

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on December 8, 2020, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m.

There being present: Police Jurors: Mike Harper, President, John Stebbins, Jerry Shirley, Jeffery Meadows, Wayne Reeves, Eddie Ware, Ronnie Jackson, Chuck Montgomery, and Kelly Bailey.

There being absent: Shanel Handy.

1. The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mike Harper, President, who gave the Invocation.
2. Mike Harper also led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. AMENDMENTS AND (OR) DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

A. FINANCE -

A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware to add number 3. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Approval of IMCAL Dues for November 2020, \$998.88.

A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware to add number 4. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval to continue with debris removal operations.

B. PERSONNEL -

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Wayne Reeves to add number 2b. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2b. Appoint June Toothman to the War Memorial Civic Center to fill the unexpired term of Joel Lambert.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

A. General Beauregard Awards

1. October 2020 - 171 Automotive - Mr. Jerald Poteet
2. November 2020 - Rooster's Farmhouse Chicken - Mr. Julian Williams and Mr. Ricky Day.

B. Business of the Year Award - Mother Goose Daycare and Learning Center - Mr. Eddie Caston, Jr. and Ms. Rosie Caston

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. A motion was made by Jerry Shirley to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, October 29, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Jackson. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Ronnie Jackson to approve the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by John Stebbins. No one opposed. Motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to approve the November 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Eddie Ware to open the public hearing to consider applicants for the designation of the Community Action Agency for the Parish of Beauregard. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B. Consider applicants for the designation of the Community Action Agency for the Parish of Beauregard.

Mr. Lynell Wilson was introduced to speak on behalf of Beauregard Community Actions.

Lynell Wilson-Good evening everyone. I believe there was a question in regards to the designation of Community Action Agencies in any given parish. I would like to wait until there is any information so that we can have a chance to review it. I would like to understand what the question was as far as the designation of the Community Action Association in Beauregard Parish.

Mike Harper - It is my understanding that it was a routine thing to be reviewed every year and to have a report of the services that were provided for our parish by any agency that represents us. Then, to see if any other agency would like to represent us in the future.

Lynell Wilson - Well, you have the documentation in front of you now that Nation Partners Tax Law and legal partners with Community Action Services. My name is Lynell Wilson and I am formerly with the state office of LA. Right Now. I am the manager at ACAP, we had and call from one of our members with questions regarding designation, which it was already stated before that according to the LA RSV2363-17 seem to imply that the annual designation must be requested by the parish. That is no longer the law, as you can see in the revised part 2363-17, the Louisiana Work Force is the one that gives authorization to the agency to wear your patch. We wanted to make sure so we checked with our national partners, we checked with CAP law, it states that basically it is given to the Executive Officer, which in this case would be the Governor. The Governor then assigns a state agency to handle them. In this case, it would be the Louisiana Work Force Commission. They are the only arm to identify who will serve in the parish. They, in return authorize who does what. So, my question is there was a possibility of discussion on redesignating or identifying someone else or application of redesignation until the State of Louisiana says otherwise. The State of Louisiana does not do anything with the redesignation nor currently work with Beauregard Community Actions.

Mike Harper- So it is, in your opinion, that BPPJ has no authority to choose any agency to represent us?

Lynell Wilson- Those opinions were given in according to LA Revised Statutes, no you do not. That is the authority of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Mike Harper - Ok thank you very much, any question?

Bryan McReynolds - Asked who he was and who he was with?

Lynell Wilson - If you look at the CAP Law the very 1<sup>st</sup> page it identifies the question being asked.

Mike Harper- You are with CAP Law?

Lynell Wilson - I am with ACAP.

Mike Harper- My question is since BPPJ, in your opinion, has no authority over this agency, then it is a state agency. Is that correct?

Lynell Wilson- That is correct.

Mike Harper- So, we are under no obligation to house that agency. That should be a state expense.

Lynell Wilson- That is your determination.

Mike Harper - That determination is whether or not we offer them office space.

Lynell Wilson - Basically, what its stating in there is a general rule that the parishes aid the agencies in those parishes. It is up to y'all whether you support this agency or not.

Mike Harper - So that our only choice in your opinion is whether or not we support Beauregard Community Action.

Lynell Wilson-Yes sir.

Mike Harper- ok, thank you very much. We will review it. Ok at this point if we have no other questions.

Mrs. Winky - This Program has benefited a lot of people in this community and has done a lot of good. So why would you not want to do everything you could to support it any way that they could.

Mike Harper - We definitely have, we are currently paying the rent.

Mrs. Winky- Okay that is good. (inaudible)

Mike Harper - Well apparently, we have no say in that agency according to what we have just heard. So, you may go talk to them.

Mrs. Winky - This room should have been full of people who they have helped.

Wayne Reeves- They help people.

Mrs. Winky - And another thing, Sir, what was your name? I do not understand the security of doing this.

Lynell Wilson - No ma'am, let me explain something. When community services first came out, they wanted to change up the relationship with the federal Government and the local one, that is when the relationship with community services first started. The re-authorization of the community services block grant and the relationship with the block grant did not sever that relationship. It became the Federal Government, the State, and the Local. The state then became the one that decided who would serve any given parish with the services that they request. The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state. He then

can identify a state agency to administer that grant. In this case, it is the Louisiana Work Force Commission, then from there they would choose the agencies that are serving these. So basically, in most instances, in those particular areas, it is the parish's support that help those agencies when they can. My hope is that you would support them and provide services if you can. Our hope is that you would continue to support them when you can, and service those individuals that it affects.

Mrs. Winky - Why do we keep getting moved from place to place to place? Why cannot we get a stationary place to be in this community and just keep it there? I understand that it has been moved to the Merryville area. That could be considered a hardship for some people. Whereas they could just come to the activities building easier. I understand that they are renovating and working on it.

Kelly Bailey- Mrs. Winky, I hope that we get this all ironed out because I commend you on your job. I know in my area you serve a lot of people, and for that I appreciate it.

Mrs. Winky- That is all I wanted to say.

Jeffery Meadows- Thank you.

Wayne Reeves- That is Parishwide that is not just one area, I know that in the past you have given statistics on different areas, and it is not just localized it is the whole parish, we have always worked with you guys.

Lynell Wilson - They do not actually report to the state the federal government the service provided, now if that is something that the parish would like to see they very well can share that with the parish annually, they do a thing every three years that is called a community needs assessment. That looks at the community and not just geographic, but community like the needs that they have in their community. They will be more than happy to share that information and give a little light on the situation.

Mike Harper - Yes, we would appreciate that, any other questions or comments?

Mrs. Winky - Do you want it broken down by areas? How do you want it?

Mike Harper- The areas are not important. I think it helps if people just have something that they can look at and see what benefits the agency is providing for Beauregard Parish. Maybe just some brief summary that you could share with the Police Jury. You may just be able to leave a copy here and they can review it as they are interested in it.

Mrs. Winky - I do not have one for this year. I do have one for the prior year.

Mike Harper- That would be fine. Thank you very much. Any other questions or comments?

C. Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Ronnie Jackson to close the public hearing. No one opposed. Motion carried.

## 7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

A) FINANCE - John Stebbins

(1) A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware for approval of the November Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$898,985.07 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$211,097.86. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(2) A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware for the approval for Bryan McReynolds, Tammy Wilson and Dianna Nichols to attend a 2-day in house webinar for Floodplain Regulations at \$199 per person. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(3) A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware for the approval of IMCAL dues for November 2020, in the amount of \$998.88. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(4) A motion was made by John Stebbins and seconded by Eddie Ware for the approval to continue the debris removal operations. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B) ROAD & BRIDGE - Ronnie Jackson

1. A motion was made by Ronnie Jackson and seconded by Kelly Bailey for the approval of New School Bus Turnarounds

- a. 258 Frank Miller Road, Dry Creek
- b. 1614 Hoy Road, DeRidder.

No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Ronnie Jackson and seconded by Wayne Reeves for the approval of Maintenance of Bus Turnaround located at 908 Vaughn Road. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Ronnie Jackson and seconded by Wayne Reeves for the approval of Transco and Williams Site Subdivision. No one opposed. Motion carried.

C) PERSONNEL - Jerry Shirley

1. A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Ronnie Jackson to reappoint John Stebbins to the IMCAL Board for another Four-year term. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. War Memorial Civic Center Board - A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to:

- a. Approve the request for a replacement for Joey Lambert's appointment.
- b. Appoint June Toothman to fill the unexpired term of Joey Lambert.

No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Bundick Lake and Game Commission - A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and second by Kelly Bailey to:

- a. Reappoint Dale Sharp for another 4-YR Term
- b. Reappoint Matt Barrett for another 3-YR Term
- c. Reappoint Mike Williams for another 2-YR Term
- d. Appoint Mike Maggio for a 1-YR Term

No one opposed. Motion carried.

D) WAYS & MEANS - Kelly Bailey -

1. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to adopt Ordinance 1-2020 Authorizing the Parish President or his authorized designee to execute any and all

documents regarding the donation of the property location at 630 Humble Road, Merryville, LA through the Louisiana Land Trust Program. No one opposed. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE JURY PRESIDENT OR HIS AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REGARDING TO THE DONATION 630 HUMBLE ROAD, MERRYVILLE FROM THE LOUISIANA LAND TRUST (RESTORE LOUISIANA BUYOUT PROGRAM)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, governing authority of Beauregard Parish, State of Louisiana that the action of Beauregard Parish Police Jury President or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents regarding the donation of 630 Humble Road, Merryville, Louisiana through the Louisiana Land Trust (Restore Louisiana buyout program):

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury and signature of the President.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the voter thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wayne Reeves, Jeffery Meadows, Jerry Shirley, Mike Harper, Kelly Bailey, Ronnie Jackson, John Stebbins, Eddie Ware and Chuck Montgomery.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Shanel Handy

ABSTAIN: None.

2. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to adopt Amendment to Ordinance 1-2017 relocating Precinct Building, 854, Magnolia Church Road, Ragley, LA to South Beauregard Recreation District #2 Community Center, 6719 Highway 12, Ragley, LA. No one opposed. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1-2017

To amend the Beauregard Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 1-2017, to provide the name and location change of Precinct 12A and relocate and rename the "Precinct Building, 854 Magnolia Church Road, Ragley, LA 70657" to "South Beauregard Recreation District #2 Community Center, 6719 Highway 12, Ragley, LA. 70657" throughout the ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, acting in its capacity as the governing authority of the Parish of Beauregard, approves the location and name change of the "Precinct Building, 854 Magnolia Church Road, Ragley, LA 70657" to "to South Beauregard Recreation District #2 Community Center, 6719 Highway 12, Ragley, LA. 70657", and amends Ordinance 1-2017 to reflect the change of location and name throughout the ordinance, with all responsibilities remaining the same.

This amendment having been submitted to a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Jeffery Meadows, John Stebbins, Ronnie Jackson, Mike Harper, Chuck Montgomery, Eddie Ware, Kelly Bailey, Wayne Reeves and Jerry Shirley.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Shanel Handy.

3. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Jerry Shirley for the adoption of resolution for the 2021 Meeting Dates. No one opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2020  
BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE  
2021  
TUESDAY 6:00 P.M.

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. January 12, 2021 | 7. July 13, 2021      |
| 2. February 9, 2021 | 8. August 10, 2021    |
| 3. March 9, 2021    | 9. September 14, 2021 |
| 4. April 13, 2021   | 10. October 12, 2021  |
| 5. May 11, 2021     | 11. November 9, 2021  |
| 6. June 8, 2021     | 12. December 14, 2021 |

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Wayne Reeves, Jeffery Meadows, Jerry Shirley, Kelly Bailey, Mike Harper, John Stebbins, Ronnie Jackson, Eddie Ware and Chuck Montgomery.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Shanel Handy.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

4. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Ronnie Jackson for the adoption of resolution for the 2021 Holiday Schedule. No one opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the following holidays are hereby proposed as the official Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2021 for the Beauregard Parish Police Jury's permanent full-time employees:

2021 POLICE JURY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday	January 1, 2021	New Years
Monday	January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day
Monday/Tuesday	February 15,16, 2021	President's Day/Mardi Gras
Friday	April 2, 2021	Good Friday
Monday	May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
Monday	July 5, 2021	Independence Day
Monday	September 6, 2021	Labor Day
Thursday	November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day
Thursday/Friday	November 25, 26, 2021	Thanksgiving
Friday	December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve
Monday	December 27, 2021	Christmas Day

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Wayne Reeves, Jeffery Meadows, Jerry Shirley, Kelly Bailey, Mike Harper, John Stebbins, Ronnie Jackson, Eddie Ware and Chuck Montgomery.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Shanel Handy.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

5. A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to table the adoption of Resolution Designating the Community Action Agency for the Parish of Beauregard, Jerry Shirley seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT -

A. Annual Safety Meeting will be held at the War Memorial Civic Center, December 17, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Ronnie Jackson for the approval of the November 2020 Emergency Work Orders in the amount of \$180.01 and Hurricane Laura Work Orders in the amount of \$15,503.40. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS-

Mike Harper thanked the jury for electing him as President and stated that 2020 was a rough year, but he enjoyed being President for the past year. He then opened the floor for nominations of President for 2021. Kelly Bailey nominated Mike Harper. Eddie Ware seconded. No other nominations were made. Mike Harper closed the nominations and thanked the jury for allowing him to serve as President for another year.

Mike Harper then open the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ronnie Jackson nominated Kelly Bailey. Eddie Ware seconded. No other nominations were made. Mike Harper closed the nominations and congratulated Kelly Bailey.

11. Mr. Harper stated if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in Regular Session this 8th day of December 2020, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. The meeting was adjourned.

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SHANTEL ALLEMAN  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

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MIKE HARPER  
PRESIDENT