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## POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

### Parish Budget for 1905 is Fixed at the May Meeting.

The Police Jury for Vermilion Parish, met at Abbeville in regular session, Monday, May 8, 1905. Present: E. M. Stebbins, president, and Messrs P. Dupre LeBlanc, Jules Thibodeaux, Sidney Andrus, Thos. Hoffpauir, Samuel Greene, J. M. Mestepay, and J. N. Foutz.

The minutes of the April meeting were adopted after due reading.

A petition was received asking the appointment of a Jury of Freeholders to trace a road starting at the northwest corner of lands of W. B. White, running north to intersect with road leading to Hunter Canal pumping plant, and on motion duly seconded, Messrs. D. L. McPherson, Dupre Meyer, Fernand Faulk, Edgar Chauvin, Edward Faulk, and J. E. Nettles were appointed therefor.

P. Dupre LeBlanc moved to withdraw the motion he offered at the last meeting, instructing the District Attorney to bring suit against Messrs Champagne, et als, which request was granted.

M. T. Gordy appeared in the interest of Mrs. Philosie Vincent, relative to the road accepted by the Police Jury at their regular meeting in April, 1905, claiming the damages were not sufficient, and after discussing said matter final action thereon was postponed until the next meeting of this body.

On motion duly seconded, Messrs. G. Perrin, Eraste Guidry, Numas Guidry, Romain Guidry and Ben Hargrove and Arthur Herpin were appointed a jury of freeholders to trace a road starting at Aristile Hebert's, running south to Spring Hill.

Sidney Andrus reported the satisfactory agreement as to drainage of public road in the Fourth Ward.

On motion of P. Dupre LeBlanc, duly seconded, the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company be and is hereby notified to removed the posts of their line from the public road lying north of Erath, so that said can be properly graded.

On motion duly seconded, Messrs H. C. Ewing, Clerville Broussard, Cornelius Harrington, Jesse White, J. Alcide Broussard and Arthur Trahan were appointed a jury of freeholders to trace a road from the public road south of lands of Arthur Trahan, running in a southerly direction to connect with public road leading to Prairie Greig.

On motion duly seconded, John Auber and H. T. Lee were appointed as member of jury of freeholders, vice Jean Pere and Treville Bourque, who failed to qualify.

On motion of Samuel Greene, duly seconded, T. I. Broussard be and is hereby notified to open the public road along the line of his lands in the Sixth Ward, now closed by his fencing, and upon his failure to do so the District Attorney be and is hereby instructed to bring suit against said Broussard.

E. M. Stebbins and Thos Hoffpauir reported on the drainage of the public road near LeRoy, in the Fifth Ward, stating that they could not say that the canal obstructed the drainage of the public roads, therefore no action was taken thereon.

On motion duly seconded, the contract to build the bridge across Marie Castile was accorded to Jean Mill, for the price and sum of Seventy five dollars (\$75.00), and Samuel Greene and J. N. Foutz were appointed to receive said work when completed. Donat Primeaux, road overseer of Sixth Ward, reported the road near lands of T. I. and Lastie

Broussard, and near J. C. Le-maire's, Sixth Ward, was still closed. The clerk of this body is requested to investigate and report on said matter.

On motion of J. N. Foutz, duly seconded, the question of changing the dimensions of bridge lumber was postponed until next meeting.

On motion of J. N. Foutz, duly seconded, the Tax Collector be and is hereby instructed to subdivide and turn into the parish treasury the taxes levied and assessed on the rolls of 1905, for road and bridge purposes for each ward separately, and the treasurer is instructed to keep a separate account thereof.

The members of the Police Jury appointed to investigate the condition of the Abbeville bridge, examined said bridge and reported the same to be in bad condition.

On motion duly seconded, Val-sin Broussard, road overseer, be and is hereby instructed to open the natural drain across the lands of Mrs. Ludovic Lequex, so as to drain the public roads in said locality.

P. Dupre LeBlanc reported upon the destruction of the building of Jacob Isaacs, and recommended that said building be properly disinfected and remain standing.

Samuel Greene reported progress on the drainage of roads in the Sixth Ward.

The following reports from the Finance Committee were received:

To the Honorable President and members of Police Jury, Parish of Vermilion.

The Finance Committee begs leave to submit the following report:—On January 6th our report showed a debit on the rolls of 1904 against J. O. Hebert, Sheriff (since deceased) of \$16,777.24.

On April 18th we had a settlement with his bondsmen showing collections of principal and interest, received for by Parish Treasurer \$7042.98 and having charged him with interest amounting to \$138.08. We still found a balance due on roll of 1904 of \$9872.24 which balance we charged to Adam Boudreaux, present sheriff. In examining the license book of 1903 and 1904, we found uncollected as per report of Dec. 16, 1904.

On roll 1903 \$128.50, rolls 1904, \$850.00, total, \$478.50

We credited same with license returned 175.00

We credited license reduced 50.00

We credited receipts from treasurer less com. 258.50

\$478.50 478.50

Showing license account up to January 1st, 1905 on balance, but your committee turned over to the Dist. Attorney the license amounting to \$175.00 with instruction to collect if possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. M. STEBBINS,  
M. L. ELDRIDGE,  
P. D. LEBLANC.

To the Honorable President and members of Police Jury, Parish of Vermilion.

We beg leave to submit following settlements had with parish treasurer on April 18th.

To balance on hand last report \$14310.53

To amount collected from Lafayette Parish for bridge 500.00

To amount collected from Lafayette Parish for bridge at Lidons. 415.00

To amount received from Bondsmen, J. O. Hebert rolls 1904. 5618.50

To amount received from Bondsmen, J. O. Hebert licenses 1904 2225.38

To amount received from Adam Boudreaux rolls 1904 2100.88

from Adam Boudreaux licenses 2911.75

Total amount 28081.98

By Sundry, Vouchers and claims 22659.37

To balance in treasurers hands this date \$5422.62

Respectfully submitted,  
E. M. STEBBINS,  
M. L. ELDRIDGE,  
P. D. LEBLANC.

To the Honorable President and members of Police Jury, Parish of Vermilion.

Your committee reports following settlement with Adam Boudreaux, Sheriff on April 18, 1905.

To amount due on rolls of 1904 9872.24

To interest on collections 54.28

Credited by receipt from parish treasurer 9926.62

On parish tax 2222.55  
" corporation tax 308.01  
" 8th Ward road 131.33  
" 5th Ward road 175.70

Total 2837.59

Balance due on rolls 1904 7089.03

To amount license turned over by treasurer 10295.00

By receipts parish treasurer 3065.00

To bal on license April 18th May 5 by receipt treasurer 355.00

To balance on license 6875.00

May 5th to balance due on rolls 1904 on April 18th 7089.03

To interest on collection 155.32

Total 7244.35

By receipt parish treasurer 4037.83

To balance on rolls 1904 3206.53

Respectfully submitted,  
E. M. STEBBINS,  
M. L. ELDRIDGE,  
P. D. LEBLANC.

The treasurer submitted the following report which was ordered spread on the minutes:

Abbeville, La., May 8th 1905.

To Honorable President and members of Police Jury, Vermilion parish.

Gentlemen:  
The following represents the financial standing of the parish as per settlement with Finance Committee on April 18, 1905.

Surplus fund overdrawn \$1341.79

Ophel bridge fund has on hand 3007.56

Mag, Const, and Phys fund has on hand 536.78

Dist Atty and Sheriff fund has on hand 597.64

Criml Prosecution fund has on hand 834.94

Civil Expense fund has on hand 563.94

Road and bridge fund has on hand 148.63

Abbeville High School fund overdrawn 561.84

8th Ward drainage fund has on hand 694.17

8th Ward Road tax fund has on hand 575.79

5th Ward Road tax fund has on hand 266.80

Since then I have received and disbursed so as to leave the following balances on hand at this date.

Surplus fund is overdrawn \$1341.79

Ophel Bridge fund has on hand 2207.26

Mag Const and Phys fund has on hand 507.60

Dist Atty and Sheriff fund has on hand 635.52

Criml Prosecution fund has on hand 1039.65

Civil Expense fund has on hand 498.72

Road and bridge fund has on hand 379.32

CH & JB fund has on hand 360.93

Abbeville High School fund is overdrawn 417.47

8th Ward drainage fund has on hand 205.70

8th Ward Road tax fund has on hand 364.46

5th Ward Road tax fund has

on hand 460.81

Very Respectfully,  
ELI WISE,  
Par. Treas.

A report from the Court House committee relative to the condition of the Court House, Jail and Grounds was received and filed.

On motion duly seconded the judgement held by Simonet LeBlanc against the Parish of Vermilion for recording returns of Coroners inguest, amounting to \$81.85 was ordered paid out of the Criminal Prosecution funds.

PARISH BUDGET FOR 1905.

The following levy was made on all property both real and personal located within the limits of Vermilion Parish, outside the corporate limits of the towns of Abbeville, Erath, Gueydan and Kaplan.

For Magistrate, Constable and Physicians Fund, 1 1/2 mill.

For District Attorney and Sheriffs Fund, 1 "

For Criminal Prosecution Fund, 1 "

For Civil Expense Fund, 1 1/2 "

For Road and Bridge Fund, 2 1/2 "

For Court House and Jail Fund, 1 1/2 "

For Public School Fund, 2 1/2 "

Total 10 "

And on all property both real personal, located within the corporate limits of the towns of Abbeville, Guoydan, Erath and Kaplan, there shall be levied and assessed the following taxes, to wit:

For Magistrate, Constable and Physicians Fund, 1/2 mill.

For District Attorney and Sheriffs Fund, 1 "

For Criminal Prosecution Fund, 1 "

For Public School Fund, 2 1/2 "

Total 5 "

And for Eighth Ward Road Tax, 5 "

And for Eighth Ward Drainage Tax, 5 "

And for Fifth Ward Road Tax, 5 "

On motion of J. N. Foutz, T. J. Curtis, of Gueydan, was appointed a member of the Eighth Ward drainage commissioners, for term of three years, vice Chas. Clark, whose term expired, and J. G. Neelis was reappointed as a member thereof, for a term of two years.

The list of claims allowed will be published next week.

### Another Funeral.

The Kinder Plaindealer has discontinued publication and the outfit will be moved to Robeline and used to print the Robeline Register. The Plaindealer has been in existence about two and a half years and the proprietor assigns as his reason for discontinuing that the people of the community do not support the paper.

### Lake Arthur Campmeeting.

The Lake Arthur campmeeting will begin this year on the 28th of June and close on the 12th of July, with Rev. E. F. Walker, of Greencastle, Ind., as evangelist and Rev. Luther R. Robinson as singer. Preceding the campmeeting there will be a State encampment of the Baptist Young People's Union of four days' duration, beginning June 20th, and closing the 25th, on the camp ground. The railroads will make a one-way rate for round trip.

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