

**POLICE JURY.**

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held June 6, the question of "suspending" (as was then requested) the payment of taxes on these overflooded properties for one year was taken up and satisfactorily settled.

No further action taken. A committee of fifteen residents of the 1st, 2nd and 8th wards of this parish, together with two residents of Vermilion parish, appeared before the Jury in the interest of the formation of a drainage district in said wards and in conjunction with the parishes of Vermilion and Acadia. The committee through its spokesmen, Messrs. Alcide Judice, Luke LeBlanc, Octave Bertrand, and Mr. Hays, of Vermilion parish, prayed for an appropriation to defray the expenses attendant to the services of a civil engineer, who would make a survey of the proposed district and ascertain the probable cost of the drainage contemplated. Stating further that the residents interested, Lafayette, Vermilion and Acadia parishes, were willing to vote a tax of 5 mills, if necessary, to obtain relief from inundation by clearing the several natural drains within the proposed district.

Moved by Mr. Spell, seconded by Mr. Boudreau, that an appropriation of \$200 be and is hereby made towards making a preliminary survey and ascertaining data as to the cost of obtaining the drainage in question in the 1st, 2nd and 8th wards of this parish together with the parishes of Vermilion and Acadia if they elect to join this parish in the undertaking. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the President and Mr. Cornelius Spell be and they are hereby appointed a committee of two to confer with the Police Juries of the parishes of Vermilion and Acadia in anticipation of interesting the said parishes in the drainage proposition aforementioned; that the secretary send copies of these resolutions to the Police Juries of the parishes of Vermilion and Acadia. Carried.

Mr. Mouton made report of the peculiar disease and the sudden death therefrom of cattle, the property of Messrs. J. Doucet and J. D. Mouton; believing these cattle affected with charbon, after conferring with President Billeaud, Dr. E. L. Lewis, a veterinary surgeon of Franklin, Louisiana, was requested to come to Lafayette and diagnose the disease, submitting the doctor's report as follows: Franklin, La., June 28, 1907.

To the Hon. Police Jury, Parish of Lafayette:

Gentlemen: I beg to report that I was again called to Lafayette on the 26th inst., upon the authorization of Mr. Edmond Mouton, for the purpose of holding a post mortem examination upon the body of a horse, the property of Dr. Guidry, said horse having died near the premises of J. Doucet, previously examined for charbon. After a careful and complete examination of the carcass, not the slightest evidence of charbon was to be found, but instead a general and acute inflammation of the large bowels together with a complete rupture of the bladder.

This was very probably preceded by colic or bilious staggers, resulting in death in 3 or four hours. The animal was dead on my arrival.

Respectfully submitted, E. L. LEWIS, V. S.

In regard to the above report of Dr. Lewis, Mr. J. D. Mouton being present expressed the opinion that the disease, of which his cattle were dying, was charbon; that he had cut pieces of the dead animal's liver and spleen and submitted same to Dr. H. L. Ducrocq, who kindly consented to make an examination and who thereafter pronounced the same charbon; that at the request of Mr. J. Edmond Mouton he had sent to Dr. W. H. Dalrymple at the Experiment Station at Baton Rouge pieces of the spleen for further diagnosis.

Mr. Breaux was given permission to repair two bridges in the 8th ward. By request of Mr. Billeaud, Dr. G. W. Seranton was authorized to change the road in the 5th ward in front of his residence. Provided said road was put in first class condition without expense to the parish.

The following act of donation was read, accepted and ordered recorded with the clerk of court:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Lafayette.

Be it known, That on this tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seven, before me, George Malagarie, a notary public in and for said parish and state, duly commissioned and qualified as such, personally came and appeared, Martial Billeaud, Jr., a resident of the parish of Lafayette, La., who declared that he does by these presents, grant, donate, unto the parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, for the public use as a public road, the following described tracts of prairie land:

1st. That certain strip of prairie land situated in the parish of Lafayette, La., containing and measuring as follows: Starting from the northeast corner of the property of Jean Lovinsky Landry, deceased, thirty (30) feet wide, running south along the east boundary line of said property up to the north of land belonging to Aurelien Boulet and heirs, and thence fifteen (15) feet wide, running east, one arpent more or less, and thence to the south, fifteen (15) feet wide, up to the northwest corner of land belonging to Cleofas Landry. And same being bounded on the north by land of Billeaud heirs, south by lands of Aurelien Boulet and heirs and Cleofas Landry. On the east by land of heirs Eusebe Broussard, Wid. Leveine Landry, and west by land of heirs Jean Lovinsky Landry. This being the same property which said donor herein acquired by Act of sale from

Jean Lovinsky Landry, dated the 9th day of April, 1903, and being duly recorded in Book Con. 2 page 257, under No. 28,984, of the recorder's office of said parish.

2nd. That certain strip of prairie land situated in the parish of Lafayette, La., containing and measuring as follows: Starting from the southeast corner of the property of Ovey LeBlanc, running north along his eastern line, up to the northeast corner, measuring thirty (30) feet wide, thence running west forty (40) feet wide along the northern part of said property for a distance of about one arpent. This being the same strip of land which said donor herein acquired from Ovey LeBlanc as per act of sale dated and filed Feb. 13, 1904, and being recorded in Book H. 3 page 198, under No. 33,192, of the recorder's office of said parish.

This donation and dedication is made under the condition that in the event of a closing or abandonment of the use of the said road, by the said parish of Lafayette, then the said road hereinabove mentioned shall revert to the donor, his heirs, or assigns.

Thus done and passed at the parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, on the day and date first above written in the presence of J. R. Reaux and G. R. Breaux, competent witnesses, who sign with appellant and me, officer, after due reading thereof.

M. BILLEAUD, JR.

GEO. MALAGARIE, Notary Public.

Witnesses: J. R. REAUX, GUS R. BREAUX.

Mr. Delhomme asked permission to lengthen the bridge at Alexander Hernandez. Granted.

The following resolution was read and ordered filed:

The following resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held July 11, 1907:

Whereas, the State appropriation for schools in Lafayette parish will be materially diminished this year on account of a decrease of nearly 2000 in the enumeration of the children of the parish in 1907 as compared with 1903, reducing the State appropriation for Lafayette by about \$4000, and

Whereas, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of children attending school, necessitating the employment of a large number of additional teachers and

Whereas, the School Board has increased the number of teachers in proportion to the number of children in attendance upon the schools and have on the petition of the citizens of the parish established 17 transfer routes and employed 17 drivers of wagons, who added to the 85 teachers of the parish, make a total of 102 persons on the pay roll of the parish as compared with 40 persons four years ago, and

Whereas, the attendance has increased in the same space of time from 960 to 3,500, and whereas the decrease in the Police Jury appropriation as it now stands amounts to \$3000, which added to the decrease from the State, makes an actual decrease in the amount of revenues for 1907, of \$7000 which amount added to the increased expenditure for 1907-08 due to the increase in the teaching force, \$8000, makes a total visible shortage of \$15,000, and whereas, the education of the children of the land should receive first consideration at the hands of those who disburse the public funds, therefore,

Be it resolved: That the School Board of Lafayette parish do hereby call the attention of the Police Jury and City Council of Lafayette to the condition of the school funds for 1907-08, and direct their attention to the fact that there must be a decrease in the session for the coming year if the appropriations from these bodies are not increased in proportion to the increased demands made upon the school fund on account of the great increase of the attendance of children upon the schools. Be it further resolved, that this Board would profoundly regret a retrograde movement at this time in the matter of school maintenance, which would result in great injury to the welfare of the children of the parish.

Be it further resolved that a copy be transmitted to the Police Jury of Lafayette parish and to the Town Council of Lafayette.

A true copy. L. J. ALLEMAN, Secretary.

July 11, 1907.

The committee on the Darnas Broussard bridge is hereby instructed to inspect the lumber delivered at that place for the Ottumwa Bridge Co., and for use in the construction of the said bridge and to report its conclusions to the secretary.

The secretary is requested to notify the committees of the road east and west of the proposed Darnas Broussard bridge to the effect that they must make final report at the next meeting of the Police Jury, and it is also ordered that Mr. Amedee Landry be hereby appointed a member of the said committee on the west side in the stead of Oldon Broussard, who now resides in Carencro.

The following ordinance was read and adopted:

NOTICE OF ELECTION. EXTRACT FROM MINUTES.

St. Martinville, La., June 20, 1907. The Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District met this day pursuant to ordinance of the Police Jury of the parish of St. Martin of date June 5, 1907, in special session, with the following members present: C. M. Olivier, president, John Dwyer and John B. Delaloire, absent Orphe Giroire and Joseph Giroire.

On motion of J. B. Delaloire, seconded by John Dwyer and carried, the following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District, that Whereas this Board now exists by

organization under the provisions of Act 159 of 1902, Article 291 of the Constitution of the year 1898, and Act 122 of the year 1906 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, and whereas the said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District through its Board of Commissioners deem it necessary and in their judgment find that the propositions hereinafter set forth to the tax payers of the said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District and qualified electors thereof under the law are absolutely necessary, and whereas the said Board of Commissioners of said Drainage District, availing itself of the powers and authority conferred upon it by virtue of Act 122 of the year 1906, Act 159 of 1902, Article 291 of the Constitution and Act 95 of the year 1906 providing the manner in which said election shall be called, therefore,

Be it resolved that an election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held on Monday, the 5th day of August, 1907, after due publication in the official journal of the parish of St. Martin for a period of thirty days as required by law, to take the sense of the property taxpayers and qualified electors residing within the limits of the said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District, upon the following propositions which are hereby submitted to said tax payers and qualified electors, namely:

1st. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District to levy and collect a fifteen cent annual contribution or acreage tax on all the lands situated in and lying within the limits of said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District, said tax to run for a period of ten years.

2nd. To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District to incur indebtedness of Twenty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars, (\$26,900), and to issue 269 (Two Hundred and sixty-nine) negotiable bonds of said Drainage District each for the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to represent the said indebtedness of twenty-six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$26,900.00); said bonds to bear five per cent per annum interest from their dates, interest payable annually, commencing from date of issue of said bonds and to be payable at the following period of time, to-wit: Twenty-two (22) bonds on October 1, 1908; twenty-four (24) bonds on October 1, 1909; twenty-five (25) bonds on October 1, 1910; twenty-six (26) bonds on October 1, 1911; twenty-seven (27) bonds on October 1, 1912; twenty-eight (28) bonds on Oct. 1, 1913; twenty-eight (28) bonds on Oct. 1, 1914; twenty-nine (29) bonds on October 1, 1915; twenty-nine (29) bonds on October 1, 1916 and thirty-one (31) bonds on October 1, 1917.

3rd. The tax so levied and collected and realized from said annual contribution or acreage tax of fifteen cents per acre for a period of ten years on all the land situated in and lying within the limits of said Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District to be used for the purpose of constructing, providing and maintaining a drainage system for the said Drainage District. Be it further resolved that the qualification of voters at said election shall be that they shall have paid their poll taxes for the years 1905 and 1906 during the years in which they were due and that they are duly registered voters according to law and resident property tax payers of said district; provided that women property tax payers shall be allowed to vote at said election in person or through their agent in writing without any other qualifications, save that said women shall be resident property tax payers of said district.

That the polls shall be opened from the hour of 6 a. m. to the hour of 7 p. m.

That the balloting places at which said election shall be held shall be as follows: At the school house at Cypress Island, St. Martin parish, and in Lafayette parish at the residence of Simon C. Landry, and the commissioners of election at Cypress Island and the following persons are hereby appointed as such, namely: Michel Fournet, P. H. Daspit and Louis Greig and Richard Leng, clerk of said election; and the commissioners of election at Simon C. Landry's residence shall and the following persons are hereby appointed as such, namely: Geo. Malagarie, Eraste Landry and Ophee Giroire, and Eugene Labbe shall be and is hereby appointed clerk of said election, all registered and qualified voters residing within the limits of said drainage district.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors of election of the parishes of St. Martin and Lafayette be requested to appoint commissioners and clerks of election from their respective parishes to preside over the poll in their respective parish, and give due notice thereof by publication in the official journal of each of said parishes.

Notice is further given that the Cypress Island-Lafayette Drainage District, through its Board of Commissioners, will in open session, at its domicile, in the town of St. Martinville, Louisiana, on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1907, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., proceed to open the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said election.

On motion of J. B. Delaloire, seconded by John Dwyer, and carried, the Board then adjourned to the 1st day of August, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., aforesaid.

C. M. OLIVIER, President. J. G. BROUSSARD, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Landry, duly seconded, Paul Domingue of the 7th ward was recognized as indigent at the usual pension of \$12.50 per annum.

TREASURER'S REPORT. To the President and Members of Po-

**Police Jury Parish Lafayette, La.**

Following is a statement of receipts and disbursement of the parish funds since my last report:

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include balance on hand, tax collector, and approved orders. Disbursements include 5% commission tax, approved orders, and juror certificates.

Lafayette, La., July 4, 1907.

To the President and Members of the School Board, Parish of Lafayette, La.:

Following is a statement of receipts and disbursements of the special road fund since my last report:

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include balance on hand and approved orders. Disbursements include 5% commission tax and approved orders.

Lafayette, La., July 4, 1907.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT. Lafayette, La., July 1, 1907.

Statements of receipts and disbursements from July 1, 1906 to July 1, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Table of Receipts including balance on hand, industrial school tax, taxes, licenses, special drainage deposits, interest on taxes, amount overpaid, and old lumber sold.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table of Disbursements including public school, printing, sheriff's salary, sheriff's commissions, per diem police jurors, secretary, treasurer, coroner's fees, road overseers, justices of the peace, constables, bridge keepers, court stenographer, assessor, court interpreter, jurors and witnesses, court house keeper, bridges, special drainage, special drainage to duplicate citizens' deposits, paid money borrowed, interest on money borrowed, Louisiana State University beneficiary, normal school beneficiary, battleship Louisiana silver service, contingent fund, and balance on hand July 1, 1907.

FELIX H. MOUTON, Secretary.

The following accounts were read, approved and ordered paid:

Table of accounts for 1st Ward including Luke LeBlanc, lumber, general fund, and Adam Chiasson, bridge work, general fund.

2ND WARD.

Table of accounts for 2nd Ward including Luke LeBlanc, lumber, general fund, and Ursin Hoffpauir, hauling and bridge work, general fund.

**SCHOOL BOARD.**

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The following accounts were approved:

Table of accounts for 3rd Ward including Ursin Hoffpauir, road work, special fund, and Albert Guidry, nails, general fund.

N. P. MOSS, President.

L. J. ALLEMAN, Secretary.

4TH WARD.

Table of accounts for 4th Ward including Llodias Rouly, road work, special fund, and Neuvill Mouton, ditching, special fund.

5TH WARD.

Table of accounts for 5th Ward including Roger Landry, refund costs, special fund, and Eraltur Bourque, refund account only one buggy, special fund.

6TH WARD.

Table of accounts for 6th Ward including Antoine Smith, refund account no wagon, special fund, and Louis E. Connolly, rent of grader, special fund.

7TH WARD.

Table of accounts for 7th Ward including Rosemond Langluis, road work, special fund, and Rosemond Langluis, hauling lumber, general fund.

8TH WARD.

Table of accounts for 8th Ward including Antoine Broussard, road work, special fund, and Gustave Bacquet, bridge work, special fund.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

FELIX H. MOUTON, Secretary.

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