

Minutes of the Meeting Of the

Red River Parish Police Jury held on the

01th day of MAY, 2017

THE RED RIVER PARISH POLICE JURY met on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Assembly Room, Located in the Red River Parish Courthouse, Coushatta, La in its Regular meeting with President Beard presiding. Roll Called and attendance was recorded as follows:

PRESENT: Beard, Taylor, Davis, Moore, Murray, Brown,

ABSENT: Hillman

Invocation and pledge lead by Mr. Beard.

New Business

On the motion of Mr. Taylor, followed with a second by Mr. Davis to approve minutes as written for April, 2017. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Brown

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 26,30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14,2017, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La, R.S. 18:541, and at the said election here shall be submitted to ail registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana, levy a two (2) mill tax on all of the property subject to taxation in said Parish (an estimated \$472,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Red River Parish Health Unit?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Red River, State of Louisiana, levy a three (3) mill tax on all of the property subject to taxation in said Parish (an estimated \$708,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of operation, preserving and maintaining the public physical facilities owned by the Parish of Red River?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Coushatta Citizen*, a newspaper of general circulation with in the Parish, published in Coushatta, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Police Jury Assembly Room, 615 East Carroll Street; Coshatta, Louisiana, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017, at SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same, persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners: Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Monday, November 6, 2017, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment; forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Red River Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Red River Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

| MEMBERS: | YEAS: | NAYS: | ABSENT: | ABSTAINING: |
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| William Brown | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Brandon Hillman | ___ | ___ | X ___ | ___ |
| Shawn Beard | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Jessie Davis | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| John W. Moore, Jr. | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Ben Taylor | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Tray Murray | X ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 1st day of May, 2017.

Mr. Taylor made the motion seconded by Mr. Murray to send a letter to LaDOTD requesting a turn left signal arrow at the traffic light in Armstead. Motion Carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF RED RIVER PARISH A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Statement of Qualifications from the engineering firm of **Balar Engineering** Ranked highest among the Statements of Qualifications received from firms desiring to perform engineering services for Red River Parish's FY 2018/2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facility Improvements Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Police Jury of Red River Parish, Louisiana, that following satisfactory negotiation and in accordance with the State's requirements concerning procurement of Engineering Services for LCDBG projects, the President is hereby authorized to execute on behalf and in the name of Red River Parish, Louisiana, a contract for Community Development Block Grant project engineering with **Balar Engineering**.

CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn A. Hayes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Red River Parish Police Jury, hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of **Mr. Davis** and seconded by **Mr. Murray** was adopted by the following

Yea and Nay vote:

YEA: 6

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

and the same was declared adopted by the President this **1ST** day of **May, 2017**.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF RED RIVER PARISH A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Red River Parish intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, Red River Parish is in need of the services of an experienced administrative consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide administrative services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation, the regional planning and development district for Northwest Louisiana, has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in developing LCDBG applications and providing administrative services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG administrative services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated, and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable, and based upon the above, chosen through competitive negotiation; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid for LCDBG administrative services only if the LCDBG application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Red River Parish that the President is authorized to execute on behalf of Red River Parish, a contract for LCDBG application development and LCDBG administrative services with The Coordinating and Development Corporation.

CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn A. Hayes, Secretary-Treasurer for the Red River Parish Police Jury hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Murray was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEA: 6

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

And the same was declared adopted by the President this 1st day of May, 2017.

Mr. Brown made the motion, followed with a second by Mr. Taylor to designate the first Thursday of May as The National Day of Prayer, which this year was May 4th, 2017. Motion Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Murray to accept the low bidder on the Annual bids for CRS-2, recycle asphalt, Soil cement, gas & oil, etc. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Brown to allow the President of the jury to sign all paper concerning the Council on Aging Transportation Grant. Motion Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Murray to accept the highest bid on the Track Loader, Tractor and Bush hog, and reject bids on the scrap and Truck. Motion Carried.

Finance:

Mr. Moore offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve to pay bills for the month of April, 2017. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Old Business

On the motion of Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brown to move forward with the purchase of the Acoustic sound panels for the court room. Motion Carried.

Ambulance District

Mr. Davis offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve to pay bills for the Ambulance District for the month of April, 2017. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Mr. Moore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carolyn A. Hayes-Secretary-Treasurer

Shawn Beard, President
