

State of Louisiana
Parish of Vernon



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

The Vernon Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session, Monday, June 17, 2024 at 10 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, Curtis Clay – Vice President, Steven “Quintin” Thompson, and Kenny Haymon. The following members were **ABSENT:** David Brister.

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. Marvin Hilton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Charnel Bailey.

Mr. Kim Johnson was present at the meeting to discuss new construction on Mary Hunt Road causing dirt to run across the road and into the ditches.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Haymon and carried, to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Committee meeting and the May 20, 2024 regular meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The President asked for committee reports to be presented by the committee Chairman.

Mr. Scottie Benjamin, Chairman, Equipment Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting:

The committee reviewed quotes received for a new lawn mower for the VPSO mowing crew:

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| C&S Power Equipment | \$6,599.00 |
| Dex Power Group | \$9,549.00 |
| Sawgie Bottom Outdoor | \$9,980.00 |

The committee recommends the jury approve the low quote from C&S Power Equipmen.

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. Hostetler and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. Hostetler and carried, to adopt the Equipment Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Curtis Clay, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

There was no business to discuss.

Received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting:

The committee reviewed invoices received from Meyer & Associates, Inc. and recommends the jury authorize to pay them.

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| Fal Road Rehabilitation Project | Engineering Services | \$1,848.13 |
| Lift Station Generators Phase 2 | Engineering Services | \$1,747.65 |

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried, to adopt the Finance Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Marvin Hilton, Chairman, Personal Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Notice from 30th Judicial Court of the hiring of Brock A. McKiness, Law Clerk, effective May 8, 2024, \$3,500.00 per month.

The committee recommends the jury approve request from Parish Road Manager to hire Blayne K. Nolen, full-time, Equipment Operator, District 5, six-month probation period.

The committee recommends the jury approved request to change the status of Virginia Billingsley to a permanent, full-time position as Receptionist & Purchasing Agent, Administrative Office, six-month probation period.

Received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting:

The committee recommends the jury approve request for July 5th to be declared a holiday. All employees would be off on July 4th and 5th in recognition of the Independence Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Roshong and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Roshong and carried, to adopt the Personnel Committee report in its entirety.

Mr. Dean Mitchell, reporting for Mr. David Brister, Chairman, Road Maintenance & Construction Committee, reported that the committee met on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

The committee recommends the jury approve requests from the VP Health Unit, to prevent a public health hazard and nuisance:

- Fill in an abandoned well at 361 Ross Rd., D12 W1.
- Fill in an abandoned well at 161 Robert Jackson Rd., Anacoco, D2

The committee recommends the jury approve resolutions to perform routine maintenance inside the municipalities of:

- 1.) **Town of Rosepine (June 2024)**: perform routine maintenance on all streets inside the village limits, including boom mowing, pot hole repairs, and ditching.
- 2.) **Village of Simpson (June 2024)**: perform routine maintenance on all streets inside the village limits, including ditch cleaning, road grading, and pot hole repairs.

The committee recommends the jury approve request to authorize the jury to solicit bids for Base Seal Liquid Soil Stabilizer and Top Shield Fog Sealant (Dust & Erosion Control).

Received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting:

The committee reviewed and recommends the jury approve request from the VP Health Unit, to prevent a public health hazard and nuisance, to bury a dead horse at 6442 Bailey Rd., D7 W7.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to adopt the additions received after the 6/10/2024 committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, to adopt the Road Maintenance & Construction Committee report in its entirety.

Having heard and adopted all committee reports, the President returned to the main agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. Clay and carried, to adopt a resolution authorizing Sabine State Bank to make monthly transfers to the Operating Account at Merchants and Farmers Bank for sales tax disbursements.

A motion was made by Mr. Hostetler, seconded by Mr. Hilton and carried, to adopt a resolution establishing a policy governing the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 42:14(E) to allow for any member of the public with disabilities recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act or their designated care giver to participate in the meetings of the Vernon Parish Police Jury remotely by teleconferencing and providing for all other matters thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Hostetler, seconded by Mr. Benjamin and carried, to adopt a resolution to re-finance John Deere 670G Motor Grader (equipment # D-100), District 5, with Cadence Bank.

A motion was made by Mr. Haymon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to amend the following motion to include the following language: a proposed ordinance to amend section 13:31 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to reduce the speed limit on Mary Hunt Road (#1050), District 10 Ward 1, to 20 MPH in its entirety.

The foregoing motion was subject to a roll call vote and recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Brister

The motion carried and the following motion was amended in include the additional language.

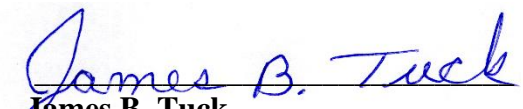
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Haymon and carried, to hold a public hearing on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., during the regular Police Jury meeting, to hear public input on the following proposed ordinances:

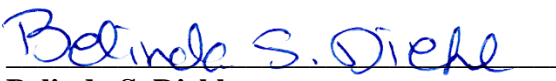
1. A proposed ordinance to amend section 13:31 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to reduce the speed limit on Cypress Church Road (#7027), District 7 Ward 7, to 20 MPH in its entirety.
2. A proposed ordinance to amend section 13:31 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to reduce the speed limit on Hebert Road (#4035), District 1 Ward 4, to 20 MPH, from the Waste Connections Transfer station to Eddlemon Road.
3. A proposed ordinance to amend section 13:31 of the Vernon Parish Code of Ordinances to reduce the speed limit on Mary Hunt Road (#1050), District 10 Ward 1, to 20 MPH in its entirety.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Benjamin and carried to adopt memorial resolutions for the following community members: Mr. Theo Anderson III, Mrs. Chris Corbin, Mr. James Harold Tarver, Mrs. Martha “Pud’n” Palmer, Mr. Eli Strother, Mr. Leland Harris, Mr. Dustin Brittain. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Benjamin and carried, add the following community members: Mr. Chad Allen, Mr. Martin Anderson, Mrs. Margie Tipton, Mr. William Walker, Mrs. Bernadine West, Mr. Frank O’Connell, Mr. Michael Ensley, Mrs. Genevive Evans Shannon, Mr. Douglas Ray Ritter.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Roshong 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.

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


James B. Tuck
President


Belinda S. Diehl
Secretary


Rhonda M. Plummer
Administrator/Treasurer