

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on March 20, 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. Jason McCray.

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

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

Administrative Comments were as follows:

- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that she and Mr. Louis Kent attended a meeting for the Amite Watershed. Mrs. Crowe explained the six parishes in the region would collaborate to address drainage issues. This has worked well in other regions and some regions it has not Mrs. Crowe explained. She also informed the jury that this might affect the parishes Hazard Mitigation Grant Program at some point. Parish Manager Crowe stated she believes this is a great idea but the main focus is Comite right now and she will continue to get input.
- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe gave an update to the jury on office renovations. She informed the jury that the renovations are about 95% complete and thanked everyone for their patience.

Mrs. Jennifer Wheeler addressed the jury with concerns of the conditions of Patterson Cemetery Lane. Mrs. Wheeler explained Patterson Cemetery Lane is a dead end road that is not properly maintained. Water also drains onto her property when it rains. Mrs. Wheeler stated when the road floods, her neighbors are trapped and cannot get out unless they pass through her property. Mr. Jason McCray asked Mrs. Wheeler what she meant when stating the road is not properly maintained. Mrs. Wheeler replied gravel is graded to the dirt and being pushed into the ditch. Also culverts are being crushed. Mr. McCray explained a new training has started for the motor graders. He is not saying that will fix the initial problem but it should help. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added the Police Jury has been working with FEMA for months and has finally received a project worksheet sent for review. It was submitted and GOSEP has sent a copy but it will take her some time to review because there are 123 roads on the PW. Once the contracts begin, the DPW department will work on the top 12 roads. She hopes to have this out for public bid by the end of the summer. This is a long process and the funds will be used to repair the infrastructure of the roads and the ditching. Mrs. Crowe informed Mrs. Wheeler she will keep her updated and would definitely like to help.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Sean Smith to hire an engineer to perform a hydrology study to determine what is needed to repair Patterson Cemetery Lane. This motion passed.

Mr. George Turner addressed the jury stating the jurors at a previous meeting recommended he go back before the Planning and Zoning Commission with the understanding of any changes

needing made to his map for approval. Mr. Turner also stated the Planning and Zoning Chairman, during a previous meeting, mentioned his map would not be approved. Mr. Louis Kent explained if Mr. Turner's map meets every law it has to be approved. Mr. Turner stated every time his map is presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission finds something new. Mr. Turner asked if the Police Jury would consider approving his map. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe asked if Mr. Turner is submitting the same map to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Turner replied yes. Mr. Larry Thomas of the Planning and Zoning Commission stated Mr. Turner's map has not been approved because it is an incomplete map. Mr. Louis Kent asked that Mr. Turner's map be placed on the agenda for the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Louis Kent also asked that Mr. Turner bring his land surveyor.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Glen Kent to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 regular meeting. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight Hill, seconded by Mr. Sean Smith to table taking action on the 2015 ICC Building Code. Due to the Building Official's absence to explain the changes. This motion passed unanimously. The item will be placed on the April 2, 2018 agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Sean Smith to approve NaturChem's Renewal Weed Proposals. This motion passed unanimously. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that both renewals are attached and nothing has changed. The Roadside Turf Renewal will cost \$49,500 and the Spray Roadside Brush Renewal will cost \$19,000. Mr. Jason McCray asked that signs are available for property owners who would not like spraying around their property.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to have the Personnel Committee review the probationary policy in the employee manual and bring a recommendation before the full jury. President Louis Kent informed the jury that the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury Personnel Manual states, new hires and any employee receiving a promotion would have a 90-day probationary period. He stated the jury has not followed the policy and he believes it should be followed. After discussion between the jury and Parish Manager Crowe, the jurors decided to have the parish manager and Personnel Committee review the policy and bring a recommendation to the full jury. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jurors there will be a compliance audit this year and she is working on different sections of the policy manual and will bring her recommendations to the Personnel Committee. The first was detailed February 15, 2018 awaiting Personnel Committee Review.

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

Mr. Jim Parker with Homeland Security asked that the jurors see him after the meeting.

Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that the golf tournament sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was a success. Mrs. Crowe stated she would like to be in the regular rotation and hold Chamber of Commerce Meetings at the Police Jury office quarterly, with the jury's permission. The jury agreed. Mrs. Crowe also reminded the jury they are welcome to attend East Feliciana Chamber Meetings, as they are members.

Mrs. Shirley Anderson gave an update on Keep East Feliciana Beautiful. She reminded everyone to come out Friday, March 23rd to support Leaders Against Litter at the courthouse from

8:30am to 11:00am. She also informed everyone that Keep East Feliciana Beautiful is looking into grants to provide recycling bins throughout the parish.

Mr. Jefferson addressed the jury with concerns of Clinton-Wilson Road. Mr. Jefferson stated that the Police Jury said they would repair Clinton-Wilson Road when grant money became available. Mr. Louis Kent replied the Police Jury has not received any grant money to do those repairs yet. Mr. Jason McCray stated that the motor grader training started out on Wilson-Clinton Road. Mr. Jefferson added debris is up and down the road and would the police jury at least cut the trees and pick up the debris.

The jury was addressed with concern of the conditions of River Road and repairs. The concern is that debris from tree cutting is left in the ditches and he would like to see the repairs made to River Road and have the supervisor ride River Road to see its conditions. Mr. Sean Smith replied the DPW Supervisor Mr. Lewis Wallace, along with Parish Manager Sonya Crowe, would ride River Road to evaluate the conditions. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe added the DPW Supervisor is working on top priority roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Secretary

Louis Kent, Parish President