Vermilion construction revenues down in 1987

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ABBEVILLE — Vermilion Parish revenues from construction and manufactured homes in 1987 were down $720,600 from 1986, which also means a decrease in the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's revenues.

The jury makes money from the building permit fees charged for construction work.

Donald Abshire, building permit director, reported to the Juvenile Tuesday night that total construction for 1987 was $5,763,514 and total building permit fees received by the parish were $9,073.

This represents a decrease in permit fee revenues of $1,200 from 1986 for the Police Jury.

It was also reported during the meeting that because of a recently received better fire class rating, those parish residents who had trouble acquiring fire insurance will now be able to be insured.

The rural and non-incorporated areas of Vermilion Parish have received a class seven rating, down from a class nine. This is in all areas except the Pecan Island Fire District, which improved to a class 8.

On a scale from one to 10, a 10 is the worst rating and a one is the best.

The jury also went on record opposing the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ban on the use of dogs to hunt deer in the parish.

"I don't think they should have the right to tell us not to use dogs and I want us to go on record opposing this," said Juror T.J. Prejean.