

Special Meeting  
Of the  
Assumption Parish Police Jury

Monday, April 26, 2022  
6:30 O'clock p.m.

1. The Special 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. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Michael Dias, Ward 5; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Ward 7; Mr. Jamie Ponville, Ward 8.  
Police Jurors recorded as absent were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3 and 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. 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 comments received.
5. President Patrick Johnson recognized Mr. Roberto Macedo, Section 8 Administrator, who stated that May, 2022 will be 42 years that he has been working with the Section 8 Program. He stated that his top employee will also be retiring after 26 years. He then stated that his thoughts are should he continue and or should he retire? Mr. Macedo proceeded to state that the contract with Assumption Parish expires in September 2023 and he will carry out the contract through its term but doesn't plan to renew. He stated several aspects of the program include financial management which is done in house, running the HAPPY program that requires purchasing and employee training. He then suggested that the Parish seek neighboring housing authorities for interest in running the Assumption Parish Program. He also suggested turning the program to a national company and stated that he would research the matter and see if HUD can assist on the national level. He listed the Parishes he currently serves and stated that he is seeking to downsize because he's not sure what the future holds for his office. In response, Mr. Macedo stated that he would be opened to training a parish employee for the Section 8 Program. He also responded that his office has not done unit inspections in over 2 years due to COVID. He explained that inspections are typically required when a voucher is issued and all units must meet housing quality standards as outlined by HUD. He further stated the landlords have been responsible for signing an affidavit stating that all units meet all qualifying standards. Mr. Macedo stated that HUD has workshops to train inspectors who should also be familiar with the construction industry. He added that the inspections will be resuming sooner than later. He stated that Assumption Parish currently has 72 participants on the program and 21 families are currently looking for a unit (voucher expires after 120-150 days). The parish maximum total of leased units is 108. He stated that the affordable housing stock in Assumption Parish is extremely low which is a direct correlation to our low lease up rate. Mr. Macedo also stated that his office would be putting together a manual for usage and administration of the program. It would be made available to the parish for their reference. He also stated that if the parish were successful in securing another administrator prior to the expiration of the current contract, he would be open to an early withdrawal. He suggested that the Parish reach out to other Housing Authorities for interest in taking over the program. President Patrick Johnson, on behalf of the Police Jury thanked Mr. Macedo for all the information that was shared regarding the Section 8 Program.
6. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adding the following matter to the agenda." The motion was unanimously adopted.
7. President Patrick Johnson recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard, who stated that A La Carte Processing Company is requesting a letter of support for a grant submission to USDA for a plant expansion. He stated that they have applied for the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Grant Application through the USDA Department of Rural Development. This expansion will increase production by 25%.
8. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a Letter of Support for A La Carte Processing Company Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Grant Application." The motion was unanimously adopted.
9. 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.

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Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Patrick Johnson  
President