

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on May 15, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Louis Kent, President. Opening prayer was offered by Mr. Dwight Hill and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Mr. Sean Smith.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to approve the agenda with two additions. The additions were to:

- 1) Recommend approval on Robert Rogillio Estate plat
- 2) Approve advertising qualifications and requirements for a parish engineer

The Secretary, Mrs. Yamesha Harris then called the roll for voting on approval of the additions. The following jurors voted in favor of the agenda additions, Mr. Louis Kent, Mr. Glen Kent, Mr. Edward Brooks, Mr. Jason McCray, Mr. Dwight Hill, Mr. Michael Cheatham, and Mr. Sean Smith. Mr. Keith Mills and Mr. Chris Hall were absent. This motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Comments were as follows:

- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that she received notification late that afternoon that Gilead Road Bridge would be shut down. She also informed the jury of a meeting with the Department of Transportation to get a comprehensive understanding of what is required of the Police Jury. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 22 at the Police Jury Office.
- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that all equipment approved for sale would go to the Henderson Auction scheduled for June 7-9.
- Parish Manager Sonya Crowe gave the jury an update on her meeting with CivicSource. The jury was informed that Parish Manager Sonya Crowe and CivicSource would host a public information meeting. The meeting will explain the process of adjudicated properties.
- Parish Manger Sonya Crowe informed the jury that the Economic Development District would purchase culverts for Airport Lane and are requesting that the DPW install them. Parish Manager Crowe said she would get the information to the DPW Committee to review.

Ms. Kristy Barbier and Ms. Lori D'Arensbourg with Northside Humane Society addressed the jury of their concerns of animal cruelty, the need for an animal shelter and animal rescue in East Feliciana Parish. Ms. Barbier asked if the Police Jury would consider forming a working group with people in the parish that have a heart for animals. The purpose of the group would be to collectively find solutions for local animal rescue, such as funding options and prioritizing needs. Ms. Barbier asked to speak individually with the jurors to see if any would be interested in volunteering on a committee, meeting every few weeks, or taking an assignment to do research. Ms. D'Arensbourg, founder of Northside Humane Society stated she would like to educate the community on the importance of having their pet spayed or neutered. Ms. D'Arensbourg informed the jury, the goal of Northside Humane Society is to have two jurors form a committee and address the problems in the community with animal rescue.

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight Hill, seconded by Mr. Glen Kent to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

Parish Building Inspector, Mr. Larry Thompson thanked the jury and shared information on floodplain management and the Flood Plain Symposium he attended this month. Mr. Thompson also explained to the jury that floodplain is not a small job and it requires lots of analyzing and determinations to keep the people of the parish safe. He added, his job does not allow him to be in the limelight and there is a bigger work called public relations. Mr. Thompson asked the jury if the Parish Manager presents any information to them, please consider having her take care of the public relations side of floodplain for the safety of the parish when it comes to floodplain management and keeping the people of the parish aware.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham to approve a resolution in support of U. S. Bicycle Route 90 Development. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe explained to the jury that this would be at no cost to the jury. The resolution is only asking that the jury support the bike path. This motion passed unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST FELICIANA PARISH POLICE JURY STATING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 90 THROUGH LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion dollars a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for said tourism; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor running east - west through south-central Louisiana to be developed as United States Bicycle Route 90 (USBR 90); and

WHEREAS, Bike Baton Rouge (BikeBR), Bike Walk MS, Bike Texas, and Adventure Cycling Association (ACA), with the cooperation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 90, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USBR 90 traverses through East Feliciana and ten other parishes and is expected to provide a benefit to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury has duly considered said proposed route and determined it to be a suitable route through East Feliciana Parish and desire that the route be formally designated so that it can be appropriately mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in Louisiana.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury that we hereby express our approval and support for the development of USBR 90 and request that the appropriate government officials take action to officially designate the route accordingly as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury that the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury supports the posting and maintenance of signs for said bicycle route once said designation has been made.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to adopt a resolution to designate May 20-26, 2018 National Public Works Week. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe

informed the jury National Public Works Week is a national week of appreciation and we would like to express support and promote public works. This motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of East Feliciana Parish; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees from state and local governments and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Parish of East Feliciana to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities,

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association has celebrated the annual National Public Works Week since 1960,

RESOLVED, I, Louis Kent, President, of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury do hereby designate the week May 20 -26, 2018 as National Public Works Week; I urge all our people to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury, DONE in the Parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana this 15th day of May 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the Robert Rogillio Estate plat; NTB Associates, Inc. Surveyors & Engineers. Mr. John Rouchon of the Planning and Zoning Commission explained to the jurors the map splits between East Baton Rouge Parish and East Feliciana Parish. It was approved tentatively by the East Feliciana Planning and Zoning Commission, and then sent to East Baton Rouge Parish for final approval. East Feliciana Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and East Baton Rouge have now approved the map. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to advertise requirements and qualifications for an engineering firm. Mr. Jody Moreau, Director of Homeland Security explained to the jury the Office of Community Development has to approve everything from this point on in order for the parish to qualify for the 10% match program from FEMA to repair the roads and bridges listed in the grant. Mr. Moreau also informed the jury they may have to select a committee to review the qualifications. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight Hill, seconded by Mr. Glen Kent to approve the monthly invoices. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to refer the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Mr. John Profit part-time at \$25.00 an hour on weekends, working a maximum of 20 hours per week, and using the Police Jury's equipment to the DPW and Finance Committee. Personnel Chairman Mr. Glen Kent informed the jury that the Personnel Committee met to hear a proposal from Mr. John Profit. The proposal from Mr. Profit is to work part-time, a maximum of 20 hours on the weekend at \$25.00 an hour. Mr. Glen Kent explained the committee agreed to make a recommendation to hire Mr. Profit, but did not feel the Personnel Committee is the committee to make the proper recommendation to the full jury. He stated the item should first go to both the DPW and Finance Committees with a recommendation from the Personnel Committee. After discussion, DPW Chairman Mr. Jason McCray informed the jury that the DPW department is on schedule and Assistant DPW Director Gwendolyn McCoy could elaborate more. Ms. McCoy informed the jury that during the month of May, DPW graded 50 roads, and during the month of April, 56 roads were graded. DPW is in rotation and doing what they are supposed to do. DPW employees are working weekends, and if someone were hired part-time, when would the DPW employees be allowed to work on the weekend. Ms. McCoy explained it is not fair to hire someone part-time at \$25.00 an hour and the DPW employees are not pleased. Mr. Glen Kent explained the recommendation is not to hire Mr. Profit, but to refer the item to the Finance Committee and the DPW Committee. Mr. Jason McCray explained he would meet with the DPW Director and Assistant DPW Director to decide if there is a need to hire someone part-time.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Kent, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks to approve Mayor Bellue's request for culvert replacement in Norwood to be reimbursed. Mayor Bellue informed the jury that the town of Norwood has two culverts that need replacing. DPW Chairman Mr. Jason McCray informed Mayor Bellue that a work order is already submitted. This motion passed unanimously

Mrs. Sonya Crowe reminded the jury that the East Feliciana Parish Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet would be held on June 7, 2018 at The Centenary Inn in Jackson. If any jurors are interested in attending, please let her know and arrangements will be made.

Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that the office staff is researching the request for a recycling bin for Keep East Feliciana Parish Beautiful.

Public Comments:

- Feliciana Airpark Director Matthew Peterson informed the jury a request for installation of four culverts on Airport Lane would be submitted to the Police Jury for approval at the next regular meeting. Mr. Peterson explained Feliciana Airpark has already purchased the culverts.
- Mr. John Rouchon commented saying Parish Building Inspector Larry Thompson's concerns on flood plain are very important in the parish.
- Mr. John Rouchon informed the jury that it is very important to fill out score sheet correctly when scoring for audit purposes.
- Mr. John Rouchon asked the jury to keep in mind when hiring an employee, the position should be advertised and not predetermined.

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