

Drainage Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, January 27, 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. Jeff Naquin.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Mr. Michael Dias.
2. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that since the last meeting the department has completed 8 projects. He stated that they are waiting on right of way agreements for two (2) other projects and 3 other projects are 90% complete. He also stated that 3 private projects were completed during this time as well. He then stated that a schedule has been made for the upcoming week. He further stated that much progress is being made and by the next meeting, drainage projects may be added. Compliments were given to the Parish Manager regarding the progress that is being made.
3. Chairman Jamie Ponville stated that the way projects are being bid out is not fair to all the parish contractors. He stated that the parish is accustomed to getting 3 prices from whomever the Parish Manager or Parish Engineer chooses to contact at that time. He then stated that before becoming a Juror, he was a contractor and the method is totally different. He then suggested that the Parish consider a system using emails, phone numbers, etc. to contact all contractors in the Parish which gives an equal opportunity to all. In response, the Parish Manager stated that it's depending on the severity, the size and time restraint of the project. He then agreed that there should be some uniformity of how the bidding process gets done. Currently, he stated that he doesn't have a list of contractors he just contacts those that have done work in the past. Police Juror Irving Comeaux explained that there was a list of contractors that were contacted and a showing was held so that each contractor is abreast the same. The problem came in when there needed to be more than 1 showing. Committee member Chris Carter suggested that it be advertised in the official journal so that anyone that is interested can be informed. A brief discussion was held regarding the suggestion. Following a brief discussion, the Parish Manager agreed to compose a catalogue of all contractors including name, e-mail and phone number so that everyone can be contacted about all projects. The committee also agreed to only one (1) showing of the project. In response to receiving only 1 bid or only 1 contractor for the showing, the committee agreed that the Parish Manager would make the call to accept. Committee member Leroy Blanchard suggested that a scoring criteria be considered and not just price. He stated that a low-priced job may not be done up to standard. Suggestions to that were to hold the funds until the job is completed. Mr. Blanchard also suggested categorizing the projects so contractors would only bid on their interest. Following the discussion, the Chairman requested that the Jurors contact the Parish Manager with names of contractors.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "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

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting
Of
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
5:20 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Vice Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Patrick Johnson
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Ron Alcorn.
Other Police Juror recorded as present was: Jeff Naquin.
2. Vice Chairman Chris Carter recognized the IT Specialist, who stated that the Jury approved the speed bumps for Simone St and the Parish Engineer requested that 3 bumps be placed on the street.
3. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve the speed bump frequency and placement on Simone St." The motion was unanimously adopted
4. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "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

Chris Carter, Vice Chairman
Road & Bridge Committee

Finance Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
5:25 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Ron Alcorn.
Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
2. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the bills submitted through January 22, 2021." The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Budget Comparison Statements have been provided and there are no actions required. She then recommended they be accepted.
4. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve the Budget Comparison Statements for December 2020.' The motion was unanimously adopted.
5. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Federal Programs Director, who stated that the Emergency, Food & Shelter (phase 38) allocation is \$10,293. She stated that these funds are used to assist with utilities, rent and or mortgages.
6. Committee member Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Federal Programs Director to apply for Emergency, Food & Shelter (phase 38) funding in the amount of \$10,293." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. Chairman Patrick Johnson stated that there will be a meeting next week to discuss the issuing of bonds for the parishes GOMESA funds. He stated that it was placed on the agenda just for information purposes and will keep the Jury abreast.
8. Committee member Myron Matherne 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 Chairman

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting
Of the
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
5:45 O'clock p.m.

1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Patrick Johnson.
Committee member recorded as absent was: Mr. Ron Alcorn.
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 stated that he didn't have an update but he did inform the committee that Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) conducted their region 6 meeting today. He stated that the next meeting is February 24, 2021. He also stated that Round 1 LWI statewide projects are due 2/26/21. He stated that they are meeting with CPRA and others that are governing some of the monies. In response, he stated that Region 6 was asked if they wanted to govern or be an agency of review of the application but their response was no so they will leave it to Department Of Transportation & Development and the Office of Community Development.
3. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that he applied for a renewed permit with the Department of Natural Resources as well as the Army Corp of Engineers. He stated that years ago those permits were obtained however, the project lapsed due to funding and right of ways at the time. He then stated that they have obtained the permit from Department of Natural Resources but the Corp of Engineers has requested a wetlands delineation as well as an archeological study because it is a known site where possible archeological activity may be. He then stated that on January 13, 2021 they forwarded to the Corp of Engineers everything from the previous permit including the wetland delineation that was done. He then stated that what they did was pulled the archeological study that was done on another project in the vicinity and forwarded it to the Corp to hopefully satisfy the requirement. He is waiting on a response.
4. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the Grants Coordinator requested that a selection for the LGAP project be submitted tonight. The Parish Manager stated that he received a price for a 50" mulcher and attachment and the lowest bid was \$18,368 submitted by Deep South Equipment. He then stated that he received a price for a screen of \$2,300. He then stated that he also received prices on a pinto hitch trailer and the lowest bid was \$19,524 submitted by ATER. He stated that the amount for all would be over the allocated amount but the Secretary-Treasurer advised that the entire allocation can be put towards this purchase. The Secretary-Treasurer then suggested that the screen be removed and the balance be paid through Road & Bridge. In response, the Parish Manager stated that the dump trucks that the Parish have can be used to pull this trailer.
5. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Grants Coordinator to submit the purchase of a 50" Mulcher attachment and a Pinto Hitch Trailer for the FY 2020-2021 LGAP application and the overage to be covered from the Road & Bridge budget." The motion was unanimously adopted.
6. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the coronavirus is up in numbers the Parish. He stated that the LDH website states \$1,883 and 31 deaths. He stated the real point to make is that the Parish positive percentage rate is 27 1/2% and in order to get to the reduced restrictions, the Parish should be below 5%. He added that throughout the entire Bator Rouge Metro area Assumption Parish is the highest. He asked that everyone take the restrictions and used them accordingly so the numbers can be reduced. He then stated that vaccinations were done today in coordination with the Department of Public Health and the National Guard. He stated that the Parish doesn't have a lot of providers therefore, he pushed hard and got the National Guard strike team. He stated that almost 200 vaccines were administered today and the 2nd vaccine is scheduled for February 17, 2021. He stated that they are preparing the school system for upcoming testing tier. He proceeded to give an update on the agencies that will be administering the vaccine in the future. He also stated that they are aware that the parishioners are going out of the parish to receive the vaccine. In response to the APCC rental, the OHSEP Director stated that the capacity is 50 people maximum including staff. Committee member Chris Carter stated that the problem seems to be the vendors are allowing large gatherings and no one is policing them. The OHSEP Director stated that the Fire Marshall and the Alcohol & Tobacco Control are the enforcing agencies to be contacted. He stated that bar owners have their own restrictions.
7. The OHSEP Director proceeded with the Marais Canal - they are waiting on ARCO for their contractors to come in with the conversion kit to LPG gas. He then stated that for the other generators ATMOS came out to install some meters.

- Cancienne Canal Project – He met with both contractors as well as the Office of Community Development to discuss the change order that was presented. He stated that the contractor as well as OCD agreed that the project shouldn't have happened that way however, dealing with cubic yards the contractor should have figured it out. He further stated that the State and the contractor are trying to figure out how to finish off the project and provide a change order that's within the monies allocated to do the project.
8. Police Juror Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "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, January 27, 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. 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.
Police Juror recorded as absent was: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1.
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. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of January 13, 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 received an update from the Parish Manager regarding the drainage projects and agreed to create a catalogue of contractors to contract for small jobs.
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 Patrick Johnson recognized Road & Bridge Vice-Chairman Chris Carter, who stated that the committee met and recommended the speed bump frequency and placement for Simone St.
9. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Road & Bridge Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
10. President Patrick Johnson stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of bills submitted through January 22, 2021, accepted the Budget Comparison Statements for major fund for December 2020, authorized the Federal Programs Director to apply for the Emergency, Food & Shelter (phase 30) funding in the amount of \$10,293 and received information regarding a meeting next week to discuss the issuing of bonds for the parishes GOMESA funds.
11. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
12. President Patrick Johnson recognize Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following: received an update on the Drainage Master Plan & Flood Mitigation from GIS Engineering, received an update from the Parish Engineer regarding the Oak Lane Project, submitted the LGAP application including the 50" Mulcher Attachment and the Pinto Hitch Trailer, received an update on the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Disaster Recovery Grants.
13. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
14. President Patrick Johnson recognized Mr. Jessie Murphy, Vice-President-Louisiana Waste Pro, which is a privately owned waste company with 6 locations in Louisiana servicing over 275 municipal contracts. He stated that their motto is Caring for the Community. He stated that he is very familiar with the Assumption contract because he previously managed it for the current contractor. He stated that he has been in the industry for 27 yrs. He gave a brief history about Waste Pro and stated that they are the only company that offers their drivers a \$10,000 safety bonus, the helpers a \$5,000 bonus, all major medical benefits, 401 k, paid holidays, sick and vacation after 2 yrs. etc. He stated that they use late model equipment with an extensive maintenance program and five (5) cameras on each truck for periodic observation. All managers are required to do in cab and out of cab observations and all of the drivers are sent to a national training center for 1 week. He briefly stated what the company does for the community, who they

partner with and their different sponsorships. In response, he stated that they have one (1) hopper on the truck but they run more smaller routes. In response, he stated that they would provide whatever the parish is requesting. He also added that they have a tracking system that tracks every call that comes in. He stated that their boom truck picks up about everything that is at a specific location and holds about 40 yds. President Patrick Johnson thanked Mr. Murphy for the presentation and asked that he leave his contact information. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that she did send out the current contract and requested that the Jury start considering how they want to proceed.

15. President Patrick Johnson recognized Mr. George Mena, Cintas Representative, who stated that he met with the Parish Manager regarding the Cintas services (mats, sanitizer, shirt sales) for the parish. He stated that Cintas was able to partner with the State of Louisiana. Their manager secured the contract with all government agencies. This provides benefits to the parish to do bundles which reduce the cost. Mr. Mena stated that the Parish Manager is interested in high visible garments for the R&B crew. He stated that with the funds that are currently spent by the parish he would bundle and add the garment to his service (pick up, laundry to CDC service and redeliver). He then reviewed what is currently being spent with Cintas at a total of \$353 weekly. He then stated that providing the bundle package that allows the employees to get the high visible shirt would reduce the cost to \$265.27. He stated that if the pants and the shirts are provided along with a few extra mats and hand sanitizers it would cost \$336 which is less than the current cost with more benefits. In response, Mr. Mena stated that each guy gets 11 sets of uniforms. He stated that it's not a contract it's an acceptance agreement and that's because the State contract governs it. He also stated that the parish is currently on a stand-alone contract with tier pricing so now that they are partnered with the State they are able to provide the reduction. A brief discussion was held regarding the current cost break down as opposed to the bundle benefits that are being offered. Mr. Mena also stated that they offer shirts for women as well and will forward that information to the Secretary-Treasurer. He added that other products (paper towel, soap, tissue, garbage bags, etc.) are being offered as well. President Patrick Johnson thanked Mr. Mena for his presentation and stated that the matter will be taken under advisement to allow the Secretary-Treasurer to review the information.
16. President Patrick Johnson recognized Jane Boudreaux, Keep Assumption Beautiful, who stated that they have been chosen as the Louisiana Affiliate of the Year. She informed that the award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in the Assumption Parish Police Jury building at 11:00 a.m. She then presented the Jury with an invitation to the event. Following a brief discussion, President Patrick Johnson congratulated them on behalf of the Police Jury.
17. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a light at 2519 Hwy 1010." The motion was unanimously adopted.
18. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve appointing Jerilyn Williams as the new Library Board of Control member to replace Joe Montero." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
19. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the Police Jury adopt a resolution in support of Rural Broadband for Assumption Parish." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
20. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve proclaiming January 31, 2021 – February 6, 2021 as Catholic School Week." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
21. President Patrick Johnson recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that in the State Bid Law they changed the threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000 relative to request for proposals. Therefore, the updated change is needed in the manual.
22. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the amendment to Sub Section 11 to add Legislative Auditor recommendation relative to RFP." The motion was unanimously adopted.
23. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve an occupational license for Tasty Kraving Kreations, A New Beginning, Joyful Creations, Broussard's Cooling & Heating LLC, Johnny Short and Bayou Zone, Inc." The motion was unanimously adopted.
24. President Patrick Johnson recognized Police Juror Jamie Ponville, who suggested that the Jury start a discussion for the renewal contract for solid waste pick-up. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated a request for proposals would have to be sent out in February or March. The ADA stated that notification to the current contractor would have to be sent by March, 90 days before renewal date or contract will automatically renew. He also stated that they will be able to submit a bid on the service. Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that everyone is aware of the services that have been received therefore, he would recommend that we send them a letter stating that the services will be bid out and they would have to rebid. A brief discussion was held regarding the suggestion to rebid the contract, the outdated contract and drafting a new contract. Police Juror Jeff Naquin stated that a discussion should be held with Waste Management

regarding the options and terms for renewing the solid waste contract. Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that 70% of his complaint calls have been about Waste Management. He also stated that other Jurors have had just as many complaints therefore, it's time that they received the notification letter. Following the discussion regarding the option offer, the Jury agreed to allow the Solid Waste Committee to meet and discuss the matter in length with Waste Management and proceed from there.

25. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, Police Juror Myron Matherne be added to the Solid Waste Committee." The motion was unanimously adopted.
26. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury authorize the Solid Waste Chairman to discuss options with Waste Management for contract renewal." The motion was unanimously adopted.
27. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the liquor license application submitted for Bayou Zone, Inc." The motion was unanimously adopted.
28. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "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. Irving Comeaux, 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 Special Programs Director to apply for the Phase 38 EF&S funding allocation in the amount of \$10,293.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Ron Alcorn

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Joe Montero from the Assumption Parish Library Board of Controls and replace him with Ms. Jerrilyn Williams.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Ron Alcorn

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize the Grants Coordinator to submit an application for the following equipment purchases for the FY 2020 – 2021 LGAP funding cycle with the overage of \$4,092 to be funded through the R&B budget:

- 50” Mulcher Attachment \$18,368
- Pinto Hitch Trailer \$19,524
- \$37,892

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Ron Alcorn

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish Police Jury strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically, and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents, and

WHEREAS, residents of Assumption Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high speed internet,

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana,

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Ron Alcorn

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating *Catholic Schools Week* from Sunday, January 31 through Saturday, February 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge *Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future*; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge began this school year on-time following safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education for thousands of students each year in our state, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public-school system of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church and civic community, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage the understanding that character is not measured by wealth or prominence but by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizens of the city, parish and nation can share in the success achieved by the Catholic system of schools during the many years of service, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim Sunday, January 31 through Saturday, February 6, 2021, as CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Assumption Parish.

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

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: Ron Alcorn