

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, March 8, 2022.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on March 8 ,2022, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m.

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

There being absent: None

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Kelly Bailey, President. Mike Harper gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. INVOCATION

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The official ribbon cutting for the Kingdom Center will take place on Friday March 11th at 12pm (noon). Located at 628 High School Dr.
- B. The Kingdom Center will be hosting a community wide Open house on March 12th from 12pm to 8pm.

4. AMENDMENTS AND (OR) DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

A. FINANCE- JEFFERY MEADOWS

- 5. A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Mike Harper to add item 5. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval of BCBSLA Medical Plans

- a. Blue Saver Plan, no change in benefits, 7.8% increase.
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13. Approval for design costs and bid package preparation for the animal shelter, estimate \$10,000

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C. PERSONNEL - WAYNE REEVES

1. NONE

D. WAYS & MEANS - CHUCK MONTGOMERY
NONE

E. JAIL COMMITTEE - JEFFERY MEADOWS
NONE

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. General Beauregard Award for March 2022 - James Truck Center, Owners Kevin & Dorothy James
- B. Nancy Tower to speak on her removal from the Fire Protection District #2 Board

Nancy Tower - As you know I am Nancy Tower, Fire District Two Board Member, that was surprised to learn last week that I've been targeted for removal with no reason. Course you'll be voting on this later tonight. I told you last week that yes, it's hurtful and embarrassing now I acknowledge the police juries right to remove members of our board with or without cause. But having the right to do something doesn't make it right you know the Supreme Court told me I have the right to burn the American flag, I would never do that because that would speak to my character something that is not true. Now ladies and gentlemen I believe your character supports transparency and supports fairness. Tonight, your vote on this issue will let our parish know whether you support a way of doing things where we treat each other with fairness and respect, or whether you support background politics. I have spent the past six days trying to determine what accusations there could be against me. I've heard rumors that are outright lies and evilly disputant. I recognize that I'm not perfect and I've also been reminded that not everyone likes me, painful as it may be. However, I've not been told what I may have done wrong. If there is an accusation that somehow comes forward tonight, after six days of digging and begging and asking. I'm gonna tell you, that that's just not right. We don't surprise people with accusations and hurl things at them, we work together, we work through issues. We have a policy on our Beauregard Fire District 2 to avoid situations like this. The policy is very clear on how you should bring a complaint against the member. The reason for that is because we can work things out together and ultimately someone has an opportunity to bring fruit to be able to testify of the truth and that's what we should be seeking. Years ago, our fire district meetings were filled with yelling and finger pointing. Policies and guidelines were lost. Years of minutes have gone missing. Board meetings were less than productive. We have a group of people who work well together. A few of our board members have joined me here tonight to express their support. In fact, we've been getting things done in a positive way. Our board has been branching out and not everyone is comfortable with that, maybe that's the problem. We have an audit that will literally be complete within days, and I was supposed to be up word contact for that. We have state legislation that was supposed to move forward this month letting our district become more financially independent, similar to what fire district one and fire district three have already done. I was asked to be our board contact on

that. Removing me now will negatively impact our board's ability to continue to do what we believe is in the best interest of the taxpayers, the residents, and the business owners and fire district two, please don't do that. Four jurors have parts of Beauregard Fire District 2 and they are not aligned with the belief whether I should be removed or not, so I understand that you may want to vote with jurors in a particular area but in this case there's no consensus, and more important than that is voting your conscience. I think we can treat people better than this in our parish. Now ultimately, anything that comes to me has already come through Jesus. I have sought to honor him with all that I do, and I can tell you that removing me from a volunteer board position will not change that. I'm not concerned for me although, it is embarrassing. But I am concerned that removing me will negatively impact the fire district and I humbly ask that you vote no when you are asked to remove me from the board. Thank you.

Kelly Bailey - Next, we have Mr. Anthony Broxson. Mr. Broxson, if you will please state your name and address.

Anthony Broxson - I live at 2587 NW Rose Lane Lake Charles. I'm a member of Beauregard Parish Fire District #2 as well. Not to name specifics and not to get into much of throwing things and that nature, I am here speaking on behalf of having Ms. Nancy Tower removed from our board. I do agree that our board has worked very hard, from what I've read going back to last few years to get to be in a better place than where they were before. I've only been a member of the department for the last 14 months I think it is. I also served as the assistant chief for once in fire department there in Calcasieu Parish. Accusations as far as things that haven't been brought forward, there were things that were brought forward to board members at which time I was told that with the proper proof and with time, that I would be allowed that If I can prove such accusations that the board members will take care of the issue, within less than 24 hours those accusations, I'm told by the Fire Chief who talked to that working group were given to Ms. Nancy Tower at that point. No time was given to get the information needed to make the proof of the accusations that were present, to me that was a disappointment because you asked me to bring something, I bring something to you that has been expressed by membership and in the time frame that I'm told I'll have an opportunity to present the facts, one was given of some nature so that the source would dry up, absolutely disappointing. I don't know the procedure allows me to get the specifics, does it, no. I've been part of three different boards being on different fire departments. I believe this board as a whole has done everything they were asked to do and more, they have, absolutely. At, with detriment from certain individuals that I'm just lost on how, why the relationship between our actual board and our membership there's such a gap. It's more of, we run this department. We run this department, it's our way. I've never been on a department that the membership did not have a say. I hope that no matter what happens and what comes out of this, I'm here to put myself in a predicament to speak in a negative light that it can negatively affect me, it can negatively affect somebody that works for the board that I am married to. But at the end of the day, everybody that came today came to speak on a certain behalf, and I

hope that when it said it done, I've already heard it safe and said tonight, I hope that memory is real quick and it's done, and it's gone no matter what the outcome is. My only point of coming here tonight is to present a different side I know there's plenty of representations from the opposite side of one. I hope that each and every one of you really taking the consideration everything that's said tonight, and I want to thank y'all for the time to speak.

Kelly Bailey - I have one question for you Mr. Broxson, did you say you were a board member or a member of the fire department?

Anthony Broxson - I am a member of the fire department.

Kelly Bailey - Next we have Mr. John Tugwell. Mr. John if you will, state your name and address please.

John Tugwell - I'm John Tugwell, I live in Longville. I'm over Longville station in Beauregard Parish District. We've had problems in the past. I can tell you that the policy we have now ((inaudible)) but we have a very specific policy. I'm not saying members are completely ignored but the first I heard of it was 8 days ago((inaudible)). The only thing that bothers me about that, I can see waiting until the end of the board member's term ((inaudible)). We haven't even heard of what's going on. We're not perfect, none of us are, but we need to address it and move on. ((inaudible)) The last thing I want to say is ((inaudible)) thank you.

Kelly Bailey - Thank you Mr. Tugwell.
Mr. Broxson, I have a question for you,

Eddie Ware - You stated that you took a complaint to the board, why just one person?

Mr. Broxson - Because after meeting ((inaudible)). I gave specifics at that time and that board member reassured me ((inaudible)).

Kelly Bailey - Thank you
Next we have Mr. David Vizinat. Please state your name and address

David Vizinat - My name is David Vizinat, my address is 184 Kathy Drive, Ragley, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. First I recognize the frustration with the board and this board member so I'm not discounting that, it's beyond some firefighters and points. But our board and our fire district are better with Nancy as a board member. I think we can resolve some of these frustrations without removing Nancy from the board. She was blindsided by this a week ago and I think it's a little bit more communication I guess between the police jury and the board which results with some of the frustrations that we have. We've got the audit results coming up and there's some talk about this separation, our entity from y'all's entity. We don't know how that's gonna go but we kind of revisiting that right now.

Kelly Bailey - Mr. Vizinat, are you on the board?

David Vizinat - Yes, I'm the chairperson. Another thing to consider is that removing her and exercise of this accord which obviously you have, as a police jury, we have due process that, this is the first I've heard of what Mr. Broxson was talking about, so I hadn't heard anything about it. So, the process we have ((inaudible)). Removing her may have some ripple effects that would de-legitimize our board, possibly and in the future bring more problems like this to your table. If someone can complain to the police jury, there are a group of people that can complain in the future when they have a problem with a board member instead of utilizing the channel.

Shanel Handy - I have a quick question. Where you the chairperson whenever that complaint was made by Mr. Broxson.

David Vizinat - I don't know anything about the complaint. It was never brought to my attention.

Shanel Handy - So how was there a warning given if there was no complaint.

David Vizinat - I have no idea. It's the first I've heard of it.

Kelly Bailey - Next we have Mr. Tommy McLeod
Please state your name and address

Tommy McLeod - My name is Tommy McLeod, I live at 278 Kent Barrow Rd. I have been on the board for approximately 13 years. Been there on good days and bad days. I'll tell you that I did not, I just recently resigned for family and personal reasons, it was not Nancy Tower. Nancy Tower is strong, she's got super business mind, she wants to cross every t and dot every I, she wants it done by the book and that's what we need. We're there to protect taxpayers and to run this as a business. I've had complaints made to me over the years, one thing I've asked every time, give me proof. I've rundown stories that just went nowhere. Over the years, there has been accusations made against all kinds of people. Saying something and proving it or giving some validities are two different things. The board is just now getting into a good area, we got a good sound foundation built. One thing we just recently went through, missing some records. We have a very strong process now to record our records, keep our records, have them available for whoever, whenever. If someone had come to the board, and had proof and had documents, I promise you it would've been taken care of. I don't think she need to be, it wouldn't be in the best interest of the board to remove her. She is a strong asset to that board. Thank you!

Kelly Bailey - Thank You!
Next we have Mr. Vernon Yellot. Please state your name and address and please speak loudly.

Vernon Yellot - My name is Vernon Yellot, I live at 236 Leo Cooley Rd, Longville in Beauregard Parish. I'm 65 years old, I been a businessman the majority of my career. I come on the board on January 2021. I have worked very close with Ms. Nancy on many special projects. Her and I probably had the most flexible time of any board members and we were

tasked with many opportunities to work together on different things. Nancy has a very high IQ. She is very business minded and if she's going to ask you a question, she's going to do the research, she'll know more about that question than you will cause she has done the reading. Most of us don't like to read, Nancy continues to read. She's a very hard, hard worker. One of the things that really want me to engage with Nancy is because I recognize her passion. Being a volunteer, very civic minded and just wanting to do better. She has brought so many different processes and procedures and helped us understand the way to do business. We have started with a lot of stuff that need to be cleaned up and for one solid year, it took us to get where we have a solid foundation and it was actually functioning like a business because it is a business when you're sworn to oath to be able to protect the taxpayer's money and spend it as wisely as you possibly can. Now I know there was rumors, I resigned the first day of 2022, January 1st. I know it was a shock to my board members but I had made a decision with my family that I had some other projects coming up that was going to require me to have more time invested in those. If I'm not involved with something, I can't be a part of it. So, without me being able to dedicate the time that I once worked with Nancy, I had to resign but I think it is an injustice as an American to remove Nancy Tower from this board. She does not deserve the embarrassment, she is a mother, she is a wife and that is not the right way to do people. I appreciate the attitude that Nancy has taken through this, even on the board, if she brought something to the table and we voted it down, we didn't hear nothing else from her. She didn't whine, cry, and pout about it, it was done, she moved on the next thing. I appreciate her attitude, I have been with her in meetings with CPA's, she's handled herself very professional. I have been meeting with her with attorneys, she handle herself very professional. She is very competent when she looks at financial spreadsheet and I'm telling you, she's a very intelligent lady and it's an injustice for her to be removed from this board. Thank you for your time.

Kelly Bailey - thank you Mr. Yellot
Next we have Brad Scoggins. Mr. Brad, please state your name and address and speak loudly.

Brad Scoggins - Brad Scott I live at 4103 Hwy 110, Longville, LA. I've been on the board for about 12 years now. I don't have an issue with Ms. Nancy. I think she's brought a lot of good things to this board. Some of the complaints I have heard about seems more like it's about a personality clash. I would like for y'all to know consider Y'all self, that there hasn't been somebody that said something bad about you, sometime or another. Or different groups of people that had something to say about you. She works very diligently. She has helped us a lot and I know that there's rumors saying that she disrupted the board. I talked to the remaining parts of the board, and the majority, there's only one that didn't answer either way. Everybody else said they haven't had any problems with her. My standpoint, I do not have any problems with Ms. Nancy at all and I think she's a very big asset and I appreciate what she has done for us.

Kelly Bailey - How many active board members are there on the fire district.

Brad Scoggins - There are six all together.

Kelly Bailey - You are a board member

Brad Scoggins - Yes Ma'am

Eddie Ware - You said you've been on there 13 years?

Brad Scoggins - I believe it's been twelve

Eddie Ware - For my record, who's been on there the longest?

Brad Scoggins - That would have been Tommy but he recently resigned.

Kelly Bailey - Thank you Mr. Scoggins

Next we have Mr. Benjamin Parker. Mr. Benjamin please state your name and address.

Benjamin Parker - My name is Benjamin Parker. My address is 8083 Highway 190 E Ragley, LA. So, my job here tonight is hard because I'm in a torn spot. I like Ms. Nancy, I love her as a person, I don't know if she's the right person for this board. Some of the things that's going on, she has an excellent depth of knowledge on boards and finances and legal aspects, all kinds of things. Excellent knowledge, really deep and wide. Sometimes though, with some of the other board members, that runs over them. So if she prepares one of the financial budgets like for 22-23, and if it doesn't get all the way approved, they say ok, we need to amend it. She'll bring it home, amend it, bring it back and they don't really know what they're looking at because nobody else was involved in making those amendments. A board has to function as a team and that's what some of us, as fire fighters, I've been a fire fighter in Beauregard Parish Fire District #2 since the 90's. Over half my life I've been part of this fire district. A board has to work as a team and if you can't function as a team, there's one person overwhelming the rest of them, we may not be getting the best decisions coming out of that board for the people of Beauregard Parish. Just an example of that, I pulled the minutes up from January 24th and February 10th, Ms. Nancy made twelve motions to all other members three and two of those were motions to adjourn those two meetings. So, eleven to one, because she made one of those motions to adjourn on the meet of the meetings. One of the meetings back in 2020, and only reason I looked at is because of the dealing with current SOG's and SOP's and some of the other policies that were speaking about today. November 17, 2020, she made fifteen motions to their one. That tells me that she has a breath of knowledge but she doesn't necessarily share that knowledge with all the other members on the board. I know there are members behind me that are probably starring me down. I'm a Battalion Chief at the Ragley station, I may not be that after I leave here tonight. I don't know but I had to show up and talk to y'all. They may pull be out of that spot.

Kelly Bailey - What's your title again Sir

Benjamin Parker - Battalion Chief at the Ragley station. I'm trying to do what's best for the community. Something else, they say like, transparency and that sort of thing, alright so the board meeting last night, they called for public being able to talk. Ms. Nancy tried making a motion for public be able to talk after the public discussion period was over so that other people can speak on this matter concerning her. However, section six of the Beauregard Parish Fire Protection District 2 public participation policy and excerpt of that is the board will not entertain charges or complaints against individual employees or volunteers and open meetings. So, what would have happened had they allowed that motion to go through and that's the only motion that I saw fail out of three different agendas or three different amendments. If they had allowed that motion to go through, people would have been able to speak for her and not against her in that same meeting. I don't know if that's ethical. I don't like that but there's a conflict there that we have to make sure we avoid. The only other thing, I was one of several individuals who received an email from Ms. Nancy talking about transparency, truth, order, fairness. I happen to know, my brother fellow fire fighter back here did not receive that email, and he was one of the people with a complaint. So, I'd like to know why certain individuals failed to receive an email but others did. Thank y'all for hearing me.

Kelly Bailey - Thank you Mr. Parker
That concludes our public participation, except Mr. Kauffman, we'll come back to him. I make a motion to move item C. 1 Approval to remove Nancy Tower from the Fire Protection District #2 Board. I would like to put that in a form of a motion just to move it up so we can discuss it.

Mike Harper - I motion to move our agenda item C. 1.

Jerry Shirley - Seconded

Kelly Bailey - Move up item C.1 of Personnel to remove Nancy Tower from the Fire Protection District #2 Board

Jerry Shirley - Madam President, I would like to say something. I've been here a long, long time and this comes up couple of four times in the last few years, some of ya'll were involved in it.

Bryan McReynolds - Jerry I think we should do this inside of the motion.

Mr. Shawn Kauffman - I'm from Rochester, New York. This is my colleague Kim Wilson from Tennessee. We represent Terry Tree Service. We are a disaster storm relief business since 1995 and wanted to discuss with you a few approaches on a pre-position contract so some of you may remember Kim, she actually was here back in 2020 after Laura working as a subcontractor with Terry Tree so unlike some of the competition out there and some of our other storm relief businesses we have very limited preposition contracts we want to make sure that the contracts that we do have, that we offer the best possible service that we can through various communities. Currently we are in North Carolina and Highlands County Florida and are looking to present to you

(it's being passed out to you right now) this is a standard technical proposal. Some of the things that we wanted to highlight of course is our bonding capacity we have over \$100 million in funding capacity, as well as we're fully insured. More of our biggest points of pride is of course our safety record. Some of you may be familiar with the employee modification rate, 0.68 which actually means that our record is one of the best that I've ever seen as far as safety goes and also A rated with ISNET World. We provided this technical proposal for your review with the upcoming storm and then just storm season and appreciate the time here.

- C. Recognition of employees who have reached a milestone for years of service in the 1st Quarter of 2022
 - a. Rebecca Goins - 25 years, January 1st
 - b. Ruth Huckaby - 25 years, January 1st
 - c. Ruthy Reed - 15 years, March 14th
- D. Recognition of employees who reached a milestone for years of service in the 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2021
 - a. Sallie Lindsey - 25 years, September 23rd
 - b. Robin Darbonne - 20 years, November 1st

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Amendment to Speed Limit Ordinance #7-88 as follows:
Decrease speed for the entire length of Van Winkle Road:
Decrease speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on Van Winkle Road, 1.36 miles or 7,108.8 feet, located in Sections 31 and 32 of Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Road District #1, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022

A motion was made by Mike Harper and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022

A motion was made by Mike Harper and seconded by Wayne Reeves. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

A. FINANCE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

1. Approval of the February Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$2,581,007.26 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$276,799.81.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Mike Harper. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Rate Changes for Building Inspection Fees.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Approval to pay February 2022 IMCAL Membership Fee of \$1,535.55.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval for up to three (3) employees to attend the LFMA Conference - April 6-8, 2022, in Baton Rouge, LA and extend the offer to any Jurors to attend

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C. PERSONNEL - WAYNE REEVES

1. Approval to remove Nancy Tower from the Fire Protection District #2 Board.

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Kelly Bailey - We will open this for discussion

Jerry Shirley - My only comment is over the years this is time and time again these kinds of things have come up and people are unaware I think that it wasn't aware of it then we are to be better than that we end up being the bad guys and we don't know what's going on and possibly your district we got all these boards we appoint to, they may need to be more accountable. I mean, I understand they serve at the jurors' pleasure, this kind of thing, but we have no idea what's going on in these different places and it may be that we need to do more better when we appoint somebody it, may be that the board needs to be more. I don't know but we, something that the jury can put in place at some point in time to help maybe eliminate some of these things happening like this so

Eddie Ware - I got, I'll say this, I got slammed with this as much as you did this as of this week, I didn't know who Ms. Nancy was but I promise you one thing, I know who she is now because I took a bunch of calls about Ms. Nancy and I got to say 99 of them was all good. There, was not one call that I took said anything negative towards you so and just what you just said about the jurors being responsible

for appointing board members and knowing what's going on it's partially our fault. So, and that's why I mentioned that day about having a list of all board members of all districts, all, everything. We need to know more about who we're going to appoint or who we're going to dismiss before we just say let's just vote on it and dismiss somebody. I'm not doing that because that would be wrong if I did that. So, I just want to say everything I heard about you was awesome not one negative thing until tonight.

Jeffery Meadows - For a person to serve on the board, and get no pay for that, it takes a certain person to do that with respect to the community and I understand that there is some negativity but I believe some of that probably can be worked out amongst the group. Sometimes we have opposition here we don't always agree with each other. Not saying that that's a bad thing cause everybody's got their own personal opinion. But I'll agree that whenever somebody takes the time to go to a meeting and participates at that board at no charge or just no payment, to me that shows that she really, that the person cares about their community. So, you know it's just back to what Jerry was saying I mean we appoint these people. We take them off, but I do think that it sounds like this is just a little something that could be worked out amongst themselves instead of us having to step in. I might be wrong because I know I took several phone calls as well, so that's all I got to say.

Wayne Reeves - I don't wanna be left out, I need to say something. My phone went to ringing to. I was thinking people was calling about trash not being picked up or the ditch is overflowing with water but anyway, every phone call that I got he's all in favor her, Ms. Nancy Tower and the good job she's done at the Fire District.

Bryan McReynolds - I'm on the frontline with this so, and I'm not going to call the jurors and promote any agenda that I have, but I'll tell you that this entire episode of a misunderstanding all came from a fallacious argument that our financials were wrong. Our financials are not wrong, they have never been wrong. This audit that they're doing, which is a colossal waste of money, is gonna indicate that there is nothing wrong with the financials. It is going to indicate there's some problems that were happening at the fire district, some things that they shouldn't've been doing. They're open meetings are a clear violation of the Sunshine Law. There are other issues that's going on. There was some money that was probably spent inappropriately. We have consumed a lot of time answering issues from the administration point of view, which we shouldn't even have to deal with. I don't doubt Nancy's compassion for the job and all of that, but there's been some dialogue back and forth which are just false accusations. I think the parish has been maligned with the separation documents, we had no input into that at all, it wasn't even asked from down. The only thing that we got was, I got a call from Senator Mike Reese asking me of my opinion on this. There are some accusations in the air that we have a can't do mentality in the parish. We do, we can't do illegal things. We can do legal things and that's what we try to do and that's part of some of the issues. We expend too much time, too much energy with Fire Protection District #2 and I think that is

a direct result of the item that's before you right now. If we had that with every single board, we would get nothing done except respond to things that we don't need to respond to and, I'll just say this, new members are not bound by any of their procedures. You don't have to comply with a single one of their procedures. There's no mechanism for you to tell her anything about what she's gonna want, and I'm not the one, and you'll know that I haven't called all you guys and told you, you'll know that. This is not something that is a genesis for me, but I just want you to know what the beginning of this was, it was an accusation that our financials were wrong. We're gonna have two auditors say your books are right. There was a misunderstanding and maybe a misreading of the financials. There was a non-material percentage on the right hand column which had nothing to do with the financials that just was an oversight and getting that calculation updated. So, I just wanna leave it at that but I wish the parish, by one of our subordinate boards weren't maligned in a public document having no opportunity to respond to that. I expressed that to you Nancy and you're aware of that and probably Vernon is aware of that as well.

Vernon Yellot - I want my minute and thirty-six seconds.

Bryan McReynolds - You want to recant what you said?

Vernon Yellot - No, I want to talk again.

Bryan McReynolds - That's up to the President

Vernon - the reason why we decided as a board to call for the audit, was not because we thought there was anything was going on. We had made a decision, as a board to separate. We did a six month study on separation. We had attorneys come in, we had CPA's come in, we had other boards coming in for every one of them give us their opinions we had a pro and con list OK that's the only reason why we decided to have an audit because if we separated we wanted the start with a clean book. The new board, the board was there to start with a clean bill of health that's the only reason we decided to do the audit.

Bryan McReynolds - You may have missed a lot of the stream of emails Vernon going back and forth about the finances not being correct also our fiduciary responsibility to make sure that the financials were correct. Those conversations had nothing to do with separation. Separation came well after the accusation of the financials weren't correct.

Vernon Yellot - ((inaudible))

Kelly Bailey - I took probably 400 calls as regarding to Ms. Nancy and I agree with Jeff that they were all good also have to agree with Mr. Shirley, Mr. Reeves as well as Eddie. I'm going to do what I think is right when I vote and whatever the outcome is Ms. Nancy I wish you the very best of luck and I can only hope that our office in this fire district works diligently together it sounds to me like it may have been rocky, and by the emails, I conclude Bryan, you're an aggressive lady, ok and sometimes that's not so bad in my opinion. However, there's room to work there. I think it could be a good thing. I think, I think

we have to keep that out there so I'm gonna conclude and asking for a roll call vote. I think it's the right thing to do, I think it's the fair thing to do and again I wish you the best of luck on the outcome.

President Kelly Bailey recommended a roll call vote by each member stating Yay to remove or Nay to leave Nancy Tower as a Member.

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Wayne Reeves	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jeffery Meadows	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shanel Handy	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Eddie Ware	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Chuck Montgomery	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Harper	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Shirley	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John Stebbins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ronnie Jackson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Kelly Bailey	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

The roll call vote results in 3 Yeas in favor of removing Nancy Tower and 6 Nays in favor of not removing Nancy Tower. Majority of Nays not to remove Nancy Tower from Fire Protection District #2 Board therefore she will remain.

- 3. Fire Protection District #2 Board
 - a. Approve to accept the resignation of Tommy McLeod
 - b. Approve to appoint Matt Gillespie to fill the vacant seat of Tommy McLeod.

A motion was made by Wayne Reeves and seconded by Mike Harper. No one opposed. Motion carried.

D. WAYS & MEANS - CHUCK MONTGOMERY

- 1. NONE

E. JAIL COMMITTEE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

- 1. NONE

F. SECRETARY’S REPORT

- A. A reminder of The Police Jury Annual Convention to convene beginning Wednesday March 9-11, 2022

G. TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. Jail inmate & Transportation and cost report
- B. Review grant tracking report
- C. MIP Migration

H. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- A. Approval of February emergency work orders, \$487.54.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bailey Stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 8th day of March 2022, she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jerry Shirley and a seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion Carried.

MARGARET LYONS
SECRETARY

KELLY BAILEY
PRESIDENT