

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 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 Tiffee	Vice-President
Members: Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joe Parker and Whest Shirley	
Absent:	Jerry Beatty Randy Temple
Secretary Treasurer:	Kevin M. Friloux
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Tiffee

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. Shirley seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015. Motion carried.

The president announced that request for proposals for engineering services for the Concordia Parish drainage study had been received and Mr. Friloux read aloud the following companies who submitted proposals:

Jordan Kaiser & Sessions, Natchez, MS & Neel Schaffer, Jackson, MS
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Lafayette, LA
Atchley & Atchley, Inc., Shreveport, LA
Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, Alexandria, LA
Denmon Engineering, Monroe, LA
Burk—Kleinpeter, Inc., Gonzales, LA & Allen Fairburn & Associates,
Denham Springs, LA
Trigon Associates, New Orleans, LA
H. Davis Cole & Associates, New Orleans, LA

Mr. Ferrington then gave notice that a special committee will meet on Tuesday morning at 10 AM to review the proposals for the purpose of making a recommendation to the full jury. A motion was then made by Mr. Tiffee seconded by Mr. Shirley to call a special meeting for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at

6:00 PM for the purpose of considering and selecting a consulting firm to perform the drainage study. Motion carried.

Mr. George Grayson, representing the Dodge's Store addressed the jury in regards to complaints filed at the least police jury meeting. Mr. Grayson gave the jury the company's response to the complaints and advised that he had met with the sheriff's office and further advised that the company would do all it could to correct any problems that they have control over. The jury took no further action and thanked Mr. Grayson for attending and his efforts.

A discussion was held in regards to the inactive Concordia Parish Port Commission and the intention of the state to abolish that board. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Jernigan to recommend that the port commission's abolishment be approve by the state legislature. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve payment to Miss-Lou Electric in the amount of \$1,123 for installation of fiber optic internet service to the registrar of voter's office. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve payment to the sheriff's office in the amount of \$1,095 for inmate uniforms. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve payment to Municipal Code in the amount of \$550 for annual web hosting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Cook to approve payment to T & M Vegetation Control in the amount of \$16,792.50 for weed spraying. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to authorize the secretary treasurer to advertise for sale a parcel of land being the West 6' of Lot 12, Block 3 of Lancaster Subdivision, Ferriday with a minimum bid of \$975. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunbar initiated a discussion on the continuing problem of people hauling in trash for the purpose of open burning and made a motion to notify the DEQ of the continuing problems. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunbar discussed the upcoming sewer grant and requested that the scope of the project and the specific improvements to be made are made clear to the public. His request was so noted.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve the following occupational licenses:

Playtime Jumpers LLC, 516 Highway 907, Monterey—Bounce house, jumpers and waterslide rentals (New Business)

C & J Tree Services, 270 Netherland Road, Ferriday—Tree Service
(New Business)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the following alcoholic beverage permits:

84 Quick Stop, 8675 Hwy 84, Ferriday—Convenience Store, Class “B”
Beer & Liquor (Renewal)

Karl’s Lounge, 9666 Hwy 84 W, Ferriday—Drinking Lounge, Class “A”
Beer & Liquor (Renewal)

Motion carried.

Mr. Ferrington advised that he had been advised that the court had ruled that Ferguson Road was not properly abandoned years ago and that he had requested of the district attorney’s office the proper procedures needed to consider abandonment of a portion of Ferguson Road.

Mr. Richard Zimmerman, property owner at the end of Ferguson Road addressed the jury and emphasized the need for Ferguson Road to remain a public road for him and others to have access to their properties.

Ms. Ann Siddall, assistant district attorney advised the jury of the court’s decision that the police jury had not acted properly in the previous abandonment of Ferguson Road and advised the jury of the steps needed to properly abandon the road if it so chose to do so. She suggested that the jury have a committee review the current condition of Ferguson Road, determine the actual public need for the road, determine the exact location of the current roadway compared to where the right of way originally was and to have the superintendent determine the cost to bring the road up to parish safety standards. After her presentation a motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Parker to have Jordan Kaiser & Sessions to determine the location of the right-of-way and the cost of bringing the roadway up to parish specifications. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferrington further asked the public works committee along with the superintendent to work with the engineers in fully evaluating Ferguson Road.

Mr. Keith Richardson and Mr. Ray Leggio also addressed the jury on the current conditions of Ferguson Road and requested the jury keep the road as a public road. The jury advised that their comments were accepted.

The air conditioning and heating system at the old courthouse was discussed again and after the discussion a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to request emergency funding and submit an application for the funding. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Walters of IBTS made a presentation to the jury in regards to the current and proposed changes to the parish’s flood plain maps. After the

presentation no action was taken by the jury to effectuate any change at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the following materials: 150 yards of washed gravel for Bodark Road, 50 yards pitrun gravel for Emfinger Road, 50 yards of oversized washed gravel for Archer Road, 14 yards of washed gravel for Miller Road and 7 yards of washed gravel for the Vidalia Cemetery. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Dunbar to request the hospital board to send a copy of the board's upcoming meeting agenda in advance of its meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Jernigan to cite property owned by Ms. Millie Baxter, 445 Belle Grove Circle, Vidalia in violation of the parish grass and debris ordinance. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Shirley to have three properties cited for violation of the parish grass and debris ordinance as follows: Estelle and Morse Williams, Lot 6, Minorca Acres, Vidalia, Trinity Episcopal Church, portion of Gillespie Estate, Vidalia and SIT II, LLC, Lot 9-A Minorca Acres, Vidalia. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to notify the sheriff's office of cruel conditions for a horse in the area of Bayou Drive, Skipper Drive and Railroad Drive. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Jernigan to go into executive session to discuss permits and legal strategy. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Ferrington announced that during the executive session building permits and legal strategy were discussed.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Tiffey seconded by Mr. Shirley that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer