

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on June 4, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Louis Kent, President. Opening prayer was offered by Mr. Louis Kent and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Mr. Keith Mills.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. Yamesha Harris and the following jurors were present: Mr. Louis Kent, Mr. Keith Mills, Mr. Glen Kent, Mr. Chris Hall, Mr. Edward Brooks, Mr. Dwight Hill, and Mr. Michael Cheatham. Secretary Yamesha Harris informed the jury that Mr. Jason McCray and Mr. Sean Smith would be absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to approve the agenda and move the visitors up. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

Mr. Bill Ford addressed the jury with concerns of a ravine near 2698 Dawson Road. Mr. Ford informed the jury that for the past ten years, residents have asked for help with repairs to Dawson Road. Mr. Ford stated in the last several years, the ravine has spread from approximately twenty feet from Dawson Road to just at the edge of Dawson Road. Railings are being placed on Dawson Road because the road is a hazard, but this will not fix the erosion problem. Mr. Ford informed the jury he had an engineer to come out years ago and the engineer decided the solution to the erosion would be a ball kit. The cost would be high to the jury. Mr. Ford then informed the jury, the engineer also suggested rip rap is used to slow the erosion down. Mr. Louis Kent informed Mr. Ford that he has discussed the matter with Public Works Chairman, Mr. Jason McCray and they agreed to use rip rap. Mr. Louis Kent said Mr. McCray will discuss the matter with his committee and the full jury will make a decision. Mr. Bill Ford then addressed the jury with concerns of the culvert under Dawson Road. Mr. Ford explained the culvert is in two sections and water is going around the canal and instead of dropping into the ravine, it is stopping next to the bank. Mr. Ford also informed the jury that the landowner has offered to donate the property to the jury but does not want to incur a cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to authorize Parish Manager to hire an engineer to address problems on Dawson Road. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to approve the Single Sales Tax Agreement between East Feliciana Parish School Board and East Feliciana Parish Police Jury. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ron Smith addressed the jury with concerns of a nuisance property on West Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Ron Smith read a letter previously written to the Police Jury and informed the jury, since the letter was written, the property owner was arrested. Mr. Smith asked the jury for an update on the nuisance property. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe gave an update. District Attorney D'Aquila explained there are different solutions, but the jury has never utilized them before. Mr. D'Aquila explained the property could be demolished, and there is an ordinance on nuisance abatement. Mr. Louis Kent explained the jury is going through the process when addressing a nuisance property. Mr. D'Aquila suggested the jury contact a contractor to see what the cost will be to the jury to demolish the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to allow Parish Manager Sonya Crowe to contact a contractor to determine the cost for cleanup of a nuisance property on West Lakeshore Drive. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed Mr. Ron Smith he could call for updates on the nuisance property.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to approve renewal of Parish Prison Insurance with Dart Agency, through Great Lakes Insurance SE. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added; the renewal will also include equipment breakdown coverage. This motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Comments were as follows:

- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury the air unit at the jail went out, and the chiller will be replaced. There was only one quote for the chiller and inmate labor will reduce the cost of installation. After speaking with some jurors, a decision was made to move forward with purchasing the air cool unit. The units are built one at a time and the unit being purchased is on the assembly line. It should be delivered in two or three weeks. If the decision were made to pass on that unit, it would take up to sixteen weeks before another could be built. Mrs. Crowe explained by making the decision to order the chiller, it will save the jury approximately \$8000.00 in rental fees. So far, everything is going well.
- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury of a stolen excavator. Mrs. Crowe is waiting on the police report and checking with the insurance. The excavator did not have a GPS and was scheduled to go to the Henderson Auction.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Dwight Hill to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 special meeting. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Dwight Hill to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 regular meeting. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury of a request to cut ditches in the Village of Wilson. It was previously approved by the jury. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to approve cooperative endeavors for four local food banks. Parish Manger Sonya Crowe informed the jury, the shared public purpose is for the welfare of the low income. The jury only provides transportation. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Mills, seconded by Mr. Glen Kent to adopt The Watchman as the Police Jury's official journal. This motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion between jurors and the public, no action was taken on setting a public hearing date on Proposed Subdivision Ordinances. No action taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to approve monthly invoices. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to not pay the Coroner for 2016 & 2017 fees not billed timely. This motion passed unanimously. Finance Chairman Chris Hall informed the jury that an Executive & Finance Committee meeting was held on May 30, 2018 and a substantial number of invoices were submitted for payment from the coroner's office. The committee voted unanimously not to pay those bills. Mr. Louis Kent explained, the decision was made because Mr. Rouchon and Dr. Cramer were asked in 2016 to provide to the jury every bill from the coroner. The jury is still receiving invoices from 2016 in 2018. Mr. Louis Kent stated he does not believe the jury should pay bills from two or three years ago. Mr. John Rouchon explained during April or May of 2017, Dr. Cramer and his attorney submitted bills to the then - Parish Manager and a packet to every juror present. Mr. Rouchon stated the bills were sent to a committee and never addressed. Mr. Rouchon then explained, when Parish Manager Sonya Crowe was hired, the bills were not here. They were either destroyed or misplaced before Mrs. Crowe became Parish Manager. The bills were regenerated from scratch and presented to Parish Manager Sonya Crowe. Mr. Rouchon also added, even if the bills were disputed, the money should have been escrowed. Mr. Chris Hall stated a meeting with the coroner has been requested several times and today approximately \$200,000.00 in bills were submitted. This is unreasonable. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe addressed Mr. Rouchon, saying she asked for all back billing before closing the 2017 budget. The 2018 budget is already projected and the coroner's office is still submitting bills from 2016 and 2017. There is no funding budgeted in 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall seconded, by Mr. Edward Brooks that Parish Manger Sonya Crowe contact Dr. Cramer and setup a meeting with the Executive & Finance Committee, and District Attorney Sam D'Aquila, to present his proposal to the Police Jury. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added

this is a good time for discussion on anything not currently budgeted, because she was not aware of them as treasurer. This matter will have to be quantified for the audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Dwight Hill to approve limited Power of Attorney to CivicSource for adjudicated property closings. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to hire Ms. Joni Stone as full-time Permit Supervisor on step 4 at \$15.87 an hour, effective June 11, 2018. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight Hill, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to table installing airport culverts until there is an understanding of who owns the culverts. Parish Manager Crowe informed the jury there was a misunderstanding of who owns the culverts. The culverts are owned by the Police Jury and are emergency culverts. The item will be placed on the agenda after the DPW committee meets.

Mr. Jody Moreau asked the jury to work on putting together a committee to review bids to select an engineering firm. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added the deadline to have the bids in to the Police Jury is July 31, 2018. A committee meeting would have to be established to open the bids with a panel of five people. Mr. Jim Ferguson has offered to sit on the committee. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe asked if the jury would consider allowing Mr. Ferguson to sit on the committee. The jury replied yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to approve maps “a-e” under Planning & Zoning Commission. This motion passed unanimously.

- (a) Recommend approval on Roy T. Kent plat; Professional Land Surveying Services, LLC; S. Brett Fitzgerald, Surveyor
- (b) Recommend approval with correction(s) on Briann Cutrer plat; Louisiana Land Surveying, Inc.; Curtis Chaney, Surveyor
- (c) Recommend approval on Paula Renee Chaney plat; Louisiana Land Surveying, Inc.; Curtis Chaney, Surveyor
- (d) Recommend approval on Dorothy Babin & Kathleen Hamilton Landry plat; Moody Professional Land Surveyors, Inc.; Lamont Moody, Surveyor
- (e) Recommend approval on Carter W. Strain & Russell K. Pierce, Jr. plat; L&L Land Surveying, Inc.; F. Dewitt Ladner, Surveyor

Parish Manager Sonya Crowe reminded the jury that East Feliciana Chamber of Commerce would hold their Annual Banquet on Thursday. If any juror is interested in attending, tickets must be purchased in advance.

Mrs. Shirley Anderson with Keep East Feliciana Beautiful informed the jury a contest is being held to choose a new slogan.

Public Comments: Mr. Artis Caine addressed the jury of concerns on Sam Talbert Road. He explained a resident used dirt to fill a ditch and it is causing a suction in a natural drain way. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added, Ms. Jenkins has documented with pictures and the nuisance process will be used. Mrs. Crowe explained her concerns are also that a fence is where the ditch should be. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed Mr. Caine of the nuisance process and that this matter will be taken care of using that process. Former Parish Manager offered that the Building Official could handle this quicker. Jurors requested that office staff pursue it.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Mills, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to go into executive session for no longer than 30 minutes to:

1. Discuss and/or take action concerning the litigation entitled “George Turner v East Feliciana Police Jury et al. # 45,160”
2. Discuss and/or take action concerning the litigation entitled “Deer Chase v East Feliciana Police Jury et al. # 43,921”

3. Discuss and/or take action concerning the litigation entitled “Peoples Workshop v FEMA et al. # 17-00107”

No action was taken in executive session

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Keith Mills to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Secretary

Louis Kent, Parish President