

Drainage Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
4:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jamie Ponville, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$440 for 169 Daggs St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve \$670 for \$226 Rue De Beauville Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Parish Manager to explain the outfall project behind Rue De Beauville. He stated that he would be renting a machine to do the project on Rue De Beauville and that he had rented it for 5 days.
5. Police Juror Jeff Naquin entered the meeting at this time.
6. A brief discussion was held regarding the projects that's already been approved that could utilize the rented equipment. Following a brief discussion, the committee agreed that the project on West Star Road could be done with the equipment.
7. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$4,000 for Rue De Beauville Outfall Sweeping Project and West Star Project in Ward 7." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,210 for 128 Pine St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$710 for 115,119, and 121 Bertie Lane Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$987 for 115 Rue De Kajun Culvert Installation Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
11. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,010 for 260 South Bay Rd. 3" Pump Replacement." The motion was unanimously adopted.
12. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Jamie Ponville
Drainage Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:00 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Chris Carter recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that an administrative employee is requesting 6 weeks of FMLA leave.
3. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve granting 6 weeks on FMLA leave for an administrative employee." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Chairman Chris Carter recognized the Federal Programs Director, who stated that Work Connection has made several presentations to the Jury regarding their services and are a partnering agency of the Parish. She stated that the Federal Programs Department can utilize an employee to assist with general office work. She stated that the salary will be paid through Work Connection and the employee can start as early as tomorrow. She further stated that the contract will extend through September 6, 2021.
5. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve the utilization of Work Connection for an employee for the Housing and Community Development Department commencing February 25, 2021 through September 6, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Personnel Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Chris Carter
Personnel Committee Chairman

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:05 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Mr. Jeff Naquin.
2. Chairman Ron Alcorn recognized the IT Specialist who stated that the Jury approved the speed bumps for Genevieve St. and the Parish Engineer requested that 3 bumps be placed on the street. He stated that they may not be able to put the 3 bumps recommended because some of the people at the end of the street didn't sign off on it. Therefore, he stated that once out there he will determine if he can put all 3 and still be 100 ft. from those properties. Committee member Leroy Blanchard stated that he will go out and inspect the area with the IT Specialist.
3. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve the speed bump frequency and placement on Genevieve St." The motion was unanimously adopted
4. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Road & Bridge Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Ron Alcorn, Chairman
Road & Bridge Committee

Finance Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:10 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the bills submitted through February 19, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Budget Comparison Statements were provided in the packets for review. She stated that she has no recommendations for any changes at this time.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve the Budget Comparison Statements for January 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Grants Coordinator, who stated that due to the difficulty and integrity of address proof, she is asking that the out of parish fee be removed from the APCC rental contract. She explained that it was a \$500 fee to benefit the taxpayers versus someone that doesn't live in the parish and doesn't pay the tax but stated that it's hard to make that determination. A brief discussion was then held regarding the request of utility bills, drivers license and proof of property taxes to identify in parish residency. Following the discussion, the Grants Coordinator stated that the integrity of the whole situation is unbalanced and that's why she is making the request.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve the recommendation to remove the out of parish fee from the APCC rental contract." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. The Grants Coordinator stated that she received 3 quotes for the painting of the Community Center. She stated that the painting includes 7,000 ft of the reception hall area as well as sheet rock damage repair, the lobby and concession stand on the gymnasium side. She stated that she has to stick to a LGAP budget and the following are the 3 quotes: S&S Painting LLC \$22,000, Complete Gutter Service \$24,300 and Independent Contracting Services \$39,081.75. In response, she stated that she contacted 25 painting contractors, 11 contractors didn't show up for their appointment and only 3 quotes were received. In response, she stated that she followed what is required in the personnel manual and all three (3) quotes were from local companies.
8. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the low bid of \$22,000 submitted by S&S Painting LLC to paint the Community Center." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Patrick Johnson
Finance Committee

Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:20 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that the Solid Waste contract comes up for renewal on June 30, 2021. He stated that it's time to begin discussion to see what direction the Jury wants to go in. He stated that as chairman for 16 yrs. he's had the opportunity to discuss renewal several times with the current contractor. He stated that Waste Management presented the committee with proposal options for further discussion. He stated that this company has serviced Assumption Parish good even with their mishaps as do many other companies that he has researched. He added that the Parish has a very good working relationship with this company, they have been a very good corporate sponsor and they are a fortune 250 company. Mr. Naquin stated that he is pleased with the proposal presented, with the changes and extremely pleased with the proposed changes to the bulky waste portion because it was the thorn that initiated all complaints received. He stated that he spoke with other companies who stated that because of the changes with bulky waste, they have not received any complaints. He stated that he was authorized to speak with Waste Pro and he did and they all have issues. He gave a brief statement of his findings of Waste Pro services with Gonzales, Plaquemine Parish and Terrebonne Parish. He then stated that he would like to see the Jury authorize him to continue discussion with Waste Management to negotiate what they presented. He stated that the numbers would have to be worked on and the three (3) haulers for bulky waste. In response, committee member Irving Comeaux stated that the Police Jury has had a contract with Waste Management since he's been on the Jury and he is in favor of allowing the chairman to continue his negotiation.
3. Committee member Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Solid Waste Chairman to continue negotiation with Waste Management." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that the contract with Waste Management will be new offering different services. He stated that in accordance with the ADA the Parish has a certain number of days before the contract renewal to notify Waste Management that we will discontinue the current contract and re-negotiate a new contract. In response, he stated that he will speak with the other companies within the next 30 days. Police Juror Jamie Ponville requested that the other contractors be given as much attention as Waste Management. A brief discussion was then held regarding the increase in waste due to the pandemic and the expectation of an increase in collection. Following the discussion, the Secretary-Treasurer shared the current house count, the fee assessed by WM and the household fee which is not the same for everyone and the reason. She then stated that based on preliminary numbers that were provided in the renewal proposal, which she thought were fair, and putting them into a 5-yr contract would result in an increase of costs to the Solid Waste Fund of \$99,000 for 2021, \$241,000 for 2022, \$330,000 for 2023, \$422,000 for 2024 and \$517,000 for 2025. She explained that the increase is because typically at renewal there is an average of 2.5-3.5% CPI increase. She informed the committee that in 2020 Waste Management didn't have a CPI increase. She further stated that based on those numbers and the revenue remaining the same at the end of the contract in 2025 the Parish would be in the negative of \$1.3 million. She then stated that the Jury would have to look at the residential fee and an increase to cover the deficit. An average monthly fee collection is \$197,000 and that's not stating how many households are paying because everyone is not paying the same amount. She added that 7,800 households at \$28 a month for the term of the contract would generate enough to cover the deficit. However, an increase to \$30 monthly would cover the deficit and leave a margin to handle emergencies or other events that may arise. A brief discussion was then held regarding the house count, the accuracy and what number the Waterworks collects. They also discussed how to get an accurate count of the residents. In response, Donald Hanes, Waste Management stated that roof tops is one way they make the residential count but it has advanced through GIS Technology and it's compared to data along with an actual physical count. He stated that implementing cart service resulted in a reduction of occupied residents but based on water meters the count will not be accurate therefore, they would go off data provided by the Parish and also guidelines in the contract.. In response, the OHSEP Director stated that according to the trailer park ordinance, the trailer park is supposed to put in bin service and this service exempts everyone in the park from paying the fee. He then stated that this requirement is for 3 or more trailers and its required when the plans are submitted. He stated that on the initial inspection a bin has to be fenced in to meet all of the regulations of the 2005 ordinance. Committee member Irving Comeaux stated that there is a large trailer park in Bayou L'Orse and the owner charges each trailer. The OHSEP Director stated that speaking with the Waterworks Manager, he was informed that if there are 2 homes on 1 meter, that meter is charged double. Following a brief discussion regarding camps and how that's done, the

Chairman recommended a new house count. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that April 1, 2021 is the deadline date to notify Waste Management that the contract will be bid out. Police Juror Jamie Ponville reiterated that the same negotiation and scope be offered to the other contractors for residential and bulky waste. A brief discussion was held regarding the authorization granted to the Chairmen. Following the discussion, it was noted that the Solid Waste Chairman is to negotiate with Waste Management and bring the negotiation back to the Police Jury for approval.

5. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve to send a notification letter to Waste Management regarding the termination and non-renewal of the existing Solid Waste contract." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Jeff Naquin, Chairman
Solid Waste Committee

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:45 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Jacob Loeske, PE, GIS Engineering, who presented the committee with a Drainage & Flood Mitigation Master Plan update. He stated that his team got together with the survey crew and the modeling team to let them know we would be moving into phase II. He stated that they spoke about surveyors and the 1st thing that will be done is to hit the upland areas which include the cane field into and towards the canals towards the lake. He gave the reason for doing this and stated that he will have the exact canals at the next meeting so if calls are received you will have the information to provide. He stated that a more defined schedule will be provided once they are out there and see how in fact they are moving. In response to the remaining funding for phase II, Mr. Loeske stated that no update from Congressman Graves' Office was received and they will not cease looking into all avenues of funding.
3. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Police Juror Myron Matherne, who stated that the Corp of Engineers informed that he would have to go through DNR to obtain a permit to reopen Lake Rd. Canal. Therefore, he would like to have the Parish Engineer apply to DNR for the permit. Committee member Leroy Blanchard suggested that natural waterway be used instead of canal.
4. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee authorize the Parish Engineer to apply to DNR for a permit to reopen the Lake Rd Natural Waterway." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that this advertisement would have him receiving bids for the unit price and coming back for approval with an actual cost for all the roads submitted. He stated that the earliest he could receive bids would be April 19, 2021 and at the meeting of April 28, 2021 they will have a full budget of all the roads submitted along with recommendations to keep within the budget provided using the actual cost of the low bidder. He then stated that to expedite the process, when the prices come in they will apply the steps and construction that will be done to that road based on the plans so when the Jury receives it, that will be fairly accurate to the actual cost. He stated that the Jury will only pay for the road that are constructed. He stated that any cost that he incurs for designing or drawing up the roads that are not done is a cost that he will absorb. In response to the roads from the last program that were not done, he stated that those roads are placed back into the que and he will get with each Juror to make sure they are still on the list and will have new unit prices. The ADA asked that each Juror be contacted and they confirm their projects so we don't have the same problem again. He stated that if authorization is granted tonight to go out for bid, he will receive them on April 19-20, 2021 and his office will have cost estimates prepared and booklets ready for each Juror by the 23rd for review and discussion at the meeting of the 28th. If the low bid is accepted at that time, they will draft contracts and have them available for the next meeting and if the contractor has everything in place, the contracts can be signed and a notice to proceed can be issued. He further stated that by the 3rd week of May they are looking to have construction started. He also stated that he will need a budgetary number that the Police Jury is targeting so appropriate recommendations can be made.
6. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to go out for bids for the 2021 Road Improvement Program." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Jamie Ponville, who referenced a master Corp of Engineer drainage permit/scope that other parishes have obtained. He stated that it's a continuing permit that allows the parish to keep up with the canals and drainage systems. He requested that the Parish Engineer further elaborate and explain. The Parish Engineer stated that they submitted the applications through DNR and the Corp of Engineer for St. John the Baptist Parish. He stated that the process took roughly 6 yrs. and many lessons were learned. He stated that we would have to identify all working or viable canals within the Parish that need continuous maintenance. Then we apply for the appropriate coastal use permit for basically all of those canals under one (1) permit (snag, clearing, excavator, etc.). He then stated that the application is submitted with all of the drawings for all the canals and once obtained, the Corp of Engineer would be notified. The permit is good for 2 yrs. but six (6) months before expiration we must automatically apply for the renewal so the permit can operate as a continuing maintenance permit. He further stated that in the long run it's very advantageous and can work in conjunction with the GIS Master Drainage Plan. He added that you would include all wetlands in the process as well. Committee member Leroy Blanchard requested that the Parish Engineer coordinate with GIS Engineering so nothing (surveying, etc.), is duplicated. The Parish

Engineer also stated that he plans to do the work under the current retainer and advised that it will appear on the drainage report for quite some time.

8. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee move forward and authorize the Parish Engineer to start the process to obtain the Master Corp of Engineer Drainage Permit/Scope under the current retainer." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the Police Jury President declared a State of Emergency on last Sunday for the winter weather event. He briefly stated what the Parish experienced and stated that crews were called out to assist DOTD. He stated that another evaluation was done on Tuesday to send to the State and on Wednesday the temperature began to warm up and we started with some issues with water and the Water Plant. He then stated that the declaration was only for sheltering and evacuation and we didn't have any activity in those categories. He also stated that he is not stating that they will not reimburse for some of the emergency actions but it will come at a later time and the declaration would have to be amended for that from the President. He also stated that damage assessment is being done and if someone has something to report they can call 211 to get the process started.
10. The OHSEP Director stated that the parish has 2,085 positive cases of the Coronavirus. He stated that the percentage of positive rate was at 3% last week and has reduced to 2.9%. He stated that with two (2) weeks under 5% allows bar restrictions to be removed and 25% occupancy is in effect. He then stated that there is a lot going on with vaccines and we picked up Dr. Landry's Office as a provider. He stated that they have been working with the School Board and will have a mass vaccine for the school employees on Tuesday. In response, Police Juror Chris Carter requested that if there are any Angel doses he would like to see the Police Jury employees in line to receive them. The OHSEP Director agreed to put the APPJ employees on the list for angel doses.
11. The OHSEP Director stated that there were no actionable items under the Disaster Recover Grants.
12. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering/Grants Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Irving Comeaux, Chairman
Engineering/Grants Committee

Regular Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Patrick Johnson in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Michael Dias, Ward 5; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Ward 7; Mr. Jamie Ponville, Ward 8; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
3. President Patrick Johnson led the prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of February 10, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. President Patrick Johnson opened the meeting to the public for any public comments, questions or concerns regarding the items listed on the agenda. Following three (3) calls, there were no further comments received.
6. President Patrick Johnson recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: \$440 for 163 Daggs St. Culvert Replacement Project, \$670 for 226 Rue De Beauville Culvert Replacement Project, \$4,000 for Rue De Beauville Outfall Sweeping Project and West Star Rd. in Ward 7, \$1,210 for 128 Pine St. Culvert Replacement Project, \$710 for 115, 119 and 121 Culvert Replacement on Bertie Lane, \$987 for 115 Rue De Kajun Culvert Installation Project and \$1,010 for 260 South Bay Rd. 3" Pump replacement.
7. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. President Patrick Johnson recognized Personnel Committee Chairman Chris Carter, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following: granted 6 weeks of FMLA leave for an administrative employee and authorize the utilization of Work Connection for an employee for the Housing and Community Development Department commencing February 25, 2021 through September 6, 2021.
9. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Personnel Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
10. President Patrick Johnson recognized Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Ron Alcorn, who stated that the committee met and recommended the speed bump frequency and placement on Genevieve St.
11. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Road & Bridge Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
12. President Patrick Johnson stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of the bills submitted through February 19, 2021, the Budget Comparison Statements for January 2021, removed the out of parish fee from the APCC rental contract and accept the low bid of \$22,000 submitted by S&S Painting LLC to paint the Community Center.
13. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
14. President Patrick Johnson recognized Solid Waste Committee Chairman Jeff Naquin, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following: authorized the chairman to negotiate with Waste Management and bulk waste haulers and to send notification letter to Waste Management regarding non-renewal of the existing contract.

15. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Solid Waste Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
16. President Patrick Johnson recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following; received an update from GIS Engineering relative to the Drainage Master Plan & Flood Mitigation Project, requested a DNR permit to re-open Lake Rd. natural waterway, authorized the Parish Engineer to go out for bid for the 2021 Road Improvement Program, authorized the Parish Engineer to start the process for the Master Corp of Engineer Drainage Permit/Scope under the retainer hours of both drainage and Road & Bridge, received an update on the winter weather event and the coronavirus.
17. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
18. President Patrick Johnson recognized Stephanie Broils, Researcher at Pennington Bio-Medical Research Center in Baton Rouge. She stated that she is the lead investigator within LA of a large study funded by a National Institute of Health that is specifically looking at heart, lung and health in rural areas. They are looking at 10 counties, two parishes from 4 different states all in all rural areas. They have tried to identify parishes, counties that look so alike but are very different. She stated that in Louisiana, Assumption Parish is the healthier parish and is paired with Franklin Parish. They are excited to see what drives a healthy heart in rural areas and share the findings with the community. They will do the base line study examination in about 2 yrs. and a unit will be in the parish for several weeks performing the work. Community partnership was built into the study and the participants of the Community Advisory Board are Jeanie Solite, Office of Public Health, Anthanette Thomas, Assumption Parish School Board, Mercedes Bernard, Assumption Parish Police Jury, Erin Theriot, Assumption Parish Police Jury and Robin Landry, representing Ward 7 and Beryl Gomez, representing Wards 8 & 9. In response, Ms. Broils stated that there will not be any individual data so working with the Advisory Board they will devise a way to share the information with the community. She stated that they want to be responsive to questions that the community will have relative to what they are learning and make this as much of a long-term relationship as possible. Ms. Robin Landry also requested permission from the Jury to utilize the Parish logo on the brochure so that the residents will know that the Police Jury is aware and are in favor of this study. She stated the importance of partnering with Pennington and if something is found the individual will know first hand that they need to see their doctor. They are looking to have 450-475 parishioners to participate.
19. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury allow the RURAL (Risk Underlying Rural Areas) Community Advisory Board to use the Parish logo on their brochure." The motion was unanimously adopted.
20. President Patrick Johnson recognized Susan Jones, Litigation Supervisor for the Public Defender's Office, who thanked the Jury for allowing her to address the board. She reiterated that they can best serve their clients, Assumption Parish constituents, by having a local office. She briefly explained the percentage of clients they represent and stated how easy it would be for those clients (juvenile) to meet their attorney and discuss their case in a private setting and in close proximity to their home. She further stated that they are an integral part of the judicial system. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that the former Judge's office is available but it's not a free space but the discussion is that multiple agencies be authorized to utilize the area. She added that one of the agencies has funding to compensate the rent payment. Would the location be large enough to suit both agencies and will the Jury want to continue being the lease holder with Capital One or transfer it to the agency that will be providing the funding? President Patrick Johnson stated that the other agency also deals with the public and has agreed to allow other sources to share the space. In response, Ms. Jones explained how often they would possibly utilize the office but stated that it can be used as a permanent full-time location. She also stated that they don't have an issue with sharing but a barrier would be needed because of client confidentiality. Police Juror Chris Carter stated that he visited the office and it has more than enough room for both agencies. He reiterated how severe the need is for these clients to have a local office to meet their attorney especially with COVID-19. He suggested that a decision be made as soon as possible. President Patrick Johnson stated that we are currently paying the rental and it's not being occupied but it still has confidential files from the Judge that needs to be removed. A brief discussion was held regarding the need for different phone lines, internet service, etc. which will increase the cost as well as installing a petition wall to separate the two agencies. In response, the President stated that the agency that's willing to cover the cost needs to see how it would best suit them and they too would allow another outreach public entity they would allow to utilize some space. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that it's an upstairs office and not handicap accessible. There is an elevator but she doesn't recommend usage. A brief discussion was held regarding the office, the usage and the assistance to the Public Defender. Attorney Tonya Clark, Juvenile Defender, gave a brief overview of their coverage in Assumption Parish and stated that they not only represent the child but the parents as well. She stated that transportation is the main issue for most of the clients and the need is so important. The Police Jury discussed the available office at the Community Center and stated

that it is rent free, has internet, wifi, etc. Following a brief discussion, the Jury agreed to look into the two (2) different options and make a decision.

21. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, 'THAT, the Police Jury look into both options, the old Judge Office and the Community Center, and make the best determination.' The motion was adopted with Police Juror Chris Carter abstaining.
22. President Patrick Johnson recognized Donald Ray Henry, Lafourche Basin Levee District, who thanked the Jury for allowing him to give an update on the Bayou Verret/Bayou Napoleon Project. He recognized Mr. Craig Carter, member appointed by the Governor to the Board. He stated that they are not requesting any funds because Senator Price was able to secure \$400,000 to dredge the area but the District wasn't able to retrieve it however, in the next session Senator Price was able to get \$300,000 put in the budget and the District was able to capitalize on its usage. He stated that these funds helped expedite the project and they were able to start the Bayou Verret/Bayou Napoleon Project. He began explaining how the water flow runs from Donaldsonville headed to Lake Des Allemands. He continued to give specifics starting from the concrete bridge off Burton Rd. headed northwest to Hwy 70. He stated that the project was allowed to be dredged because of the spoil bank that was not considered wetlands. He then stated that even though they were headed northwest to Hwy 70 it wouldn't do any good unless they could come from Burton Rd and head south but that can't happen until they negotiate another mitigation. He continued to state where they are presently located and about 3 miles to completion. He then stated that they are expected to run into a lot of pipeline which will slow the process down tremendously but stated that they will definitely be able to meet their objective. He explained the pictures that had been taken recently and stated that they are concentrating on the area from Burton Rd. to Hwy 70. While doing that, they are speaking with St. James Parish so they can determine how they will go south when the time comes. In response, the Parish Manager explained how the project will cover the area behind Field of Dreams Subdivision. Mr. Henry stated that they have made a lot of progress and stated that the workers are doing a great job. He stated that they have been trying to get this project done since 2013 and each Parish has contributed a lot of funding and they will not stop until it's completed. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard requested information from the starting point moving north west and asked about the FOD Canal and stated that it needs some work and would like to make sure it's within the scope. In response, Mr. Henry stated that they intend to address all of the tributaries before the project is completed. Police Juror Ron Alcorn stated the FOD Canal is part of the reason why Assumption Parish contributed to the project therefore it must be included in the scope of work. Mr. Henry stated that they want it all to drain but it has to be done in parts. A discussion was then held regarding the inclusive of FOD Canal and the project limits. Following the discussion, Mr. Henry assured the Jury that their plans are to dredge all the areas on the map but it can't be done overnight. Mr. Antoine Temple stated that that yellow line means a lot to him and the Field of Dreams subdivision. He added that the investment made by the parish had basis regarding the FOD Canal, the yellow line, therefore he would like total commitment that the area represented by the yellow line be inclusive of this project. In response, Mr. Henry stated that the Levee District started with \$450,000 if the project was contracted out but that is no longer their budget it changed to \$300,000. He then stated that his commitment is that they started from Burton Rd. and they will complete the project piece by piece. He also stated that the area in question will be done as soon as the funding is available. He then stated that he will forward any and all progress to each Juror by email. President Patrick Johnson thanked Mr. Henry for his update on the Bayou Verre/Bayou Napoleon Project.
23. President Patrick Johnson recognized Police Juror Ron Alcorn, who requested that Eclipz Sports Bar be tabled until the next meeting.
24. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, 'THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Superior Property Management and Greysons Goodies, LLC.' The motion was unanimously adopted.
25. President Patrick Johnson stated that he has a number of constituents complaining about the charges rendered by Spectrum and Allen's Cable. He asked that this be opened up to see what Cox Cable would entertain throughout the parish to make it more competitive. A discussion was held regarding the Parish not restricting any one from coming in. In response, Police Juror Irving Comeaux stated that other companies can come in but they choose not to infringe on another company. He also stated that any company would have to run all new cable lines and that isn't very cost efficient. Following a brief discussion, the OHSEP Director stated the Jury is requesting that a letter is sent to Allen's TV, Charter/Spectrum and AT&T requesting expanded services throughout the Parish. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that the industry is transitioning more towards the streaming services rather than Cable TV so the focus should be more internet provider rather than cable provider. He added that streaming services is a fraction of the cable tv cost and is the reason for the increase. He further stated that an educational measure may be needed to inform the residents of streaming.

26. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Patrick Johnson
President

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a maximum of 6 weeks of FMLA leave for Ms. Linda Richard to begin on March 4, 2021.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the utilization of a Work Connection worker to assist in the Federal Programs Department with all salary to be paid by the Work Connection.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby revoke the “Out of Parish Resident Fee” of \$500 and future contracts should be revised accordingly.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Absent:	0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the low quote of \$22,000 from S & S Painting, LLC for the painting of the Assumption Parish Community Center.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby request and authorize the Parish Engineer to move forward with starting the permit process for re-opening the Lake Rd. natural waterway;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby request and authorize the Parish Engineer to begin the permitting process allowing for “continued maintenance” in canals and waterways throughout the parish with the cost to be covered under the Road & Bridge and Drainage retainers.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Absent:	0

On a motion by Mr. Irving Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the Parish Engineer to advertise for bids for the 2021 Road Overlay Program.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0