

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, *held via Zoom*
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, via Zoom, on Tuesday, January 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Bobby Bordelon, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, John Earles, Kirby Roy, McKinley Keller, Glenn McKinley, Charles Jones, Amy Guidry Acadian Ambulance; Jonathan Gaspard-Attorney for the PJ, Kevin Bordelon- Civil Works Director; Ron Bordelon- Engineer; Joey Frank, Laura Gaspard, Robert Gumibellot, Alissa Piazza Tassin Med Express, Twyla Lemoine, David Lemoine, Michaela Rabalais, Jimmy Landry, Kim Sellers, Yolanda Crawford, Henry Thompson, Kenneth Friels, Julie Benne-Police, and Melicia Levron

Absent were: None

Assistant District Attorney, Jonathan Gaspard called the meeting to order

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by McKinley Keller.

Prayer was offered by Charles Jones

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present

Mr. Gaspard opened the floor for nomination for President.

Charles Jones nominated Mr. Kirby Roy as President. After calling for additional nominations, none were received, nominations were closed on motion by John Earles, seconded by Charles Jones.

A motion offered by Charles Jones was offered, seconded by Bobby Bordelon to appoint Kirby Roy as President for 2022.

Mr. Kirby Roy was announced President of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury for 2022.

President Roy took over the meeting. He thanked his fellow Jurors for electing him as president.

At this time, President Roy opened the floor for nomination for Vice-President.

Jacob Coco nominated John Earles as Vice-President. After President Roy called for additional nominations, none were received, nomination were closed on motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by McKinley Keller.

A motion offered by Jacob Coco, seconded by McKinley Keller to appoint John Earles Vice-President for 2022.

President Roy announced John Earles as Vice-President for 2022.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by McKinley Keller, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2021, printed in the "Weekly News" and mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Glenn McKinley, seconded by John Earles, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission Meeting held on December 27, 2021, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

After Secretary-Treasurer offered the financial report, on motion by Charles Jones, seconded by John Earles, to accept the financial report offered by the Secretary-Treasurer which displayed budget/actual.. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by McKinley Keller, seconded by Glenn McKinley, to reappoint Jamey Wiley as Secretary-Treasurer for a term of two years, January 11, 2022-January 9, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion pertaining to the Solid Waste Contract, and placing a Solid Waste Tax on the ballot in the fall. Jurors agreed to continue discussion at the February Committee Meeting.

A motion moved by Bobby Bordelon to solicit bids for carpet cleaning in the Courthouse was not considered by the assembly, as it did not receive a second. Motion failed.

Charles Jones amended the motion, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to have the Secretary-Treasurer obtain three quotes to have carpet cleaned. President Roy will select from the lowest. This does not require Bid Law process. On vote, the motion carried.

Items deferred until February meeting are as follows:

Holiday pay for part-time employees and employee evaluations.

A letter to President Roy was received from Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requesting the Police Jury open the control structure in September. Jurors discussed and decided due to the nature of the letter, public input is necessary before making any decisions. A Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2022, 6 p.m. at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura.

A request from Alissa Piazza Tassin to accept an operating permit for Med Express/GMR was approved by the Jury.

Litter Court was discussed. Juror Wiley contacted Chris Lemoine, Justice of the Peace to put a plan together. He will update at a later time.

A motion was offered by Bobby Bordelon to abolish a \$15.00 camper fee, Charles Jones seconded the motion for discussion.

Delegate Twyla Lemoine was allowed to speak. Mrs. Lemoine disagrees with the parish current requirement for campers, which is a \$15.00 fee every 6 months with photos of said camper. She also stated she has handout for Jurors where FEMA does not require such. She feels this is a discriminatory action against RV owners. She plans to attend Committee Meetings and this months Planning Commission Meeting.

Charles Jones read section of CFR 12.4.5 (Code of Federal Regulation) and ACT 12, Chapter 1, Section 107, specifically outlining permitting for RV's.

Bobby Bordelon insisted the matter be voted on as Mrs. Lemoine appeared before the Planning Commission last month and they unanimously agreed to abolish the permit for RV's and the request was a recommendation from Planning Commission.

After a heated discussion ensued, President Roy requested Mrs. Lemoine appear before the Permit Committee and Planning Commission Board again, stating there need to be more clarification.

On motion by Charles Jones, seconded by Darrell Wiley authorizing the President to sign the 2021 Audit Engagement. On vote, the motion carried.

A motion was offered by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Mark Borrel to discuss the recommendation by Yolanda Crawford, Region 6 La. Department of Health regarding a Health Unit employee.

The employee was present on the Zoom call. President Roy advised her she could have a private meeting or discuss the matter in a open forum. The employee stated she wanted to discuss in private, as she was not able to defend the accusation made against her.

Bobby Bordelon advised the Jury he wanted an investigation before a determination was made.

A heated discussion ensued between Jurors, Bobby Bordelon & Glenn McKinley.

Glenn McKinley advised the employee she should contact Region 6 to defend the allegation since the Police Jury did not hire her. Further, he accepted the recommendation from LDH that she was not allowed on the premises.

All information will be forwarded to legal counsel for review.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Bobby Bordelon, to grant authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to pay bills and waive a reading of the whole. On vote, the motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Jacob Coco, the meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.

s/Kirby Roy
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer

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