

# JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICE

Mermentau Ferry Contract Transferred to O. Myers. Sixty Days to Complete New Boat

Jennings, La., December 2, 1920. The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, met in regular session at the Court House in Jennings, Louisiana, on this day at 9 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. C. E. Carr, president, and upon roll call the following members were present:

J. A. St. Germain, Ward 1.  
W. Krielow, Ward 2.  
J. M. Davis, Ward 3.  
J. S. Tremé, Ward 4.  
D. E. Cole, Ward 5.  
C. E. Carr, Ward 6.  
A. E. Bourgeois, Ward 7.  
Dolzie Bourgeois, Ward 8.  
David Marcantel, Ward 9.

The minutes of the regular session on November 4th, were read and approved in open session.

The committee appointed at previous meeting to confer with the Police Jury of Acadia Parish in connection with the Mermentau Ferry lease submitted a report, and after due deliberation an assignment of the Mermentau Ferry lease from L. Carr to O. Myers which was presented to the Police Jury containing certain modifications of the original franchise granted to the said L. Carr, was duly considered by the Police Jury and after due deliberation Mr. St. Germain moved that the said assignment together with the modifications of the original franchise therein specified be approved by this body upon the condition that the assignee execute a suitable bond as stipulated in the original franchise within fifteen (15) days from this date, and with the further proviso that the assignee within sixty (60) days from this date build and have in operation a new ferry of the

capacity and according to the specifications provided in the said original franchise. The motion was seconded by Mr. Krielow and upon being put was carried.

The assignment together with modifications of the original franchise above mentioned as follows:

"State of Louisiana  
Parish of Acadia.

Know all these men by these presents, that Leopold Carr, a resident of Acadia Parish, Louisiana, for the consideration hereinafter stated does hereby transfer, assign, set over and deliver unto Oclide Meyers, a resident of Acadia Parish all of his right, title and interest in and to a certain contract entered into with the Parishes of Acadia and Jefferson Davis, being a privilege for the operation of the Mermentau Ferry located in the village of Mermentau, near the Southern Pacific bridge, and operating between the said parishes.

The consideration of this sale is the sum of Four Hundred Fifty (\$450.00) dollars, of which amount Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars is paid in cash, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and full acquaintance granted thereto, and the balance, Two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars to be paid within ten days, and in addition the said Meyers assume the payment of Eighteen certain promissory notes executed by me, each for \$100.00 dated September 2, 1920, two due each year, beginning September 2nd, 1920, 1921, the said notes being held by the Police Juries of Acadia and Jefferson Davis, Parishes, and forming part of the consideration given by me to the said parishes for the said ferry privileges.

Having purchased from the Toler Lumber Yard, of Crowley, Louisiana, a bill of lumber, amounting to about \$622.00 for the construction of a new ferry boat, it is agreed that the said Meyers take over the said contract with the Toler Lumber Co., receiving

the said lumber and paying freight thereon upon arrival thereof, and pay therefor \$200.00 cash when the said lumber is unloaded and the balance thirty days thereafter.

It is distinctly understood that upon failure by the said Meyers to pay me the balance of \$250.00 within ten days of this date, and in the event of his failure to receive the lumber purchased by me of the Toler Lumber Co., aforesaid, and make the payments, as above set forth, the transfer of the ferry privilege is forfeited, and I am to exercise my right to enter upon and take possession of the said privilege.

It is further distinctly understood that the said Meyers shall assume all of the obligations of the ferry lease entered into with the Parish above named, furnish the bond required thereon, and shall further consent to the following changes in the contract entered into with the said parishes, to-wit:

Part E; of section two be amended to read as follows:

The purchaser shall be bound to run or cause to run, during the hours hereinafter mentioned, a motor driven ferry boat, the boat to be not less than 20 tons capacity, and capable of carrying not less than six average size automobiles, and to be constructed in every respect safe and suitable for first class ferry service.

Part F; of section two, to be amended to read as follows:

The purchaser shall be bound to operate the ferry at all times, wind and weather permitting.

Section three to be amended to read as follows:

Be it further ordained, etc., that the maximum rates which the purchaser shall have the right to charge shall be as follows:

From 1 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., all persons and vehicles, trucks and tractors, not herein after expressly included, shall be carried free, except Sundays, when maximum day rates shall be charged. From 12 noon to 1 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. and from 8 p. m. to 8 a. m. the charge shall be as follows:

Working man, tickets non-transferable good for 25 trips, .....	50c
Each foot passenger, .....	5c
Horses, mules, cattle, goat, sheep or hogs, on foot .....	5c
Wheelbarrow, loaded or unloaded, .....	5c
1 horse vehicle .....	15c
2 horse vehicle .....	20c
3 or 4 horse vehicle .....	25c
Vehicle with oxen .....	25c
Automobile or Hearse, animal or motor driven .....	25c
Trucks and tractors, 4 tons and under .....	25c
Trucks and tractors, over 4 tons up to 5 tons .....	50c
Trailers with truck (additional) .....	25c
Tractors and trucks in excess of 5 tons .....	\$2.50
Threshers, boilers and engines, and all other machinery on wheels .....	2.50
All bulky or heavy articles by contract .....	
Vehicles include all conveyance on wheels.	
No free hours for trucks and tractors, in excess of 5 tons, and threshers, boilers, engines or bulky or heavy articles.	
Driver and passengers, in each vehicle free.	
Between the hours of 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. the charge shall be double the above schedule charges.	

Dated Crowley La., November 27, 1920.

I hereby accept the foregoing sale and transfer, and do hereby bind myself by the stipulations, obligations and conditions therein set forth.

His  
O. (X) MEYERS  
Mark

Witnesses:  
J. D. Medlinka.  
Birdie E. Ellis.

A notice of a public hearing was read under the direction of the War Department U. S. Engineer's office to be held at the Court House in Jennings, La., on December 9th, 1920, upon the matter of present and prospective demands of commerce, terminal and transfer facilities, dimensions of waterway desired, etc., on the Bayou Lacassine and Bayou Chene.

Road Commissioners Report  
Welsh, La., December 1, '20.  
To the Police Jury, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:  
Gentlemen:  
We, your Commissioners, appointed by your Honorable body, at your May 1st, Session, 1920, to lay out and procure right of way for a public road from the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34-9-5, to the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 34-9-5, beg to submit this, our report: After having been duly sworn, we proceeded to trace out and locate said right of way sixty feet wide, commencing at the S W corner of the

SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34 Township Nine (9) South, Range five (5) West of Louisiana Meridian, thence north one mile to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section thirty four (34), less all mineral rights which are hereby reserved.

We have taken from each adjoining property thirty feet for right of way on legal subdividing lines and have received the right of way from all land owners on said route.

We recommend that the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars be paid to Walter Todd for right of way over his lands, this being the estimated cost of building fences along the right of way, and we most respectfully ask that you adopt this report and grant us the said road.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Todd  
Etienne Hardy  
Delino Ardoin  
Archille Ardoin  
Adiol Bourgeois

Witnesses:

John T. Hood  
B. M. Latour

The above report was submitted by Mr. Tremé who moved that the same be adopted and approved and that the route as recommended be declared a public highway, and that the treasurer be authorized to issue a warrant on the treasury in favor of Walter Todd for the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars as recommended in said report. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. Bourgeois and upon being put was carried.

Mr. Marcantel moved that the President of the Police Jury be authorized to place an order for dipping material for the year 1921, to be used in the work of systematic tick eradication. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bourgeois and upon being put was carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 159

An Ordinance establishing two voting precincts and fixing their boundaries in Jennings, Louisiana.

The above ordinance was recommended by the ordinance committee and upon roll call the same was adopted by the following vote; yeas, 9; nays, 0.

The noon hour having arrived Mr. Cole moved that the Police Jury adjourn for noon until 1:30 p. m. The motion was seconded Mr. Marcantel and upon being put was carried.

Afternoon Session

The Police Jury reconvened at 1:30 o'clock with all members present.

The matter of a permit of the public highway from the Town of Welsh to the Town of Lake Arthur for the purpose of conducting an automobile race coming up and after discussion Mr. Davis moved that the Police Jury decline to grant a permit to use the public highway for the said proposed automobile race. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dolze Bourgeois and upon being put was carried.

Mr. St. Germain moved that the treasurer be appointed as purchasing agent of the parish for all purchases to be paid for by allowance of the Police Jury and that all parish officials be hereby given notice that no payment for local purchases without the consent of the said purchasing agent will be allowed by the Police Jury. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcantel and upon being put was carried.

## FENTON TOPICS.

Fenton, La., Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1920.

JUST BEHIND THE BATTLE, MOTHER

Just behind the battle, mother,  
I am eating Irish stew.  
I have eaten all the meat, mother,  
And I've left the bones for you.  
Do not fear my dearest mother,  
That death will claim your only son.  
For though I cannot fight, dear mother,  
Bet your sweet life I can run.

Just behind the battle, mother,  
Foemen charge the liveling day.  
Glad they didn't charge me, mother,  
For when I'm charged I never pay.  
Shells they hit me mother darling;  
Wish you'd heard my frantic yells.  
Wasn't wounded much, dear mother,  
For they were only peanut shells.

Just behind the battle, mother,  
Deep I am in gory scenes;  
I have just assassinated  
Fourteen cans of pork and beans.  
War with all its horrors, mother,  
Ne'er upsets my eating plans.  
And when I've eaten all the beans,  
mother,  
I'll present you with the cans.

Just behind the battle, mother,  
Roar of cannon I can hear;  
While the boys pour out their blood,  
mother,  
I am pouring out the beer.  
Do not think that you will never  
Gaze upon my face again,  
For though I'm numbered with the missing  
You'll never find me with the slain.

Just behind the battle, mother,  
A pension I am drawing now;  
Laurel wreaths for bravery, mother,  
Decorate my classic brow.  
The reason I've been honored mother,  
You will plainly see,  
Thousands of the enemy, mother,  
Dropped dead exhausted, chasing me.

Just behind the battle, mother,  
That's the safest place to be,  
Getting killed and slaughtered, mother,  
Never did look good to me.  
When the enemy approaches,  
I beat it, hike and fade away.  
For I'd rather live a live bum, mother,  
Than a dead hero any day.

Tuesday night we were the witness of one of its biggest downpours of rain that has fell in the year of 1920. The roads are all under water and streams swollen. Wednesday at 10:00 o'clock the rain is still falling with heavy clouds all around.

Mr. Buck Augustine of Bayou Archa district has moved to Jarvey Hebert's farm near Fenton where he will farm rice and highland next year. Mr. Augustine is a successful truck farmer by experience and we welcome him in our midst for the coming year. If he is a good behavior he may stay longer.

Mr. J. C. Singleton and family who have been at DeQuincy for the last month or two, where Mr. Singleton has been in the employment of a big turpentine concern arrived Tuesday at Fenton and will spend the holidays the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Alex Miller.

Alex Miller was a Lake Charles visitor Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of his rice crop.

Mr. Emile Buller of Jones Bluff anticipated bringing a load of geese to Fenton December 23rd, and as turkeys are very scarce we look for every body in Fenton to be very goosey for Christmas.

The Fenton scribe, after having enjoyed a year of correspondence with the Rice Belt Journal and its force, wishes them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hoping to have a renewal of correspondence for the year Nineteen hundred and Twenty-One, which is about to arrive.

## ROANOKE BUDGET

State Superintendent of the Sunday Schools, Mr. Van Carter, visited Roanoke Sunday, being guest of W. F. Tietje.

Rufus Moore, and sister, Margaret, visited friends in Lake Charles Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Martin spent Friday in Lake Charles as guest of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. August Trahan spent the day in Lake Arthur Friday.

Joseph Demary who has been very ill is greatly improved at this writing. Miss Phoebe Thomas, after a successful operation for appendicitis is at home again. Her friends are glad she is home again.

Mrs. A. T. Moore was at church Sunday after an absence of about 8 weeks on account of sickness.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Woodruff, on December 5th, a nine pound

## Merry Christmas Greetings

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