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Police Jury Proceedings.

Opelousas, La., Dec. 5, 1904.

The Police Jury met in regular session this day with the following members present:

Dr. W. F. Clopton, President; Messrs. Durio, Stelly, Fruge, Lafleur, Muller, Bertrand, Haas, Guidry, Dailey, Halphen, Guillory, Savant, Deshotels, Manuel.

Motion by Mr. Haas—

Seconded and carried, that the report of committee appointed to sell contract for the building of bridge at the Carroll crossing, on Bayou Cocodrie, near Science Hill, be received and accepted, committee discharged, and the sum of one hundred dollars, ordered credited to Mr. E. P. Ferguson, out of the 6th ward internal improvement funds.

Motion by Mr. Bertrand—

Seconded and carried, that the report of committee appointed to sell contract for the building of the Narcisse Jones bridge, 8th ward, be received and accepted, committee discharged, and the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars ordered credited to Mr. Pierre N. Cormier, out of the 8th ward internal improvement funds.

Mr. Dailey offered the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Muller, and upon being duly read, was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE.

To fix the dates of the beginning and ending of the closed season for deer, and to appoint game wardens, pursuant to Act No. 126 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 5th, 1904.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry, in regular session convend, That, pursuant to the provisions of section three of Act No. 126 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved July 5th, 1904, the closed season for hunting or killing deer, shall begin on the first day of the month of February, and end on the last day of the month of August of each year.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc. That, Thos. A. Cooke of 1st ward; T C. Jordan and A. D. Prejean of 2d ward; Armstrong Smith of 3d ward; R. E. Smith of 4th ward; L. A. Deshotels, Gilbert Stagg and J. M. Roberts of 5th ward; E. H. Wolff of 6th ward; Armand Manuel and Marcena Chapman of 7th ward; Mayo Miller and Bercier Landry of 8th ward, be and they are hereby appointed game wardens for this parish with all the authority vested in, and subject to all the duties required of, such officers by the act aforesaid.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Guillory—

Seconded and carried, that the report of committee appointed to lay out public road, as prayed for by citizens of Plaisance, be received and accepted, committee discharged, and the road declared a public one, as laid out by said committee, as follows, to-wit: Starting from the Plaisance and Chataignier public road, running in a southwesterly direction, between lands of Messrs. Aristide Sebastien and Marius Vidrine to land of Leopold Frilot & Co., and from thence in a southeasterly direction, between lands of the said Leopold Frilot & Co., and the said Vidrine, and from thence in a southerly direction, between lands of the said Frilot & Co., and Mrs. Francois Rideau, and from thence in a southwesterly direction, between lands of the said Frilot & Co., Mrs. J. L. Perrodin, Adolphe Guillory and Christotal Dupre to the said Dupre's southeast corner, and from thence across the said Guillory's land in a southeasterly direction to intersect the new proposed road to Prairie Ronde.

Motion by Mr. Guillory—

Seconded and carried, that the report of committee appointed to lay out public road as prayed for by citizens of Plaisance and Prairie Ronde, be received and accepted, committee discharged, and the road declared a public one, as described in said report, to-wit: Starting from the Opelousas and Prairie Ronde public road, running in a northeasterly direction, between lands of Messrs. Ertemon Lafleur, Albert Bertrand, Edgar Prud'homme, Alcide Dupre, Mentor Dupre, Edward Rideau and Thomas Bibbs, to land of Mr. Adolphe Guillory; from thence across the land of the said Guillory, in a northeasterly direction for a distance of about seven and one-half arpents, and from thence across the aforesaid Guillory's land in a southeasterly direction to line of Mrs. C. L. Dupre's land, and from thence between lands of Messrs. Guillory, Nestor Perrodin, Mrs. J. L. Perrodin and Mrs. C. L. Dupre, and from thence across land of Mrs. J. L. Perrodin to land of Mrs. Francois Rideau, and from thence between lands of Mrs. J. L. Perrodin, Mrs. Francois Rideau and Mr. Mentor Dupre to line of Mrs. Fremont Dupre.

Motion by Dr. Clopton—

Seconded and carried, that the petition praying for the granting of a public road on the bank of bayou Courtableau from Chevis' lower line to Dr. I. E. Shute's lower line, for a distance of about two miles, and without cost to the parish, be and the same is hereby granted as prayed for in said petition.

Motion by Mr. Lafleur—

Seconded and carried, that the report of committee appointed to sell contract for draining public road, leading from Frilot bridge to Ville Platte, be accepted, committee discharged and the sum of sixty-five dollars ordered credited to Mr. Ulysse Young, out of the 7th ward internal improvement funds.

Motion by Mr. Manuel—

Seconded and carried, the Police Jury adjourned until 2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Dr. W. F. Clopton, President; Messrs. Durio, Stelly, Fruge, Lafleur, Halphen, Muller, Guillory, Dailey, Savant, Guidry.

Motion by Mr. Bertrand—

Seconded and carried, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to make an additional loan of $2000 with the fiscal agent for the year 1904, for the payment of salaried claims and court expenses distributed as follows:

Officers' salaries	$ 800.00
Jurors and witnesses, criminal cases	1,200.00
Total	$2,000.00

Resolved further, that the action of the committee in making the above loan will be ratified by the Police Jury at its next regular meeting. Chair appointed Messrs. Dailey, Durio and Dubuisson.

Motion by Mr. Guillory—

Seconded and carried, the Police Jury adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

December 6, 1904.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Dr. Clopton, Pres.; Messrs. Durio, Stelly, Fruge, Halphen, Bertrand, Haas, Deshotels, Savant, Dailey, Manuel, Muller, Lafleur.

Motion by Mr. Dailey—

Resolved, that hereafter all public printing chargeable to and to be paid by the parish, shall be done by or through the Parish Printer, and no bills for such work hereafter, shall be approved or paid, unless done in accordance with this resolution;

Provided, that all job printing to be done by the Parish Printer shall be at the lowest current rates.

Motion carried.

Mr. Deshotels offered the following ordinance, and upon being duly read was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend and re-ordain section 8 of an ordinance relative to constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads, providing revenue therefor and the manner of enforcing payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of St. Landry, that section (8) of an ordinance adopted February 3d, 1903, entitled "An ordinance relative to constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads, providing revenue therefor and the manner of enforcing payment of the same," be amended and re-ordained so as to read as follows:

Section 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That the sheriff and ex-officio tax collector shall have the same remedy for enforcing the payment of said per capita and license taxes as he has for the enforced collection of state licenses, and in addition thereto the following penalties are hereby provided, viz:

1. Whoever shall be liable to said per capita tax who shall fail or neglect to pay same on or before the first day of May of each and every year shall, upon trial and conviction, pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, and in default of paying said fine and cost, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days, said penalties to be enforced by indictment or information before any court of competent jurisdiction.

2. Whoever shall take any vehicle used for locomotion upon any public road of the parish after the first of March of each year without having paid the proper license thereon, as above provided, or without having the proper tin tag thereto attached, shall be liable to have the said vehicle seized by the sheriff and sold at public auction, after ten days advertisement, for cash, for what it will bring, to pay and satisfy the license thereon and cost; provided, that the owner of such vehicle, or anyone for him, may, before sale, redeem said vehicle by paying the license due thereon and cost. The sheriff shall be allowed the same fees in such cases as is allowed by law for executing writs of fieri facias; and in addition thereto the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each seizure.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Durio—

Duly seconded, that the appointed sealer of weights and measures shall be entitled to and receive the following fees:

For each yearly visit and inspection of a full set of steel-yards, or of scales with their weights, or of a balances with their weights, or of a bushel measure and its parts, or of a gallon measure and its parts, or a set of yard-sticks, they shall receive twenty-five cents, and no more; for sealing each weight and measure, five cents; for the examination of each platform scale, cotton and tobacco scale and its apparatus, fifty cents, and for sealing the same, fifty cents; the fees, in all cases, to be paid by the owners of the weights and measures inspected and sealed. The stamp shall be impressed, and payment required for doing the same only on such as have not been stamped, or such as, having once been stamped, are found so defective as to require to be regulated with the standard.

Mr. Savant moved to table Mr. Durio's motion.

The yeas and nays were called.

Messrs. Clopton, Stelly, Fruge, Lafleur, Deshotels, Dailey, Savant and Manuel, voting to table—8.

Messrs. Durio, Halphen, Muller, Bertrand, voting no—4.

Motion to table carried.

Mr. Durio offered the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Savant, and upon being duly read, was adopted unanimously, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO STRAYS.

Section 1. Be it ordained, by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry in regular session convened, That all horses, mules or cattle, whether branded or unbranded, wild or gentle, that shall have remained in a neighborhood for twelve months or more, running at large, whose owner shall be unknown, shall be considered strays.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That none but freeholders or lessees of real estate shall have the right to take up strays,

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person who shall take up a stray shall immediately give notice of the fact in the official journal of the parish, and by posting in at least three conspicuous places in the neighborhood of capture; said notice shall state the date and place of capture, give a description of the animal by making known the brand and earmarks, if any there be, and also the color, age, as nearly as possible, and sex of the stray.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That after the expiration of the notice required in section 3 hereof if the owner should not in the meantime have claimed the stray, the capturer shall immediately notify the Justice-of-the-Peace of the ward of capture, who shall advertise the stray for sale to take place at the home of the capturer in the same manner as the notice of capture is required to be advertised, during ten days, and on the day appointed for the sale, the Justice-of-the-Peace shall appoint and swear two appraisers, who shall appraise the stray, after which, at the hour appointed for the sale, the Justice-of-the-Peace shall adjudicate the stray at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, provided such bid amount to at least two-thirds of the appraisements. Should no bid amount to two-thirds of the appraisement, the stray shall not be adjudicated but shall be re-advertised as before, and at the second offering shall not be apprised, but sold for whatever it will bring.

Section 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That the capturer of a stray shall be allowed one dollar for capture and twenty-five cents per day per head for keeping mules and horses and ten cents per head for keeping cattle, during the time that he shall have them in possession, provided that said per diem shall only begin to run from the appearance of the first notice of capture as provided in section 3 hereof, and the Justice-of-the-Peace making the sale of strays shall be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per head for all of his services in connection therewith; provided, however, that should the animal not sell for an amount sufficient to cover the costs, the capturer and Justice-of-the-Peace shall suffer a proportionate diminution of their fees.

Section 6. Be it further ordained, etc., That when a Justice-of-the-Peace shall sell a stray, he shall without delay make a report thereof in writing to the Clerk of the Police Jury and turn over the net proceeds to the Parish Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Police Jury to keep a record of such reported sales and of the Parish Treasurer to keep a separate account of the funds thus turned over to him.

Section 7. Be it further ordained, etc. That the owner of a stray may recover possession thereof at any time before the sale thereof on paying the accrued costs, and may within one year after sale recover the net proceeds of the stray on furnishing satisfactory proof of ownership to the Police Jury.

Section 8. Be it further ordained, etc., That anyone who shall knowingly and wrongfully violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days or both at the discretion of the court, the prosecution in all cases to be by indictment or information.

Section 9. Be it further ordained, etc. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

W. F. CLOPTON, Prest.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

Mr. Haas in the chair.

Motion by Mr. Halphen—

That the hog law be enforced throughout the first ward of the parish. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Muller—

That the Police jury go into a committee of the whole to examine and approve claims.

Mr. Muller in the chair.

M L Swords, feeding prisoners, Nov 8 to Dec 5, '04	$210 15
M L Swords, arrests, conveying prisoners, mileage, etc	122 90
M L Swords, attend. on District Court, Nov 19 to Dec 5, 13 days	65 00
Allen & McKinney, painting and repairing Court House	400 00
Ignius Guillory, hauling lumber and repairing bridge, 2 wd	11 00
Frank Quebedeau, road work June 26 to Sept 26, '04, 3 wd	103 30
W A Duckworth, road work, 4th ward	30 00
Eraste Manuel, 3 qrts road work, 7 ward	43 75
Dorcin Chapman, 3 qrts road wk, 7 ward	100 00
Gustin Guillory, 3 qrts road wk, 7 ward	45 00
Angelas S. Fontenot, 3 qtrs road work, 7 ward	30 00
Alcindor Fontenot, 3 qrts road work, 7 ward	14 04
Alibe Bertrand, 3 qrts road work, 7 work	45 00
Eraste Soileau, 3 qrts road work, 7 ward	118 75
A Lafleur, per diem com. to sell contract digging canal, 7 ward	3 00

Motion by Mr. Deshotels—

The committee on claims resolved itself into regular session.

The committee on claims reported through Chairman Muller, that they had examined the claims as above detailed and found same correct.

On motion, the report was accepted and committee discharged.

Motion by Mr. Savant—

The minutes were read and adopted.

Motion by Mr. Dailey—

Seconded and carried, the Police Jury adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Police Jury met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Dr. W. F. Clopton, Pres.; Messrs. Stelly, Fruge, Lafleur, Muller, Deshotels, Dailey, Savant, Manuel.

On motion of Mr. Fruge—

Resolved, That the contract this day entered into on behalf of the parish by Messrs. Dailey, Durio and Dubuisson with the St. Landry State Bank, the Peoples State Bank and the Washington State Bank, fiscal agents of the parish, for an additional loan of two thousand dollars in pursuance to a resolution of this police jury adopted on the 5th instant, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fruge—

That an appropriation of twenty dollars be made out of the 7th ward internal improvement funds to drain public road along the field of J. B. P. Fontenot to Bayou Maron, and that contract be sold to lowest bidder and work received by Messrs. Lena Ancoin, Willis P. Fontenot, and Jean Pierre P. Fontenot.

Messrs. Clopton, Stelly, Fruge, Lafleur, Muller, Deshotels, Dailey, Savant and Manuel voting yes.

Motion carried.

To the President and Members of the Police Jury:

Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the statement of the fiscal agents as submitted, and found same correct, and recommend that a warrant be issued to the said fiscal agent for the sum of two hundred and twenty and 08|100 dollars for salary for month of November, 1904.

Aug. J. Muller,
J. E. Dailey,
Committee.

Motion by Mr. Savant—

The report was accepted and a warrant ordered issued in favor of the fiscal agent as per committee repor.

Motion by Mr. Savant—

That the Clerk and President of the Police Jury be and they are hereby authorized to issue a warrant for twelve hundred dollars against the fiscal agents and in favor of the Parish Treasurer to pay the jurors' certificates and witness certificates in criminal cases.

Motion carried.

The following persons, through proper certificates, were ordered placed on the indigent list, viz:

5th Ward: Francois Lewis (col) and Zoah Rozette.

7th Ward: Mrs. Henry Soileau, wid.

Motion by Mr. Deshotels—

The Police Jury adjourned to meet in special session on Tuesday, December 27th, 1904, to tabulate the returns of the election to be held in the first ward of December 26th.

W. F. CLOPTON, President.
Attest: J. J. HEALEY, Clerk.

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CONSTABLE'S SALE.

SAVANT & MILBURN Vs. GORDON PURDY.

No. —. 12th Justice's Court, Parish of St Landry, La.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued by Hon. M. P. Stagg, Justice of the Peace in and for the 12th Ward of the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled suit, and to me directed, I have seized and I will proceed to sell at the office of M. P. Stagg, on

Wednesday, December 21, 1904

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

Undivided half of three bales of cotton, marked G. P.

Undivided half of two thousand five hundred and sixty-eight pounds of seed cotton.

Two barrels of corn, more or less.
Terms—Cash. G. W. REED,
d10-2t Constable, 12th Ward.

SUCCESSION SALE.

ESTATE OF AURELIA FUSILIER, deceased wife of Leandre Bertrand.

No. 6,017. Probate Docket, District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. E. T Lewis, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, there will be sold at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned administrator or any duly qualified auctioneer, at the last residence of the deceased, at Prairie Mamou, on

Wednesday, December 28, 1904,

at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, belonging to the above estate, to-wit:

1. A certain parcel of land, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Prairie Mamou, St. Landry parish, State of Louisiana, containing twenty acres, and bounded north by lands of Benjamin Guillory, south by lands of Bazile Fusilier, east by lands of Fabius Fusilier, and west by railroad lands.

One old horse; one old mare; one cow and calf; one sow and eight pigs, one lot of household furniture; one lot of kitchen utensils; one lot of 25 barrels of corn.

Terms—Cash.

LEANDRE BERTRAND,
d10 3t Administrator.

PARTITION SALE.

YORICK RIDER VS. HONORE FUSILIER, TUTOR, ET AL.

No. 17,334. Probate Docket. District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

By virtue of a judgment rendered by the Hon. E T. Lewis, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of St. Landry, rendered in the above numbered and entitled suit, on November 29th, 1904, and of an order of said court dated December 8th, 1904, there will be sold by the undersigned auctioneer, at the place of Gervais Fontenot, in Prairie Mamou, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, on

Wednesday, Jan'y 11, 1905,

at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of effecting a partition between the co-owners, the following described property, belonging to said estate, to-wit:

A certain tract of prairie and woodland, situated in Prairie Mamou, and on Bayou Nezpique Woods, on Gully Petit Bois, in above-named parish and State, bounded north by lands of Alexander Aguillard, south by lands of Dr. John A. Haas, east by lands of Gervais Fontenot and west by lands of Dr. John A. Haas, containing ninety superficial arpents, more or less.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

One-half cash on day of sale, the balance payable in two equal annual installments, one and two years respectively, from day of sale; purchaser furnishing his promissory notes payable one and two years respectively from day of sale; said notes to bear eight per cent. interest from day of sale until paid, and ten per cent. additional on amount of principal and interest unpaid, if sued upon or placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, and also vendor's lein and privilege to be retained on said property until full and final payment.

EDWARD DARDEAU,
d10-5t Auctioneer.

FOR SALE. Boxwood Ornamental Trees. 4-years-old, 25¢ each. 2-years-old, 12½¢ each. Cuttings, 50¢ per 100.
d3-1t MRS. CHAS. PEFFERKORN.

Extracts from Police Jury Proceedings, Nov. 14, 1904.

To the Honorable, the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, La:

The undersigned duly qualified electors and property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, and composing more than one-third of the qualified voters and property taxpayers of said ward, respectfully request your Honorable Body to order an election (as provided by Act No. 202 of the Acts of the Legislature, approved and signed July 14th, 1898, and in accordance with Article 270 of the State Constitution) in said ward, to take the sense of the legally qualified voters, whether your Honorable Body shall levy a five mill tax for the period of ten years, to raise a fund amounting in the aggregate to $70,000.00, payable in annual installments of $7,000.00, as collected by said tax, to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad—a road projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, and by which it is proposed to connect Opelousas with some line of railway paralelling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, and in a northeasterly direction from Opelousas, and constructing and extending said line from Opelousas in a southwesterly direction intersecting and crossing the Louisiana Western Railroad at or near the town of Rayne, or at or near the town of Crowley, or at or near the town of Jennings, and extending thence to deep water on the Gulf.

The said tax to be levied, collected and paid over to said railroad company, subject to the conditions specified in its charter and the amendments thereto, and especially the following conditions:

First—The said tax shall be assessed, levied and collected for the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914;

Second—No portion of the funds accruing from said tax shall be paid to said company until the completion of that portion of its proposed railroad connecting the town of Opelousas with the Texas & Pacific Railroad, or some railway paralelling that road and entering New Orleans; provided, that when that portion of the said railroad shall have been completed all taxes then collected shall be paid over to the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, or to the transferee or assignee of said company, and after the completion of said portion of said railroad all other taxes collected in aid of its construction shall be paid over directly to said railroad company, or to its transferee or assignee;

Third—The said taxes as collected shall be deposited in some good and solvent banking or trust company, paying interest on deposits, and shall remain on deposit to the credit of said railway company, subject to the conditions herein stated;

Fourth—In case that portion of the projected road connecting Opelousas with the Texas & Pacific Railroad or some paralelling railroad be not completed within five years from January 1, 1905, then in that event all funds collected from said tax, with the accumulated interest thereon, shall be returned to the taxpayers or bona fide transferees of the receipts for such taxes;

Fifth—Bona fide owners or holders of receipts for the payment of said special taxes, amounting in the aggregate to $25.00, the value of one share of the capital stock of said railroad company, shall be entitled to receive stock at par in said company, the holders of such tax receipts being permitted to club together to make up the necessary amount of a share of the capital stock and to have a certificate of stock issued in the name of any one of them for himself and as agent of his associates; and all such tax receipts being transferable by the blank endorsement of the taxpayer;

Sixth—No transfer or assignment of the proposed railroad, or of its franchises, shall ever be made without the consent of the stockholders, given at an election held to take their sense upon the subject matter; and no transfer of shares of the capital stock or receipts for the payment of special taxes in aid of the construction of said road shall be made to any non-competing railroad company, and any such transfer of stock or tax receipts shall be illegal null and void:

B Marcott	R Mornhinveg
Lucius Richard	Isaac Roos
V L Lacombe	Jos Firnberg
I E Estorge	L Desmarais, Jr
T Blacksher&Son	L Delaurme
J Perrodin	Thos H Lewis
D Estillette	J A Haas
Abner Roy	E P Veazie
H Pavy, per V	Henry L Garland
W Moriarty	F W Moriarty
Jos P Saizan	Arthur A Comeau
Fisher	James Mazee
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Aaron Perry	J & L Landau
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D Mizzi	Heyman Bohrer
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Lucius Richard	J C Sittig
Abe Studdeth	C T Griffith
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L A Cooke	J B Moreau
Jos U Roy	A Lastrapes
G H Cretin	Geo Goodloe
Louis B Wyble	H Lacombe
Ben Riseman	W A Sandoz
S L Hebrard	W A Chachere
R G Chachere	T J Caldwell
Frank Howard	Ernest Chachere
Gilbert L Dupre	A C Skiles
W B Lewis	E B Patterson
E Loeb	J J Thompson
Alex Mair, Jr	Kenneth Baillio
James O Ray	A B Chachere
F Charleville	Adolphe Jacobs
F Cliff Allen	A L Chachere
T R Atkinson	A T Sandoz & Bro
H H Sandoz	Aug Ducharme
Alcide Fontenot	Eraste Fontenot
D F Smith	Louis L Danel
F A Delarue, Jr	F L Sandoz
Adelin Durio	J L Cahanin
M Winsberg	Theo Hollier
C T Bienvenu	R B Chachere
J M Sanders	J B Vandergriff
I Isaac	F Delarue
J W Bacon	Theog Chachere
Jos Stokes	R L Walker, M D
L E Littell	Homer Ventre
O Dardeau	H A Dominique
A S J Campbell	Chas Ventre
A Perry	Wm M Thompson
A A Crouchet	M Ringrose
W B Prescott	C L Hayes
Rene Carriere	C Brand
O B Thompson	H P Larcade
P J Lefebvre	G B Latiolais
H Bodemuller	J Engberink
Franklin Schell	J G Lawler
M Budd	Albert Mourett
R M Milsted	Benj A Littell
J J Healey	Jno Mornhinveg
Edgar Landry	Jno W Lewis
E A Bodemuller	L F Lastrapes
I E Shute, M D	W S Obier
S M Phillips	Lastie Dupre
Hy Lastrapes, Sr	Alcide St Cyr
T Coreil	O Durio
Geo P Pickens	E S Kerr
T F McKinney	A C Jones
George Bourdier	W H Slane
J E Swords	J Ryan Thompson
Y Vidrine	Joseph Lafond
S W McSpadden	Joseph Anselm
Louis Wyble	I R Guidry
L C Soileau	W D Cannon
Hy Lastrapes, jr	Phil L Asher
Thos S Isack	A L Stagg
J E Zoder, jr	Louis Gosselin
R R Wilkins	Arthur Veltin
D F Hollier	Willie Ardoin
Ozeme Moreau	Hy Chachere
Jos Ducharme	John Tujaque
Chas Thibodeau	A Moresi
L H Mornhinveg	W T Henderson
L L Lavergne	W C Perrault
G L Lassalle	O C Devilliers
E T Dupre	Dr O P Daly
J B Meginley	Godfroy Dupre
J E Debaillon	R M Coltrin
Johnson Carriere	H C Peckam
R Debaillon	L D D'Avy
L F Burr	Samuel Brown
Josephus Brown	C Duflilho
E Fisher	A Valin
Jno M Ware	A Comeau
Sol Lavergne	G A Callouet
W P Goodloe	Mentor Devillier
Johnson Carriere	Louis Wyble
G W McCullough	Lucien Dupre
B L Emerson	C A Ransom
M Ringrose	Louis Hebert
J C Black	Albert Gauthreaux
Adelin Durio	Arthur Fontenot
W B Robert	W M Richard
Jonas Jacobs	L T Castille
F C Jennings	L A Sandoz

To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury:

Your committee, to which was referred the petition of the qualified electors and property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, with instructions to report what action, if any, should be taken thereon, respectfully report that the signers of said petition constitute in number and amount more than one-third of the property tax-payers entitled to vote in said ward; and that the prayers of said petition—that a special election be ordered to take the sense of the property taxpayers entitled to vote in said ward whether a five mill tax for the period of ten years in aid of the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad—should be granted.

Your committee finds that there are residing in said Police Jury ward three hundred and sixty-four property taxpayers, entitled to vote, and that one hundred and seventy-six of said electors have signed the petition—lacking only thirteen of being the majority in number—while the law only requires one-third in number to be signed to said petition. Your committee finds further that the amount of property assessed to said electors in said ward is five hundred and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars, and the amount represented by the signers to said petition is four hundred and four thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. It thus appears that the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition exceed the one-third of the whole number by fifty-five, while the property represented by the signers to said petition exceeds one-third of the property assessed to such electors by two hundred and eight thousand four hundred and six dollars.

Your committee further submits in connection herewith, the certificate of Mr. Benj. Prescott, Dy-Assessor and Registrar of Voters, showing that more than one-third of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward, entitled to vote have signed the said petition; also a list of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward entitled to vote therein, together with the amount of property assessed to them for the year 1903, prepared by Mr. George Edwards, and taken from the list of duly qualified registered voters and from the assessment rolls of the parish of St. Landry, and the affidavit of Mr. Edwards to the correctness of the same.

Your committee further submits an ordinance, prepared by Mr. Thomas H. Lewis, and which they believe to be in conformity with the law, and with the wishes of more than one-third of the property taxpayers of said ward entitled to vote therein, as set forth in their petition; and they recommend the adoption of said ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. DAILEY,
Chairman.

Motion by Mr. Guidry—

Seconded and carried, that the above report be accepted and committee discharged, and the report ordered spread upon the minutes.

Mr J. E. Dailey offered the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE.

Providing for a special election of the property taxpayers of the first police jury ward of the parish of St. Landry, entitled to vote therein, to decide whether a five mill tax shall be levied annually for ten years, in said ward, under the provisions of Act No. 202 and of Article 270 of the Constitution, to aid in the construction of the line of railway projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry, signed by more than one-third of the property taxpayers of the First Police Jury Ward of the parish, entitled to vote therein, praying that a special election be ordered in said ward to take the sense of the property taxpayers entitled to vote under the constitution and law whether a special tax of five mills shall be annually levied and collected for ten years to aid in the construction of a line of railway projected by the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railway Company, a road by which it is proposed to connect Opelousas with some line of railway paralelling the Mississippi River and entering New Orleans, and in a northeasterly direction from Opelousas, and constructing and extending said line from Opelousas in a southwesterly direction, intersecting and crossing the Louisiana Western Railroad at or near the town of Rayne, or at or near the town of Crowley, or at or near the town of Jennings, and extending thence to deep water on the Gulf; and

Whereas, the said petition sets forth in detail the conditions upon which said tax shall be levied, collected and paid over to said railroad company; therefore, be it ordained by the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry—

Section 1. That a special election be and is hereby ordered to be held on

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between the hours of six o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m., in said ward and at the polls therein where an election was held at the last general election, and that said election be held under the general election laws of the State, as far as applicable, to take the sense of the property taxpayers of said ward, entitled to vote thereat under the Constitution and law, whether a five mill tax shall be annually levied and collected for the period of ten consecutive years, beginning with the year 1905, upon the property within said ward to aid in the construction of the line of railway described in the foregoing preamble.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the ballots to be voted at said special election shall be in the following form, namely: those in favor of the special tax shall contain the words written or printed thereon, "For special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, under the provisions of ordinance adopted by the police jury, 14th day of November, 1904," and those against the special tax shall contain the words written or printed thereon, "Against special tax of five mills for ten years to aid in the construction of the Opelousas, Gulf & Northeastern Railroad, under the provisions of ordinance adopted by the police jury, 14th day of November, 1904."

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Board of Supervisors of Election of the parish of St. Landry is hereby requested to appoint commissioners and clerks to serve at the polling places in said ward, at said election, to give due notice of said appointment, and of the time and place of holding said election.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That the commissioners of election shall receive the ballot of each voter, check his name, or that of his principal, on the lists of voters furnished by the registrar, as having voted, enter and number his name or that of his principal on the list of taxpayers voting, and immediately deposit his ballot in the ballot box, and that immediately after the closing of the polls the commissioners shall, in the presence of the bystanders, proceed to open the ballot boxes, count the votes in number and amount, make up in duplicate the tally sheets showing the votes in number in favor of and against the proposition submitted and showing the val