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POLICE JURY NOTES.

M. Billeaud Jr. Elected President and Resolution Ratifying Acts of First Meeting Passed.

Considerable Attention Given the Public Roads.—Contract Made With Sheriff Lacoste at \$5000.—Cement Walk Around Court House Square.

The Police Jury met promptly at ten o'clock Thursday morning with all present. Immediately upon assembling the election of a president was taken up as at their initial meeting June 11, no president had been elected. L. G. Breaux and M. Billeaud, Jr., were placed in nomination and Mr. Billeaud was elected on a rising vote by one majority. Mr. Breaux's name was submitted first, the vote standing as follows:

For Breaux: Connolly, Mouton, Boudreaux, Breaux.

For Billeaud: Landry, Theall, Lacy, Spell, Billeaud.

The legality of the acts of the Jury at its first meeting, owing to the failure to elect a president and thus actually become an organized body capable of acting, being brought into question, President Billeaud stated that he had gotten advice on the subject from his lawyer who had stated it as his opinion that the acts were legal. However, to remove all doubts, the Jury passed a resolution confirming the acts of their first meeting.

Before proceeding to business the minutes of the previous meeting were corrected in some minor details.

Reports of special committees were called for, and the first to report was the one appointed to find out amount of additional work now imposed on the Treasurer and recommend adequate recompense. Chairman Billeaud stated that in the opinion of the committee an increase of \$100 be granted and the Treasurer required to keep a special book showing all amounts and for what expended, so that an investigation of the books could be readily made and the sum on hand ascertained at any moment. Treasurer Martin, who was present, objected to doing the increased work for \$100 additional and refused to do it for less than \$400 salary, as to carry out the plan would involve keeping separate books for every fund greatly increasing his already heavy work. Mr. Billeaud's idea was a good one and the Jury very properly granted the \$400 salary asked by Treasurer Martin.

Assessor Martin submitted the parish road tax assessment amounting to \$6189. Mr. Boudreaux raised the question as to the liability of the town vehicles to the road tax. After some discussion it was decided to consult the Jury's attorney as to whether the Assessor ought to include them in his assessment. President Billeaud asked for the corporation assessment rolls. Mr. Martin stated that the city was having a house-to-house assessment made and the rolls would not be ready for several days. The parish roll was accepted.

The Jury committee on the

Odillon Broussard bridge reported that the joint committee would meet in Lafayette July 15, to let contract for an iron bridge. The Jury added Capt J. C. Buchanan and F. G. Mouton to the parish committee, then decided that the whole Jury would meet on that date to consider the bids.

Mr. Connolly reported having sold old lumber from the Carencro bridge for \$40 which amount he had turned over to the Treasurer.

The Jury accepted the report of Messrs. Saul Broussard and Connolly as to the completion and acceptance of the Lafayette part of the Carencro bridge, and authorized Mr. Connolly to brace the bridge as a precaution against high water.

Mr. Breaux reported that a number of citizens wished to donate a road in 8th ward, but no action was taken.

Mr. Boudreaux of the special committee on court house and jail repairs, handed in bills for work done.

Ludovic Billeaud was appointed road overseer third ward; and Norbert Simon west part 2nd ward, and Valentine Duhon east part.

W. A. LeRosen, of The Lafayette Advertiser, here appeared before the Jury and stated a plan he had for advertising the parish and town of Lafayette, requesting the Jury to donate \$200 to assist in the work provided they believed that the plan was meritorious, and if carried out, would result to the advantage and benefit of the parish. The matter was taken under advisement to be acted on at the evening session.

The Jury then discussed the advisability of meeting Friday as a Board of Reviewers, which they decided to do. It was probably an oversight that they did not postpone meeting as reviewers until the date of meeting could be advertised so that interested parties could appear before them to make complaints should they wish to do so.

Mr. Breaux asked that Chas. Alleman, Ignace Montet, Jean Gyat, Dolze Duhon and Odillon Broussard be appointed to lay out a road in the 8th ward from Severin Duhon's to a point near Onezime Trahan's, which was done.

Mr. Spell brought up the drainage question and after a discussion of all phases, an appropriation of \$200 yearly was made for each ward and \$200 additional for wards 1, 2, 4 and 6 for one year. The increase in the four wards is necessitated by the extra amount of low lands in those wards, making it more expensive to drain the roads properly.

As soon as the Jury convened for the afternoon session, a committee from the School Board consisting of Dr. N. P. Moss, Mr. Delhomme and Supt. Alleman requested an advance of \$2000 on the sum appropriated for the schools. The Jury declared themselves perfectly willing to do so; but could not for lack of funds.

By resolution of the old Jury road taxes became delinquent July 1, but as the new Jury has

just organized and appointed road overseers it was deemed best to extend the time until August 15.

Sheriff Lacoste appeared before the Jury and asked for a contract like one previously had with Sheriff Broussard, excepting that instead of \$6000 the amount should be \$5900, one hundred dollars less. The contract was made without a dissenting voice.

At the meeting June 11 a majority of the Jury refused to make a contract with Sheriff Lacoste at \$6000 a year, giving as a reason that the amount was excessive, as had been demonstrated to the satisfaction of some of them by an investigation of the actual expense of the office.

Sheriff Lacoste stated that he had a petition from members of the City Council and others asking that the Jury give 8 feet all around the square for the purpose of widening the street. They were also addressed at their meeting on Friday by Mayor Caffery on the same subject, but declined, consenting only to take up the matter again at their meeting on the 15th.

Mr. Billeaud of the committee on moving city buildings from the square asked for further time which was granted.

Two bids for constructing cement walks about the court house square were opened. Placide Breaux offered to do the work according to specifications at 19 cents a square foot and pay the parish \$100 for bricks and cement in present walk. A. E. Massicot's bid was 14 1/2 cents per square foot and him to have the old bricks and cement.

M. Breaux was awarded the contract, the work to be received Nov. 1.

Chas. A. Boudreaux, L. G. Breaux and Valery Boudreaux were appointed a committee to see about a bridge in Mr. Breaux's ward and report at next meeting.

Mr. LeRosen's request for the Jury to assist in advertising the parish was taken up. All the members expressed themselves favorably, and were willing to give \$150, but doubted their right under the law. Judge C. H. Mouton was called and asked for his opinion. He stated that in his opinion the Jury had no right whatever to appropriate money for such a purpose. Mr. LeRosen then withdrew his request.

A number of gentlemen from the 5th ward with Mr. A. Olivier as spokesman presented a petition asking for repair of the road passing by Mr. Olivier's place and leading to Broussardville. Messrs. Mouton, Landry and Connolly were appointed to investigate.

Mr. Theall was appointed to find out how wide a road belonged to the parish from Leo Decon's to P. Savoie's. The road is at present only 25 feet wide.

Miss Annie Bell was appointed beneficiary at the State Normal from June 1 to October 1 and \$85 appropriated to defray her expenses.

Some minor business was transacted, then bills approved, after which the Jury adjourned.

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Ice Cream Festival.

Lafayette Lodge No. 91, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, will give an ice-cream festival at Parkerson's Grove Monday evening, July 25, at half past seven. The Sontag Military Band will be present and give one of their delightful concerts. A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The public is cordially invited.

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The Advertiser extends Mr. Gauthier a warm welcome and is sure he will find Lafayette a pleasant place to live.



WEDDING

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