

Special Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
6:00 O'clock p.m.

1. The special meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Martin S. Triche in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber located at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Martin Triche, Ward 5; Mr. Henry Dupre, Ward 7; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9. Police Jurors recorded as absent were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Booster Breaux, Ward 8.
3. President Martin Triche led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. President Martin Triche stated that at the last meeting the Jury approved an insurance contract with CCMSI. He stated that they have advised the Parish that they have an exclusive contract with Script Care. He then stated that it came to the Jury's attention that Southern Scripts executed a 3 yr contract agreement with an early termination fee. He stated that the Secretary-Treasurer has been in communication with the owner. He then stated that the early termination clause as he reads it states that it's the management fee for the claims for the remaining 2 yrs. Mr. Triche then stated that since the Jury's last meeting, the Waterworks is entertaining renewal proposals themselves by the current carrier. He then stated that decisions are needed to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer and/or himself with the ADA to attempt to resolve the issue with the current script carrier.
The Secretary-Treasurer stated that relative to the jail inmates the Parish has been in contract with Script Care since 2001 and obviously we can get out of that contract with 30-day notice. She stated that in the mean time we can go to the table with Southern Scripts and allow them to look into an avenue to save the Parish some money. She then stated that what the owner shared with her was that instead of imposing the fee they can put on the Parish account as a credit and allow the Parish to use, if in fact another contract is reached, at another time. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that Jeri LeBlanc sent them notification that the Parish would not be renewing so they emailed stating that we would be receiving an invoice for \$62,000. A brief discussion was then held regarding a one (1) year insurance contract and a 3 yr contract for scripts. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that she did the numbers based on the pro-rata share which indicated a savings of \$199,000 with CCMSI and PGRMA.
5. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, "THAT, the Police Jury continue the insurance with CCMSI for 1 yr. and authorize the Secretary-Treasurer, the President and the ADA to negotiate the early termination fee with Southern Scripts..
6. President Martin Triche recognized the ADA, who stated that the Parish options are limited and the only alternative is if the Parish wanted to go in the direction of challenging one side of the contract versus the other would be arbitration and that will delay the inevitable. He then stated that opening up the table to negotiate is the best way to go. He advised that the Jury continue getting the insurance coverage in place for the employees and negotiate with Southern Scripts to find a way to limit the exposure on the \$62,000 and possibly reduce the amount.
7. President Martin Triche stated that he reviewed the contract with Southern Scripts and stated that the Parish can negotiate and see if they want to try and resolve the matter. He also stated that if it's forcible upon the Jury then it's also forcible upon the Waterworks. He then suggested that the Jury authorize the approval of payment of the early termination penalty percentage share and authorize the Secretary-Treasurer and himself to negotiate. He added that if the Waterworks and the same participants remain with Southern Scripts a fee should not be charged for early termination on that pro rata share because 37% of the members remain on the contract. He then recommended that the contract be requested or given authority to be extended until the end of the year for future renewals. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that she spoke with the Representative who stated that she didn't know if they would continue the same rates for the 4 months but stated that they may do another claims analysis prior to the end of the term to come up with a rate for the 4 month extension.
8. A brief discussion was then held regarding the deductible that's met and the 4-month extension of the calendar year. They also had a lengthy discussion regarding the termination of the Southern Script Pharmacy contract for an early withdraw fee and also the possibility of adding the jail meds to absorb the cost.
9. Police Juror Booster Breaux, Patrick Johnson and Ron Alcorn entered the meeting during the discussion.
10. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, "THAT, the Police Jury authorize the termination of the contract an authorize the President and Secretary-Treasurer

with the assistance of legal counsel to negotiate the best terms for the termination and to allocate the parish pro rata share of early termination fee.” The motion was unanimously adopted.

11. President Martin Triche recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the decision of the Waterworks has not been reached but when it is, the Parish has accounts set up with both names on them. Provided that they break away, it changes the structure of the life policy and those members could not remain on and be covered. Therefore, she would call the Waterworks Manager and make him aware before terming the members. It was recommended that if the Waterworks choses to go separate from the Parish, all of the files involving the Waterworks be turned over to them for handling. In response, the ADA stated that the Waterworks has to be informed of the severing of all the accounts and files and be made aware that it would be their responsibility to manage their life insurance as well. She spoke about a joint account that she would be refunding the Waterworks their portion once all the contract is completed. She then requested that the Parish funds remain in the account through next year.
12. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Assumption Parish Police Jury, the meeting would be adjourned.” The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Martin S. Triche
President

On a motion by Mr. Jeff Naquin, seconded by Mr. Booster Breaux, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the continuation process involving the change in the Health Insurance provider to Parish Government Risk Management Association through CCMSI;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract period is for 1 year beginning September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020 with an option for an extension quote to cover September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an attempt to get the plan renewal and deductible on the same calendar year cycle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authority be granted to the Police Jury President, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant District Attorney to continue negotiations with Southern Scripts for a reduction in the early termination penalty as the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Chris Carter