

East Feliciana Parish Police Jury
Clinton, LA Regular Meeting
April 15, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury was called to order on April 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Louis Kent, President. Opening prayer was offered by President Louis Kent and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Vice President Keith Mills.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Brooks, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray, to approve the agenda with one addition. This motion passed. The addition was to Approve Hardship Permit for Mr. Bill Bankston. Mr. John Rouchon asked if an item to revote on appointing Mr. Chip Bunch to the Planning & Zoning Commission would be added to the agenda. President Louis Kent informed Mr. Rouchon that it would be placed on the next agenda.

Administrative Comments from Parish Manager Sonya Crowe were as follows:

- Informed jurors that a public meeting for Amite River and Tributaries would be held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 6am-8pm, at the Police Jury Office
- Reminded jurors that the deadline to submit their Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosures is May 15, 2019
- Informed jurors who have not completed the mandatory 2019 Ethics Training, they can do so online. Those who have not completed the mandatory 2019 Sexual Harassment Training can do so in person, at the Police Jury Office
- Informed jurors that a private meeting would be held at the Police Jury Office on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 with representatives from Conoco Phillips
- Recognized that April 14-20 is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
- Informed jurors May 8th from 9am-11am, the Drug Council would host College and Career Day at East Feliciana Middle School

A motion was made by Mr. Dwight Hill, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. Mr. Rouchon called point of Order. Mr. Rouchon stated, the jury approved a motion at the last meeting that was an incorrect ruling, therefore the minutes or incorrect.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham, to table approving the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe informed the jury that she proofed the minutes, and they reflect what happened in the actual meeting. District Attorney D'Aquilla stated, a ruling was made the night of the meeting, he believes an abstention is considered a nonvote and should be included in the majority. District Attorney D'Aquilla explained, the motion approved at the March 18th meeting was ruled on and is over. Mr. D'Aquilla advised the jury to vote on whether they would approve the minutes or not. Mr. Sean Smith withdrew his motion and the original motion to approve the minutes was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham, to approve the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes with necessary corrections.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Vice President Keith Mills, to approve amendment of Ordinance Article II, Division 2, Sec. 4A-56 Fencing and Signage & Sec. 4A-58 Abandonment. This motion passed.

Mr. Jack Morgan gave a presentation on the 2020 Census and jobs with Census.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Vice President Keith Mills, to approve BluePrince renewal for \$4,407.00. This motion passed.

Mr. Wayne McKowen addressed the jury with concerns of ditch erosion on Blatt Lane. Mr. McKowen was informed that Blatt Lane does appear on the adopted Priority Road list for disaster recovery repair.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Michael Cheatham, to approve a Special Event Alcohol License for Istrouma Area Boy Scouts of America's 21st Annual Sporting Clay's Classic, May 3, 2019 at Avondale Scout Reservation. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason McCray, seconded by Mr. Sean Smith, to approve a hardship variance for Mr. Bill Bankston. This motion passed. Parish Manager Sonya Crowe asked if staff should moving forward with selling a permit as if the map is already approved. President Kent replied yes. Parish Manager Crowe explained, in the past 911 has required that the request is in writing.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Edward Brooks, to accept the Executive Committee recommendation to appoint Mr. Anthony "Tony" Rouchon to the Water Works District #7 Board. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Smith, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray, to accept the Executive Committee recommendation to re-appoint Ms. Sheilla Flowers as Parish Livestock Manager. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Hall, seconded by Mr. Sean Smith, to approve monthly invoices. This motion passed.

Mr. Dwight Hill gave an update to jurors on items discussed in the Buildings and Properties meeting, held on April 9, 2019. Mr. Hill informed the jurors that the committee members agreed to move forward with the renovation of the Police Jury Main Office. Mr. Chris Hall asked if the jurors would allow the Finance Committee to meet again before moving forward with the renovation. The jurors agreed to allow the committee to meet.

Homeland Security Director Jody Moreau informed the jury that a mandatory pre-bid conference would be held April 25, 2019 at 10:00am.

Homeland Security Director Jody Moreau informed the jury that 3 acres of open land is needed for the upcoming FEMA project. This land would be used for debris and must be a DEQ approved site.

Mrs. Shirley Anderson with Keep East Feliciana Beautiful informed the jury that the committee members are working on a campaign to come up with a new slogan. The committee is also working on a grant to purchase recycling bins.

Mr. Chris Hall recommended that a Public Hearing is held to discuss raising the fine amount to the Litter Ordinance.

Public Comments:

A resident voiced concerns of ditching and fire department responses. This resident also asked that the jury request a Mutual Aide Agreement with West Feliciana Parish. The resident was informed that the parish has a Fire District Board and the board meets on the 4th Monday of every month. President Kent suggested that the resident contact his district fire chief with concerns.

Mr. Larry Hofstad thanked Parish Manager Sonya Crowe for providing a draft of meeting minutes.

Mr. Larry Hofstad also voiced concerns of jury approved invoices. Finance Chairman Chris Hall informed Mr. Hofstad that the jury approves the normal monthly bills at the regular meeting. This includes bills such as electricity and water. Mr. Hall also informed Mr. Hofstad that any invoice over \$10,000 is provided to the full jury before approval and all invoices are available for jurors viewing at any time.

Mr. John Rouchon voiced concerns of Coroner invoices that are not being paid. Mr. Rouchon was asked what invoices have not been paid by the Police Jury. Mr. Chris Hall asked Mr. Rouchon to discuss checks that are being returned to the Police Jury from the Coroner. President Kent called for order and directed to move on with the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice President Keith Mills, seconded by Mr. Jason McCray to adjourn.

Yamesha Harris, Secretary

Louis Kent, Parish President