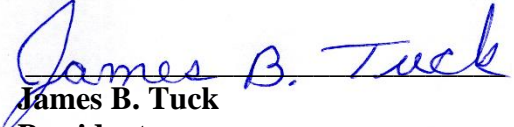
ABSENT: None

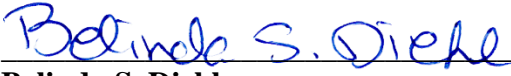
The motion carried and the item was added.

The President asked if there was nay public comment on adding the above item to the agenda; there was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Thomspson and carried, to hire Mr. Joseph “Bo” Cryer, Foreman, District 10, 11, 12, six (6) month probation period, effective January 16, 2024.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Benjamin and carried, to adjourn.


James B. Tuck
President


Belinda S. Diehl
Parish Secretary


Rhonda M. Plummer
Parish Administrator/Treasurer