

Drainage Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
5:05 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. Jeff Naquin.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized committee member Chris Carter, who explained that Oakville Lane is very narrow and is eroding tremendously. Therefore, he would like to install the culverts to prevent the erosion and to widen the road. In response, the ADA stated that he has no objection to the project but it needs to be determined what pool of money the project will be budgeted from, drainage or road & bridge.
3. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve \$3,944 for Oakville Lane Culvert Installation Project allocated through the Drainage fund." The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$300 for Pierre Part Settlement Drainage District Levee Repair Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve \$500 for Lee Dr. & Guillot St. Catchbasin Construction Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized committee member Myron Matherne, who requested approval of \$762 to purchase a flap gate for Gerald St. and stated that the resident will perform the installation. In response, the ADA stated that for liability purposes, the parish should oversee and inspect the project. In response, the Parish Engineer stated that he would be present to oversee and inspect the project and an additional cost of \$100 should be added to the total cost.
7. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$862 for Gerald St. Flap Gate Installation Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee approve \$720 for Mam & Pap Drainage Project subject to obtaining the necessary right of ways." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Km M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Jamie Ponville
Drainage Committee Chairman

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
5:15 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne. Mr. Jeff Naquin. Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Mr. Leroy Blanchard.
2. Chairman Ron Alcorn recognized David Garcia, who stated that he's working for Nationwide, the bonding company for Coastal Bridge. He stated that his job is to complete all the work that was not completed at the time of the default of the contract. In response, the ADA stated that he wanted Mr. Garcia to explain the process and let the Parish know what has been done thus far with the Parish Engineer and what to expect moving forward. Mr. Garcia proceeded to state that they have reviewed documents including the punch list provided by the Engineer in November 2019 and met to make sure they understood exactly what needed to be done. After reviewing the items, they toured the parish, along with the Parish Engineer, and all the areas that needed correction or completion of work and are in agreement with everything. He stated that he has a completion contractor that is ready to complete the work. He then stated that once the agreement is executed the work will commence. In response to a completion date, the ADA stated that when they toured the area they had some back and forth commentary on a few roads but for the most part they are in line with what's expected in moving forward. In reply, Mr. Garcia stated that they are in agreement with everything but there is one street that needs further investigation to know what exactly needs to be done. He further stated that as soon as they receive a notice to proceed work will begin. The ADA then stated that once the Parish Engineer states that he's satisfied with the agreement terms he will contact the Attorney. Once the documents are finalized the work will begin.
3. Chairman Ron Alcorn stated that he realizes 2018 Overlay Program has not been closed out but he asked that the Jurors begin looking into what roads they will consider for the upcoming program.
4. Committee member Jamie Ponville 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 26, 020
5:25 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Chairman; Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the bills submitted through February 20, 2020." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the General Fund had two (2) line items, Police Jury Association which is at 96% of the budget because of the one-time annual dues and the elections because of office supplies that were ordered for the 2019 election that we were not aware of and not budgeted for. She then stated that everything else is in line under operations. She then stated that under Section 8 Housing the office supplies for the beginning of the year exceeded the 8%. She stated that no actions are needed and they will continue to monitor.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the Budget Comparison Statements for January 2020." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve to add supplemental pay for ADA Craig Stewart in replacement of Shawn Bush." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that she received the request for the amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Ag Center. She stated that the figure the Parish is responsible for is not changing but the percentage in which they allocate it will. She then stated that they are asking that the Parish sign off on the amendment since it won't be affecting the Parish.
7. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve the amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with LSU Ag Center." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "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

Jeff Naquin
Finance Committee Chairman

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
5:35 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. Jeff Naquin.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that he received the request for a hardship variance at 105 Williams Street. He stated that they will be placing a mobile home at that address with 8 ft. setbacks on each side. He then explained that the mobile home is too large therefore, they are requesting that the home be placed 2 ft. from the side property line. He also stated that the neighbors have a submitted a letter of no objection. In response, he stated that the letter states the length of the home is 4 ft. less than the lot. In response to the liability this distance poses, the OHSEP Director and Juror Carter stated that that's the reason the neighbors submit a letter of no objection. Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that the Parish has an ordinance therefore, the Parish should decide if variances will be granted or not. In response, the Chairman stated that this was reviewed years ago and realized that each property is different and sometimes a variance may or may not work and a neighbor could be against it. Committee member Leroy Blanchard added that the neighbor's insurance company should be required to submit a letter of 'No Objection' also since they would be responsible for the liability coverage. In response, the ADA stated that that has been his reply in the past just because the neighbors submit a letter of 'No Objection' they are not releasing of liability stating there would be any civil discourse relative to the neighbor being so close to their property. He also stated that he has recommended in the past that we need to make sure an inspection is done regarding everything that is being stated and submitted is true and accurate. Chairman Irving Comeaux stated that this request is the shortest distance that has ever been requested. In response, committee member Chris Carter stated that this has been an issue and also stated that a similar request has been approved by the Jury previously on several occasions, so it's sad to say that approval is granted to some and not to others. He also stated that since his tenure, he has not seen anyone come in with a picture other than a map indicating what will be done. He added that one of the lots on the side is empty. In response, the ADA stated that this is the kind of information that is needed and that is why an investigation is needed to make more sense to have further clarity on this particular issue. He further stated that he has always recommended to stick to the ordinance. He added that now would be the appropriate time, with the new members, to decide how to proceed forward. A brief discussion was held regarding the neighbor being the property owner or renter, are they aware of what they are really agreeing to, whether or not to abide by the ordinance or grant variances, etc. The OHSEP Director stated that when the discussion transpired to amend the ordinance, he advised that the building code requires 10ft. between the structures so the person signing the 'No Objection' has to understand that they now have to be 10 ft. from that structure and may lose the use of some of their property because of their agreement. He stated that the suggestion was that if a variance was granted the neighbor should understand what it meant for them. A discussion was then held regarding the request for variances.
3. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, "THAT, the committee approve a hardship variance of the side property setbacks for a mobile home at 105 William St." The motion died due to a lack of a second.
Chairman Irving Comeaux requested that the OHSEP Director investigate the property and that the Jury think about amending the ordinance, granting variances, or abiding by the current ordinance. Following another discussion, the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that he received 12 bids and the lowest bid being submitted by Thomassie Construction, Inc. The base bid was \$262,400, alternate #1 addition of \$19,950 and alternate #2 deduction of \$13,300 for a total combined bid of \$269,050. He then recommended approval. The OHSEP Director then stated that the original budget was \$200,000 but after meeting with the Secretary-Treasurer, he increased the budget amount from the Special Industry fund to \$230,000 and the Cities Readiness Initiative fund budget to \$45,000 towards this project. He then recommended approval.
5. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and accept the lowest bid of \$229,050 submitted by Thomassie Construction, Inc. for the Emergency Response Equipment Warehouse." The motion was unanimously adopted.

6. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard, who stated that he was approached by the landowner on 1st St. who also has an interest in forming a drainage district. He stated that the water on that street is backing up under the culvert onto their property. He stated that he went inspect the area and thinks that an elevation needs to be taken. He then stated that he spoke with the Parish Manager and the Parish Engineer regarding the problem. Following a brief discussion, the committee agreed to allow the Parish Manger to shoot the elevation of 1st St.
7. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the Cancienne Canal bids are being received on tomorrow. They are hauling dirt in the ponds and are half way done in the main pond. He then stated that they are awaiting the generators.
8. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "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

Public Hearing (Proposed Development of 12 lots along Bayou Dr. in the Pierre Part Community)
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
5:50 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Chairman Jeff Naquin, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne.
2. Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments, questions or concerns regarding the proposed Development of 12 lots along Bayou Dr. in the Pierre Part Community. He opened the meeting to the public to receive comments. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received therefore, he closed the public hearing.
3. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Hearing, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Jeff Naquin
Chairman

Regular Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Tuesday, February 26, 2020
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Jeffery Naquin 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. Police Juror Patrick Johnson led the Prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Police Juror Patrick Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of February 11, 2020." The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. President Jeff Naquin opened the meeting to the public to receive comments, questions or concerns regarding matters on the agenda. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
6. President Jeff Naquin recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: \$3,944 for Oakville Lane Culvert Installation Project allocated through the Drainage fund, \$300 for Pierre Part Settlement Drainage District Levee Repair Project, \$500 for Lee Dr. & Guillot St. Catchbasin Construction Project, \$862 for Gerald St. Flap Gate Installation Project and \$720 for Mam & Pap Drainage Project subject to obtaining the necessary right of ways.
7. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
8. President Jeff Naquin recognized Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Ron Alcorn, who stated that the committee met and heard from Mr. David Garcia, Nationwide Bonding Company, who introduced himself and informed the committee of their plan to get the 2018 Road Overlay project completed. He then asked that the Jurors start looking into their roads for submittal for the 2020 Road Program.
9. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick Johnson, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Road & Bridge Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. President Jeff Naquin stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of bills submitted through February 20, 2020, accept the Budget Comparison Statements for January 2020, add supplemental pay for ADA Craig Stewart in replacement of Shawn Bush and accept the amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with LSU Ag Center.
11. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
12. President Jeff Naquin recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; accept low bid of \$269,050 submitted by Thomassie Construction, Inc. for the Emergency Response Equipment Warehouse, authorize the Parish Manager to perform an elevation of 1st St. and a brief update on the Disaster Recovery Grants.
13. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
14. President Jeff Naquin stated that a Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed development of 12 lots along Bayou Dr. in the Pierre Part community. He stated that no comments were received.
15. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Development of 12 lots along Bayou Dr. in Pierre Part." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)

16. President Jeff Naquin recognized Jessie Talbot and Linda Allen, 2889 Hwy 308 Labadieville, who stated that their purpose for attending is due to excessive noise late into the night until 2 a.m. in the morning. He stated that noise is loud music or a deep base sound that's coming from at least a football field away. He gave an example of a car with booming music parked in front of your home for hours and asked would it be tolerated. He then stated that the Sheriff can only enforce what the Parish allows and the Parish ordinance states 80 decibels. He then gave the decibel allowances for other parishes which ranged from 50-70 except in St. Martin which is 3 from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and 5 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. Talbot then stated that the Sheriff sends a deputy out to the club and recommends that the music be lowered and it was being done but that good gesture has stopped. He stated that 9 calls have been made since the beginning of the year. He also stated that the business owner gave Mrs. Allen his phone number so he can be contacted if the music was too loud and that transpired a while but then he stopped responding. He also stated that this action will affect the property value if she considered selling. He further stated that he would like the Jury to pay as much attention to this matter as did to the mobile home variance.

In response, President Jeff Naquin stated that a similar issue transpired in the Paincourtville community and the Jury personally did a decibel meter exercise with the Sheriff's Office and they came up with the 80 decibels. He then stated that he's not sure if it needs tweeking. In response, Mr. Talbot stated that the decibel reading during the complaint when taken is about 64 decibels. In response, Juror Ron Alcorn reiterated on the drill that was taken in the Paincourtville community and stated that it was well thought of when the ordinance was revised. Police Juror Patrick Johnson stated that at the January 16, 2016 meeting changes were proposed and recommendations were made. He then stated that in April of 2016 the policy was adopted with the aid of the ADA and the Sheriff. He added that he visited the establishment on this week due to this present discussion and didn't find the music to be in violation and he spoke with the Sheriff and obtained copies of all complaints that had been received. He added that the owner has stated that the base has been lowered or taken it out completely. He stated that the owner has done several things to rectify the problem/complaints and listed them. A brief discussion was then held regarding the sound and the ordinance. President Jeff Naquin recognized LaQuentin Davis, business owner, who stated that he has spoken with his DJ and asked that the volume or base be lowered due to the complaints received. Mrs. Linda Allen informed the Jury that the deputies admitted that they wouldn't be able to sleep with the sound that is heard. President Jeff Naquin stated that the Police Jury responsibility to the residents of the Parish is to ensure a good quality of life. He stated that the ordinance stated 80 decibels and the owner is trying to satisfy the neighbors as best as he can so he opened the floor to suggestions. In response, the ADA stated that those areas are different (rural versus downtown). He advised that the Police Jury not jump into anything tonight because the Jury did substantial work when this matter was proposed. He then recommended that the matter be taken under consideration. He added that at a certain point, this will become a civil matter and the Jury will be able to do only so much. Therefore, he suggested that the parties communicate as best as possible to eliminate a suit from occurring. Following a brief discussion, President Jeff Naquin stated that no actions will be taken and the matter will be revisited at a later date. He then suggested that Mr. Davis and Mrs. Allen exchange numbers again to have current contact.
17. President Jeff Naquin stated that a law firm contacted the Sheriff and he contacted the Jury suggesting that we may consider getting on board with Leger Law firm. The ADA stated that he reviewed the contract and has no objection to it.
18. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve and adopt a resolution to obtain special counsel for Opioid-related claims and approve a contract with legal counsel Walter Leger, Jr. Leger & Shaw Attorneys & Counselors." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
19. President Jeff Naquin stated that the Parish currently pays 5 mills for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District but he's suggesting that we re-dedicate 2.5 mills to assisting to fund the ongoing Bayou Chene Maintenance costs. He stated that the process has to be done by Legislation. In response, Police Juror Myron Matherne stated that when he meets with Representative Rick Ward he will discuss the Parish's suggestion.
20. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of a resolution to the Legislative Delegation for re-allocation of a portion of the existing tax millage of 2.5 mills for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District to assist with the ongoing Bayou Chene Maintenance costs." The motion was unanimously adopted, (resolution)
21. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Kouture Khaos Kloset and Beth's Custom Creations." The motion was unanimously adopted.
22. President Jeff Naquin recognized Police Juror Chris Carter, who stated that the visibility of the stripping on La. Highway 1 at night is horrible therefore, he is requesting that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Development to re-strip LA 1 from the Ascension Parish Line to the Lafourche Parish line. He requested that a letter be sent to Representative Ed Price and Chad Brown requesting their support.

23. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a letter to DOTD requesting they consider the re-stripping of LA 1 from the Ascension Parish Line to the Lafourche Parish line and the Legislative Delegation requesting support." The motion was unanimously adopted,
24. President Jeff Naquin recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard who stated that the request for service by Spectrum is located in Wards 5 and 6 but he was contacted regarding. In response, Police Juror Chris Carter stated that he has no objection with making the request on behalf of the citizens of both wards.
25. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a letter to Specturm/Charter requesting they consider providing service to residents on Hwy 402." The motion was unanimously adopted.
26. Police Juror Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a temporary liquor license application for Assumption Colts 06 and St. Elizabeth School." The motion was unanimously adopted.
27. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting was adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Jeffery Naquin
President

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the hiring of Assistant District Attorney Craig Stewart in replacement of Shawn Bush to be effective February 27, 2020.

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

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant final approval for the development of 12 lots along Bayou Drive in the Pierre Part community.

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. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and accept the low bid of \$269,050, inclusive of Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 from Thomassie Construction, Inc. for the Emergency Response Equipment Warehouse to be funded through the Special Industry Fund (\$230,000) and the Cities Readiness Initiative (\$45,000) as recommended by the OHSEP Director.

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

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Absent:	0
Abstain:	0

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the President, Jeffery Naquin, to sign the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the LSU Ag Center and the Assumption Parish Police Jury relative to a change in the percentage allocation but no change to the amount paid annually.

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

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Ron Alcorn and seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION
TO OBTAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, opioid use and crimes related thereto have become a huge societal problem locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are attempting to recover costs associated with this opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Assumption Parish, in the past years, has been afflicted by the opioid crisis;

WHEREAS, Assumption Parish should attempt to recover its costs associated with this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish Police Jury wishes to retain special legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish Police Jury recommends the appointment of Leger & Shaw and Santana & Blanchard, LLC and associated attorneys and paralegals. Leger & Shaw and Santana & Blanchard, LLC are experienced attorneys with the requisite expertise to render special counsel services and represent Assumption Parish regarding opioid litigation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY does hereby approve that a necessity exists for the employment of special counsel, and, the Assumption Parish Police Jury, ratifies and approves the employment of Leger & Shaw and Santana & Blanchard, LLC and associated attorneys and paralegals, as special counsel for Assumption Parish Police Jury in the above described matters and to take any and all actions necessary to pursue any right or claim of Assumption Parish Police Jury related to the opioid crisis and litigation. The compensation authorized to be paid shall be on a contingency basis of 25% through a retainer agreement.

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

Yeas: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0