

PUBLIC NOTICES

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Medical Center Family Dentistry, 710 Chisum Street, Sicily Island, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Notice of Publication

SHERIFF'S SALE

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO, ETAL
VS. 29730
ANNIE RUTH SEWELL ANDREWS, ETAL
Seventh Judicial District Court

Parish of Catahoula
State of Louisiana

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ of Seizure And Sale issued out of the Honorable Seventh Judicial District Court within and for the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction, according to law, at the principal front door of the Court House, in Harrisonburg, Louisiana, commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 2022 the following described property, situated in the Parish of Catahoula, Louisiana, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION:

The property shall be sold for CASH subject to any security interest, mortgage, lien, or privilege thereon superior to that of the seizing creditor.

Terms of sale, cash to the last and highest bidder Without the benefit of appraisalment.

SEND BILL TO:
TONEY EDWARDS
P.O. BOX 655
HARRISONBURG, LA 71340

Hershel C. Adcock, Attorney
P.O. Box 87379

Baton Rouge, LA 70879

By: Jackie C. Rouse

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A 1.68 acre tract being situated in the Northeast quarter of Section 3 5 T9N-R6E, Catahoula Parish, LA, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found railroad spike at the Southwest corner of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 35; then N 75°34'02" E 1,075.86 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod in the centerline of a ten foot with gravel drive and on the easterly right-of-way of Louisiana Highway 124 and at the northwesterly corner of a 2.45 acre tract as shown on plat entitled "a 2.45 Acre Tract Situated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, T9N-R6E" dated 10/22/92, by Gary W Caldwell, P.L.S., said ½ inch iron rod also being at the southwesterly corner of a tract as described in COB 161, Page 271 as Document #222720 in the records of Catahoula Parish, LA: said ½ inch iron rod also being the POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence along the easterly right-of-way of Louisiana Highway 124 N 10°16'49" E 148.50 feet to a ½ inch iron rod; then N 65°10'48" E 149.29 feet to a found 6 inch round concrete monument; thence S 31°08'23" E 263.86 feet to a ½ inch iron rod; thence S 89°55'06" W 125.37 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence continue along the northerly boundary of said 2.45 acre tract N 71°14'47" W 88.33 feet to a found 6 inch round concrete monument; thence continue along the northerly boundary of said 2.45 acre tract and along the centerline of a ten foot wide gravel drive N 82°45'29" W 220.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And containing 1.68 acres, more or less.

Said property being subject to all right-of-way, servitudes, and easements recorded in the records of Catahoula Parish; all unrecorded legal servitudes including those established through use and/or maintenance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CATAHOULA PARISH ASSESSOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 HAS BEEN PREPARED.

THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET SHALL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2021 IN THE CATAHOULA PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00-9:30 A.M.

MATT TAYLOR, CLA
CATAHOULA ASSESSOR

Regular Meeting
November 24, 2021
Harrisonburg, LA 71340

The Police Jury of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room at the Courthouse, on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: President Harold Sones, Vice President Jerel Evans and Jurors Brady Nelson, Deborah McCormack, Rodney Sones, Jeffery Estes, Rickie Crumpton, Debra Hawkins and Johnnie Adams; Secretary Treasurer Patti C. Mizell, Assistant Secretary Frankie Tolar, Office Assistant Tammie Edwards and Road Supervisor Charles Atkins.
Absent: None

A quorum being present, the Police Jury of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said parish by President Harold Sones, who called upon Rodney Sones for Prayer and requested that the Jurors and the public remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance after which the following business was transacted.

On motion by Jerel Evans, seconded by Rickie Crumpton and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to open the Public Hearing to discuss the adoption of an ordinance to accept the malapportionment report based on the 2020 Census.

Bill Blair, Demographer with Strategic Demographics, stated that after every census, the governing authority

of the parish has to look at the current districts, add the new census data into them and decide if the districts are malapportioned. The current census population for Catahoula is 8906 and subtracting the correctional population leaves 8433. Dividing this by 9 districts leaves an ideal population of 937 per district. Seven of the nine districts are currently either over or under that ideal number. He stated his job is, along with Police Jury assistance, is to redraw the boundaries of these districts to make sure there is population equality as required under the 14th Constitutional amendment. Also, under Section 2, minority districts have to be maintained.

Everett Mayo asked if there is a possibility that the parish might lose a district. Mr. Blair stated this would have to be a jury decision by ordinance.

President Sones stated that this also has to be agreed upon by the School Board. Mr. Blair stated that the Jury and School Board currently have matching districts which makes for easier voting purposes.

Mr. Mayo asked was this looked at by Federal? Mr. Blair stated that after 2013, Louisiana was taken out of the Section 5 requirement of Federal Department of Justice preclearance. You are open to lawsuits under the Voting Rights Act for not having population equality.

Juror Rodney Sones asked if the district lines have to be moved to achieve these equal numbers.

Mr. Blair stated yes – the small census data blocks will be added or subtracted until there is equality.

Mr. Blair stated that he would meet with each juror and corresponding school board member to discuss their district to be able to work out the best plan for both entities.

Jean Harris stated that she lives at Wallace Lake in the Sandy Lake area and her jury member is from Sicily Island and wanted to know if this will be changed.

Mr. Blair stated it depends upon the population. Districts have to be drawn where the population is located and your jury member may not live in the same town as you. He stated district population equality and protection of minority districts are the goal. He further stated the ordinance to be adopted tonight is only for the jury's acknowledgement that the districts are malapportioned and need to be redrawn to achieve population equality as required by the state.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Debra Hawkins and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and adopt same as published in the Official Journal.

On motion by Deborah McCormack, seconded by Rodney Sones and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to add the following item to the agenda:

Approve 150 yards of pit run for Walton Road.

On a motion by Rickey Crumpton seconded by Brady Nelson and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to approve the agenda.

President Sones opened the Public Comment Period for the Agenda items.

Jean Harris asked what the Jury was going to about the Duty Ferry Road. President Sones stated that this would be done after hearing from the people on the agenda and Item #21 is brought to the table.

Ordinance #2976
Motion by: Rodney Sones Second by: Jeffery Estes
Accept malapportionment report based on 2020 census. See attached ordinance.

Mr. Luther Holloway, landowner on Duty Ferry Road, spoke on the issue of the road. He gave a brief history of the road and river flooding over 15 years which has caused banks to cave and damage the road. He stated he is happy to support the Police Jury and the Sheriff's Department. He realizes the importance for access to property on Duty Ferry, but with increased traffic, this will cause even more road damage which is also a safety issue. He stated he feels that the Jury needs to keep the temporary road closure in the current location.

Karen Roark, landowner on Duty Ferry Road stated she had lived there most of her life. The road was good in early days, but prior police juries slacked off of maintaining the road. There needs to be solution between the jury and the wildlife people. People have a right to have hunting access. Fences and gates won't keep someone out if they want to access hunting land. She does not want to see the road abandoned but feels there has got to be a solution for the problem.

Paul Wagner, landowner on Duty Ferry Road past the temporary road closure, stated the he understands the Jury does not have money to repair the road, but he is not in favor of a gate anywhere.

James Boothe stated that he has hunted the reserve since there has been one and always been on the lower end. He stated this past weekend, the shortest distance to get there was 9 miles. He stated he would like to see the gate moved.

Mark McKee, address the Jury on the Duty Ferry Road issue. He stated that Wildlife & Fisheries needs to step up. He stated they hauled numerous tons of rock to the reserve through Duty Ferry Road to make a road through the reserve. There is a gate on the reserve that needs to be opened to allow access to people. He stated the landowners have no problem with people traveling Duty Ferry Road as long as it is maintained. He used a map to show areas of the road where cave offs have occurred and have been fixed. There is another cave off presently which presents a safety issue. He stated that whatever the Police Jury decides to do, he just had a couple of questions. If the road is opened back up, will it be maintained and will it be safe?

Jury Rodney Sones asked Mr. McKee that if people can drive to where he has the gate placed, they are still driving over all this part he (Mr. McKee) says they don't need to be driving on. Mr. Sones stated that it is not but about .6 mile more to where the people want to go to access the reserve.

Jeffery Estes asked if the cave off Mr. McKee has stated is bad, can the road be moved over. Mr. McKee stated it could but the Police Jury would have to do that.

Juror Deborah McCormack stated that an issue was that the Police Jury does not have finances to buy land from people to move the road over. President Sones and Juror McCormack both stated that no one lives down that road since Ms. Roark moved. Juror McCormack stated with

increased traffic, the road will get worse and if Wildlife and Fisheries does not step up to help, the Jury would eventually have to close the road back up at the Ferry and nobody except landowners would have access.

Brandon Dunn stated that last year, the road closure took out accesses to the refuge. He stated this is public land that people pay taxes on and it is a public road. He stated that if you have to drive around from the first entrance, it is 10 miles further. This closure is cutting off 2 of 3 refuge entrances.

Donnie Townsend stated that the gate across the refuge first entrance is because when Beouf River rises 6 or 7 feet, that whole area goes under. He stated the gate needs to be moved so they can have access to the refuge.

Jason McKee, landowner beyond the road closure, stated this road has been closed for 13 months for safety and the jury being good constituents of public money. He stated that the landowners beyond the gate had used their own resources to fix the road past there. This part of the road is in good shape, but if it is opened back up, it will not stay this way.

Mitch McGee, Wildlife & Fisheries Biologist Supervisor of Beouf Management area, stated he has a letter to read from the WLF admin.

Juror Deborah McCormack asked Mr. McGee if he is able to step up and say if the WLF will be able to step up and help with this road.

Mr. McGee read the letter which states that the WLF is not in favor of the gate in its current location as it blocks access to two refuge entrances and asked that any future gate be placed past this point.

He addressed Ms. McCormack's question. He stated that WLF manages 1.5 million acres in Louisiana. This is a parish road. WLF funding comes from federal dollars which can only be used on WLF property. Therefore, they do not have the funding to take over parish roads or purchase gravel, etc. He stated in the past the WLF did donate some property on this road so a move over could be done. He stated this situation is also a safety issue since the WLF cannot access these entrances to keep up a parking area so that emergency vehicles could have better access.

Juror McCormack asked if WLF would put rock on that area if the gate is backed up. Mr. McGee stated that they would take the trail heads and make them larger to get all the traffic from parking on the parish road.

Juror McCormack asked if the WLF wants the jury to maintain the parish road so they can access their roads. He again stated that legally they cannot spend funds on a parish road.

Juror McCormack asked if the Jury had to close the road back up at the Ferry, how would they access the refuge then? He stated they would have to build another road or look at the options on that and what would be available.

Further discussion was held. The following action was taken.

Deborah McCormack made a motion to leave the temporary road closure at the current location. Motion denied for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Jeffery Estes with a second by Brady Nelson, to move the road closure .7 mile from the current location. Motion passed with Juror Deborah McCormack voting nay.

On a motion by Jeffery Estes, seconded by Rickie Crumpton and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to open bids for supplies and materials for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Bids were opened and on motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Johnnie Adams and unanimously passed, the Jury voted to take the bids under advisement. Bids will be available for inspection at the Police Jury Office.

There were no additions or deletions to Selective Maintenance.

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Rickie Crumpton, the Jury approved the renewal of the 2022 Worker's Comp policy with Travelers Insurance.

On motion by Brady Nelson, seconded by Rodney Sones and unanimously passed, the Jury approved the expenses to set up garbage fee billing through the Police Jury Office.

On motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Jeffery Estes and unanimously passed, the Jury approved 150 yards of pit run for Walton Road.

President Sones announced that a special meeting/public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 301 Bushley Street, Room 104, Harrisonburg, LA to amend the 2021 budget and approve the 2022 budgets.

On a motion by Rodney Sones, seconded by Rickie Crumpton and unanimously passed, the Jury voted there being no further business to adjourn.

Harold Sones, President
Patti C. Mizell, Secretary
Catahoula Parish Police Jury

ORDINANCE NO. 2976 CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY

An Ordinance to declare the malapportionment status of the current districting plan of the Parish's single member election districts of the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY utilizing the population data from the 2020 federal decennial census; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY is elected from single member districts;

WHEREAS, interposing the population data from the 2020 federal decennial census into the current districting plan for the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY discloses that there are districts with plan the exceed the acceptable population deviation under the principal of one-person-one-vote;

WHEREAS, Louisiana law requires the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY to declare whether its existing districting plan is malapportioned following a federal decennial census;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY THAT:

The current districting plan of single member districts of the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY is malapportioned utilizing the population data from the 2020 federal decennial census, and the CATAHOULA PARISH POLICE JURY shall adopt a new districting plan for use in the next regularly scheduled election.

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