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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

POLICE JURY

—OF—

St. Tammany Parish.

Covington, La., July 9, 1883.

The Police Jury met on the above date.

Present—J. M. Allison, M. Burns, R. Galatas, W. B. Rogers, W. E. Parker, Chas. Aubry and R. A. Orr. Absent—A. Cousin, P. Welch. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were approved:

Jordan Stuart, commissioner of election, Feb. 15, 1883, \$2.

R. E. Barks, commissioner of election and returning officer, Feb. 15, '83, \$4.

Frank McQueen, commissioner of election, Feb. 15, '83, \$2.

R. A. Orr, commissioner of election and returning officer, Feb. 15, '83, \$4.

R. A. Orr, commissioner of election and returning officer, Nov. 7, '82, \$4.

Dr. Geo. Tebault, Coroner, to holding inquest on the body of Henry Daniels, May 11, 1883, \$5; to summoning and swearing jurors, returning process verbal, etc., \$5; mileage, 36 miles, \$3 60; to making professional autopsy, \$30; total, \$43 60.

Dr. Geo. Tebault, Coroner, to viewing the body of Harry Henry, May 4, '83, at Slidell, \$5; mileage, 40 miles, \$4; total, \$9.

Dr. Geo. Tebault, Coroner, to viewing the body of Maurice Michael, March 18, '83, at Lancaster's place, on Tchefuncta river, \$5; mileage, 15 miles, \$1 50; total, \$6 50.

Dr. Geo. Tebault, Coroner, to viewing the body of Ernest Walker, \$5; mileage, 14 miles, \$1 40, May 13, '83; total, \$6 40.

T. B. Heffernan, to serving as juror at the inquest on the body of Geo. Boyd, Dec. 30, '82, \$2.

The following bills were reduced one half and approved:

F. A. Guyol, J. P., to trial of the case of State vs. Violet Braxton, July 2, '83, \$5 27 1/2.

F. A. Guyol, J. P., to trial of the case of State vs. Andrew Michael, July, '83, \$7 12 1/2.

F. A. Guyol, J. P., to trial of the case of State vs. Mary J. Hamilton, June, '83, \$7 12 1/2.

The following bills were laid over till next meeting:

S. B. Staples, constable, to services in the case of State vs. Mary J. Hamilton, June 23, '83, \$5.

S. B. Staples, constable, to services in the case of State vs. Andrew Michael, June 30, '83, \$7 90.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That only jury warrants, and warrants of members of the Police Jury and its officers, be receivable for parish taxes and licenses, from and after this date, and that the Tax Collector be furnished with a copy of this resolution; and that all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to examine the assessment rolls, and report to the Police Jury, Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock: Chas. Aubry, R. A. Orr and M. Burns.

The Police Jury then adjourned, to meet Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

After adjournment the following public ferries were sold, at the door of the Courthouse, to the highest bidder, by Mr. R. Galatas, for a term of five years, commencing July 15, 1883:

Bogue Chitto Ferry, to S. Mizell, for the sum of \$31.

Tchefuncta Ferry, to Dr. J. F. Chambers, for the sum of \$2.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

COVINGTON, LA., July 10, 1883.

The Police Jury met on the above date, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. M. Allison, M. Burns, W. B. Rogers, W. E. Parker, Chas. Aubry, R. A. Orr.

Absent—R. Galatas, P. Welch, A. Cousin.

The committee to examine the assessment rolls reported as follows:

COVINGTON, LA., July 10, 1883.

To the Honorable President and members of the Police Jury:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the assessment list, and find the same correct. Signed, CHAS. AUBRY, R. A. ORR, M. BURNS.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The committee to examine the books and accounts of the Parish Treasurer asked an extension of time till next meeting, which was granted.

Mr. Rogers asked to be excused from serving on the committee to examine the Treasurer's books, and Mr. M. Burns was appointed in his place.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. N. Levy be instructed to place a flat at the Bonfouca ferry, within ten days after service of notice upon him; and if he fails to do so, then his lease to be cancelled, and he, the said N. Levy, held responsible for all costs of re-advertising for a new bid, and the letting of the lease of said ferry to some one else.

Resolved, That W. B. Cook, Sheriff, be and he is hereby authorized to collect the costs of feeding prisoners in the parish jail, out of the first money collected for parish taxes.

Resolved, That there shall be no free ferry within five miles of a regular leased ferry; and any person violating the provisions of this resolution shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars, and the forfeiture to the parish of the flat used at such ferry, the fine to be recoverable by bill of information or indictment before the District Court; and upon failure to pay such fine, the offender be imprisoned in the Parish Jail, for a term of not less than ten days nor more than twenty days.

Resolved, That the public road at Bonfouca be changed from Armand Cousin's around Mrs. Frederick's store to N. Levy's ferry; and that a committee of three be appointed to lay out said road.

The President appointed on the above committee, Messrs. A. Cousin, Max. Cousin and John Frederick.

On motion, Sheriff Cook was authorized to purchase one book for recording mortgages, and one book for recording titles, etc., for use in the Recorder's office.

The following bonds of ferrymen were accepted:

S. Mizell, of Bogue Chitto ferry, bond of \$100, signed by W. E. Parker.

Dr. J. F. Chambers, Tchefuncta ferry, bond of \$100, signed by Z. Strain.

The following schedule of FERRY TOLLS

was then adopted, to apply to all ferries in the parish:

Five cents per wheel for all vehicles.

Ten cents for each horseman.

Five cents for each footman.

Three cents per head for stock cattle.

Two cents per head for horses and mules.

Fifty cents for a small ox wagon.

Seventy-five cents for a large ox wagon.

One hundred per cent. over the above rates during high water.

The following

PUBLIC ROAD LAW

was then adopted:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Tammany, That it shall be the duty of the Police Jury annually to appoint overseers of the public roads, whose duty it shall be to summon all mail persons residing within their respective limits, between the ages of fifteen and fifty years, except ministers of the gospel, and those exempt by the Police Jury.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the overseers of the public roads shall give notice to each person what kind of tool or tools they and each of them shall bring to

work with on said road, at the time of summoning such persons to work; that the overseer shall summon each person subject to road duty who shall reside within his road district, in writing, at least ten days before the day appointed for working the road, to appear at the place designated by the overseer for the purpose of working the road.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Police Jury to furnish each overseer with a copy of this road law, and a copy of summons to work on the roads, in the following form, to-wit:

To Mr.....

You are hereby summoned to be and appear at....., on the..... day of....., 188....., for the purpose of working the public road, at the hour of..... o'clock,....., and that you bring with you.....

Herein fail not, under penalty of being reported a defaulter.

....., Overseer.

....., 188.....

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be the duty of each overseer to furnish to the Clerk of the District Court, at least 10 days before the 1st day of March of each year, a list of all persons summoned to work the road and who have failed or neglected to work, and the number of days that each person so reported has failed to work, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said court to furnish a list of the same to the District Attorney, to be proceeded with as hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That each and every person subject to road duty, who, after having been duly summoned to work on the public road, shall fail or neglect to do so, shall be fined in a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and in default of paying said fine, be imprisoned in the common jail of the parish for a term of not less than ten days nor more than three months, said fine to be recovered by indictment or information in the name of the State.

SEC. 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That no person shall be compelled to work more than twelve days in any one year, unless the road becomes impassable by fallen timber or freshets.

SEC. 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That each and every overseer failing or neglecting to perform the duties required of him by this act, as above set forth, and failing to perform the following duties, to-wit: To keep their respective roads in good order; to cause to be set up at the forks of the public roads in their respective roads, a post with arms pointing the way of each of said forks, with directions to the nearest place, and the distance to said place as nearly as can be ascertained, and to keep said signboards in good repair; to have their roads correctly measured when not already measured, and have plainly marked on a post the number of miles from that place to the nearest public place to which said road may lead; to have all new roads, when laid out through the swamps, cut and cleared to the width of 20 feet, and through the piney woods to the width of 16 feet, and all causeways shall be at least 14 feet wide; to have all stumps cut and completely cleared to the width of 14 feet in the center of the road; to build and keep in repair all bridges as far as in their power with the road hands; to work their respective roads by the 1st day of July and the 15th day of December of each year, and make their reports as provided in section 1 of this act, shall be prosecuted by indictment or information before the District Court of the parish, and on conviction shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$30 nor more than \$100; and in default of paying said fine and costs, shall be imprisoned in the parish jail not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days.

SEC. 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That the overseers of public roads shall have the authority to discharge any person or persons who shall become turbulent or dis-

respectful, or who shall refuse to obey said overseer while working said public road, and to report all such persons to the clerk of the District Court as defaulters, to be proceeded with as in other cases of defaulters.

SEC. 9. Be it further ordained, etc., That no one shall be allowed to alter or change any public road within the limits of this parish, without first being authorized by the Police Jury, under the forfeiture and payment of the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment or information; and if any person shall erect or cause to be erected any bars or gates across any public road, or place any logs or timber thereon, or shall in any manner obstruct the free passage along said road, or fill the ditches with poles or logs, or otherwise obstruct the free passage of the water through the ditches, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment or information, and in default of paying same, shall be imprisoned not less than 10 nor more than 30 days.

SEC. 10. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person may be released from said fine and imprisonment upon paying to the overseer of their respective road the sum of one dollar per day in currency for each day the person may have failed to work on the public road, and that said payment be made to the overseer of the road within five days after the working of said road to which the defaulter may be subject, and by the overseer to be expended on the road, and to report now expended to the clerk of the District Court.

SEC. 11. Be it further ordained, etc., That the road overseers be authorized, at their option, to receive a horse and plow, or an able-bodied substitute, in the place of any one wishing to make such substitution.

SEC. 12. Be it further ordained, etc., That there shall be a road inspector for each ward throughout the parish, and that the members of the Police Jury for the several wards shall be said road inspectors, whose duty it shall be to inspect the roads within their respective wards, and make a written report to the clerk of the District Court at least ten days before the 1st days of March and October of each year, of the condition of the public roads throughout their respective wards; and any inspector failing to perform said duty shall be fined not less than \$30 nor more than \$60, and in default of payment, be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty days, to be enforced by indictment or information. Said inspectors to be exempt from road duty during their term of office.

SEC. 13. Be it further ordained, etc., That this public road law take effect from and after its passage.

SEC. 14. Be it further ordained, etc., That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

COVINGTON, LA., July 10, 1883.

Bills were issued to the members of the Police Jury as follows:

R. Galatas, 1 day and mileage, 14 miles..... \$3 70

Milton Burns, 2 days and mileage, 16 miles..... 6 80

J. M. Allison, 2 days and mileage, 14 miles..... 6 70

W. B. Rogers, 2 days and mileage, 24 miles..... 7 20

W. E. Parker, 2 days and mileage, 32 miles..... 7 60

Chas. Aubry, 2 days and mileage, 40 miles..... 8 00

R. A. Orr, 2 days and mileage, 80 miles..... 10 00

Total..... \$50 00

There being no further business, the Police Jury adjourned, to meet on the first Monday in October.

J. M. ALLISON, President.

W. G. KENTZEL, Secretary.

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