

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following officers and members:

Melvin Ferrington	President
Tommy Tiffie	Vice-President
Members: Jerry Beatty, Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joe Parker, Whest Shirley and Randy Temple	
Absent:	None
Secretary Treasurer:	Kevin M. Friloux
Invocation:	Mr. Shirley
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Temple

The floor was opened for the public comment period on agenda items only. There being none, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Temple seconded by Mr. Beatty to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2015 as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 15-01

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Concordia, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on April 27, 2015, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705 (A), that the following millage rates be and are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2015, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGES AND RATES

<u>Tax for General Alimony (OP) (1033006)</u>	<u>2.27</u> mills
<u>Tax for Library (MO) (1033007)</u>	<u>8.50</u> mills
<u>Tax for Drainage Works Buildings & FAC (AM) (1033027)</u>	<u>10.00</u> mills
<u>Tax for Health Unit (CM) (1033009)</u>	<u>1.81</u> mills
<u>Tax for Council on Aging (AM) (1033030)</u>	<u>4.00</u> mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, be and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year

2015, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The forgoing resolution was read in full, and roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTAINED: 0 ABSENT: 0

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the Concordia Parish Police Jury meeting held on April 27, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting. Certified in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, this 28th day of April, 2015.

Melvin Ferrington, President

Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve the following cooperative endeavor agreement:

BY AND BETWEEN:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AND TOWN OF FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CONCORDIA

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

BEFORE US, the undersigned authorities, Notaries Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, there came and appeared:

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY, with its offices at 4001 Carter Street, Vidalia, Louisiana, whose mailing address is 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, Louisiana 71373; herein represented by MELVIN FERRINGTON, President; and

TOWN OF FERRIDAY, a Louisiana Municipal Corporation, domiciled in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, with its municipal offices at 1116 South Second Street, Ferriday, Louisiana, whose mailing address is 1116 South Second Street, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334; herein represented by GENE ALLEN, its Mayor;

who after being duly sworn, did depose and say as follows, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Ferriday desires to acquire certain grain storage tanks in order to remove them and return the area to public use;

AND WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish Police Jury has no need of the grain storage tanks, and further desire to have no further responsibility for same;

AND WHEREAS, the value of the grain storage tanks is equivalent to the amount it would cost to have the tanks removed and both Town of Ferriday and Concordia Parish Police Jury expect to receive equivalent value in this exchange;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary for the two entities to enter into a Cooperative

Endeavor Agreement in order to enact the above described;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree that the Concordia Parish Police Jury shall donate to the Town of Ferriday, all of their interest in and to the below described moveable property, to-wit:

Cross Grain Elevator – Grain Storage Tanks, assessed under Tax ID #11075

THUS DONE AND PASSED, in Vidalia, Louisiana, before me, Notary, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, on this 27th day of April 2015.

WITNESSES:

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY

By:

Printed Name: Kathy Burr

Melvin Ferrington, President

Printed Name: Glenda Davis

Kevin M. Friloux, ID #66789
Notary Public
Commissioned for Life

THUS DONE AND PASSED, in _____ Louisiana, before me, Notary, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, on this ____ day of _____ 2015.

WITNESSES:

TOWN OF FERRIDAY

By:

Printed Name: _____

Gene Allen, Mayor

Printed Name: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

A motion was made by Mr. Temple seconded by Mr. Cook to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish Police Jury has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for the rehabilitation of the Parish’s wastewater collection system near the Town of Ridgecrest;

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans, policies and appointment of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG Program regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following plans and policies be adopted: 1) Procurement Policy, 2) Section 3 Plan, 3) Affirmative Action Plan, 4) Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan, and 5) Handicap Grievance Policy and Section 504 Grievance Procedures, 6) Acquisition Policy, and 7) Policy Statement for Procedures for Communicating Information to Persons with

Sensory Impairments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointment of individuals are made:

- 1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Secretary
- 2) Anti-Displacement Coordinator – Secretary
- 3) Equal Employment Opportunity Officer – Secretary
- 4) Environmental Certifying Officer – President
- 5) Labor Compliance Officer for this program – Grant Administrator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Relay System will be utilized by the Police Jury for communication with hearing and visually impaired persons.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, presented on the 27th day of April, 2015 regular scheduled meeting, was read and the vote was recorded as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Beatty seconded by Mr. Parker and unanimously approved to adopt the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 47th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing policy has been adopted by the Concordia Parish Police Jury, and implementation of the policy requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish Police Jury is to protect leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Ferrington, President of the Concordia Parish Police Jury, on this 27th day of April, 2015, do hereby proclaim the month of April

2015, as:

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH
IN CONCORDIA PARISH**

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve the following occupational license:

Hanging Around, 2604 Hwy 565, Jonesville, LA, Hobby & Handmade Items
(New Business)

A motion was made by Mr. Beatty seconded by Mr. Shirley to authorize the Delta Farmers Market to use the Old Courthouse grounds for its annual farmers' market. Motion carried.

Mr. Casey Bulyca of Delta Disposal was present to advise the jury that he would be working in the parish to insure proper collection activities of the company and that the jury should advise him of any problems as they occur. No action taken.

Mr. Brady Fields addressed the jury seeking police jury funding for an improvement project at the Doty Road Community Center. The jury advised Mr. Fields that it would violate state law if funds were provided. No action taken.

Ms. Rosetta Tyler addressed the jury regarding continuing drainage problems in the area of Smart Lane in Ferriday. The matter was taken under advisement with no action taken.

Ms. Pat Davis Clepper addressed the jury on the drainage and road conditions on Pete Davis Road in Wildsville. The jury took the matter under advisement with no action taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Temple to change the date of the regular police jury meeting from May 25, 2015 to May 26, 2015 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Cook to go into executive session to discuss strategy. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Temple seconded by Mr. Shirley to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferrington announced that during the executive session the jury discussed strategy.

Upon notice by the president of unfinished discussions, the matter of the US Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River levee improvements and Maxwell Road relocation was deferred at this time. No action taken.

Upon notice by the president of additional information needed, the authorization to advertise for procurement of engineering services for the Concordia Parish drainage study was deferred until a later date.

Mr. Temple advised the jury on the current situation of the Old Courthouse heating and cooling system. After his report a motion was made by Mr. Temple seconded by Mr. Beatty to declare an emergency and take necessary action to address the dire situation at the Old Courthouse and to inform the situation to our legislative and congressional delegation and to solicit their assistance in securing emergency funding relief for this much needed project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve the following materials: 14 yards of oversized washed gravel for Bodark Road, 28 yards of washed gravel for Kemp Road, 14 yards of washed gravel for Mason Road, 28 yards of gravel for Temple Road and 28 yards of oversized washed gravel for Ames Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Tiffie departed the meeting.

Mr. Jernigan requested that the secretary treasurer contact Concordia Electric and advise of a street light out on the West side of Levens Addition at US Highway 84.

A motion was made by Mr. Beatty seconded by Mr. Parker to approve of the cleanup of a walking trail at the Ferriday Lower Elementary pending receipt of a letter from the school requesting this work to be done and holding the jury harmless for any damages by having the work done. Motion carried with Mr. Tiffie not present.

Mr. Beatty departed the meeting.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried with Mr. Beatty and Mr. Tiffie not present.

Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer