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School Board Proceedings.

January 5, 1878.
The Board met this day at its regular meeting. Present: J. N. Williams, president, J. Anshire, B. Faulk, John Lenore, Daniel Paul, Isaac Wise and F. R. King. Absent: P. I. Mouton and Archie Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion the school kept by Mr. Geo. W. Summers was discontinued.

On motion the school kept by Mr. J. A. Meagher was discontinued.

On motion resolved that the salaries of all the teachers outside of the town of Abbeville be reduced to thirty-five dollars per month.

The resignation of P. I. Mouton as a member of the board having been presented, on motion the same was accepted.

On motion, Messrs. R. Pickett, E. W. Hoff and Austin Lee were appointed a committee to investigate the charges brought to this board against G. J. Young and report to this body at its next meeting.

On motion resolved that the visiting trustees at Campbell's settlement be authorized to remove all their school furniture to the school kept Mr. L. S. Rice.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. N. WILLIAMS,
President.

ISAAC WISE, Secretary.

Police Jury.

On Monday, the 7th day of January 1878, A. D., the Police Jury met in regular session at the courthouse in Abbeville.

Were present: Messrs. Broussard, Perry and Wise.

Absent: Messrs. Lela and Hoffpauir.

On motion of Mr. Wise, N. Perry, Esq., was elected president pro tem.

Art. 4 adopted December 3d 1877, was amended by adding "two Registers or Record books and Index for successions for use of the clerk's office"; with this amendment the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Wise in accordance with the provisions of Art. 2 adopted December 3d 1877, reported that the repairs, &c., made to the Abbeville Bridge were paid in full, and at his request his mechanic's lien on said bridge was cancelled and annulled.

Art. 1. Resolved that the parish tax collector be notified to make a settlement of his collections with the Finance Committee on the 20th day of January inst. to the 31st day of December 1877.

Art. 2. Resolved that the parish Treasurer be also notified and required to make a similar settlement with said committee on or before the 1st proximo.

Geo. M. Eldridge, Esq., tendered his resignation as a member of the Finance Committee, which being accepted, John C. White, Esq., was elected in his place.

Whereas, the financial affairs of the parish of Vermilion are in an embarrassed condition, and the parish is unable to pay its outstanding indebtedness, under the rate of taxation as now fixed by law.

Art. 3. Be it Resolved, that the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, be requested to pass an act authorizing the Police Jury of Vermilion parish to fund said indebtedness, amounting approximately to (\$8000 00) and issue interest bearing bonds therefor, payable in one, two and three years; and authorizing the levy of a special tax to meet the payment of said bonds and interest.

Art. 3. Resolved that the Clerk of this body transmit copies of the above resolution to our Senator and Representative in the General Assembly.

The Police Jury proceeded to elect the officers of this body to serve during the present year and resulted as follows:

Nathan Perry, president.

Ambroise Lacour, clerk.
H. B. Lyons, constable.

M. C. Broussard, Treasurer.

Their salaries were fixed at the same rate as last year.

Art. 4. Resolved that the balance remaining out of the tax collector's and assessor's fund, after deducting \$400 00, be and the same is hereby transferred to the Police Jury fund, and appropriated to meet the payment of claims against said Police Jury fund.

The following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid out of their respective funds:

Police Jury fund 1877.

G M Eldridge \$ 9 60

Solomon Wise 8 00

Nathan Perry 14 00

Ambroise Lacour 100 00

D O Broussard 6 40

M C Broussard 100 00

H B Lyons 25 00

Contingent fund 1877

J G Brookshier 2 50

Solomon Wise 58 00

Criminal prosecution fund 1874.

S Wise, admr suc D Wells 2 50

Same fund 1877.

G B Shaw 270 00

C C Duson dist St Landry 46 00

Parish & Dist Atty fund 1877.

W A White salary to December 31st 1877. 29 16 1/2

For satisfactory reasons, Onesime Broussard, jr. was relieved of the payment of his parish taxes for the year 1874, on \$140 as erroneously assessed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the Jury adjourned to meet on the 1st Monday of February next.

N. PERRY, President.

A. LACOUR, Clerk.

Saturday October 20th 1877.

The Police Jury met this day at the Courthouse pursuant to adjournment.

Were present:—Howard Hoffpauir, president, S. Wise, D. O. Broussard and Nathan Perry.

On motion of S. Wise, Lastie Broussard was appointed clerk pro tem of this body for the present meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting being read, were ordered to be corrected, so as to place the amt. of \$15 allowed Isaac Wise, payable on the district attorney fund of 1877, instead of that fund for 1876; and with said correction, the said minutes were on motion adopted.

Mr. S. Wise, a member of the Finance committee, stated to the jury that the committee had been unable to complete their report, to be presented at this meeting, owing to the severe illness of some members of the committee; whereupon further time was granted.

1 On motion of Mr. Perry, Resolved that the clerk of the police jury, immediately inform and notify the several road overseers of the parish, of the limits and boundaries of their respective road districts.

Resolved further, that said road overseers, be also notified and ordered to call upon and notify all persons subject to road duty, without delay, to work on the bridges, in their respective road district, which are in need of repairs.

A communication from Mr. A. G. Maxwell, asking to be relieved of his contract for the keeping of the ferry across the Bayou Vermilion at Abbeville, after the expiration of his first month, was read and request acceded to by this body.

3 On motion of Mr. Wise, Resolved that a toll ferry be established at Abbeville, until the bridge across the bayou be completely repaired.

4 Resolved further, that the president be and he is hereby empowered and instructed to give the necessary advertisements and notice of the letting of said ferry to the highest bidder, in the manner prescribed by law.

5 Resolved further, that the keeper of said ferry, shall enter into a contract with the president of this body, and shall furthermore, be required to furnish bond with solvent surety in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the faithful performance of his

duty under his said contract; said bond to be taken before the Recorder of said parish, and recorded in his office, after being duly accepted and approved by the president of the police jury.

6 Resolved further, that the following rates of toll are hereby established, to wit:

For each footman, 5 cts; for each man and horse, 10 cts; for each buggy and horse, 15 cts; for each buggy with two horses 20 cts for each empty waggon with two horses, or for each ox cart with two oxen, 25 cts; for each loaded waggon with two horses, or for each ox cart with two oxen, 35.

7 On motion of Mr. Wise, Resolved that the president be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to contract for and in behalf of the parish of Vermilion, with any person or persons, for the repairs of the bridge at Abbeville, on such terms and conditions as the bridge committee may recommend and agree upon.

8 On motion of the same member, resolved that the tax collector be and he is hereby instructed to delay the collection of the amount claimed of Cessaire Bourque, for parish tax of 1874, until the 15th December, 1877.

9 The following claims were allowed on the several funds for the purpose:

Crim. Pros. fund 1875.

G. Pullen, trans. to S. Wise \$3 70

Election fund 1876.

Clet Leblanc 5 00

Physician fund 1877.

W. D. White 5 00

Police Jury fund 1877.

S. Wise, member of Police and finance com. to date 62 00

D. O. Broussard member Police Jury to date 16 00

Howard Hoffpauir do 5 00

M. C. Broussard P. T. 100 00

Crim. Pros. fund 1877.

S. Wise 4 00

C. Sonnier trs to S. Wise 5 00

G. Pullen do do 1 23

R. G. Russell do do 1 12 1/2

E. G. Ewing Dy-Sheriff 2 00

T. Guidry, do 31 65

The Jury then adjourned to Monday the 3d day of December 1877.

HOWARD HOFFPAUIR, President.

LASTIE BROUSSARD, Clk. pro tem.

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J. S. NUNEZ.

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STATE of Louisiana—Parish Court—Parish of Vermilion—No. 526.

Succession of Paulin Foutelieu.

Application of W. F. Schwing.

Whereas said applicant has filed in the office of the clerk of said Court, a petition praying to appointed administrator of the aforesaid succession:

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Given under my official signature at office, in the town of Abbeville, this 25th day of August A. D. 1877.

LASTIE BROUSSARD,
Clerk.

Notice.

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