

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

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

Whest Shirley

President

Members: Jerry Beatty, Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan,
Joe Parker, Adam Probst, Tommy Tiffie and Jimmy Wilkinson

Secretary Treasurer:

Kevin M. Friloux

Invocation:

Mr. Cook

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Wilkinson

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2017 as mailed. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson gave a brief report from the courthouse committee advising the jury of problems with the air conditioning system for the courthouse and recommendations which required further police jury consideration. The report was accepted as presented.

Mr. Friloux advised the jury that the one cent sales tax for the solid waste program, road maintenance and drainage maintenance would be expiring in 2018 and a renewal election should be scheduled. After consulting with bond counsel, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., the October 14, 2017 date was chosen. The jury is required to read into the record a notice for a public meeting to consider adopting the appropriate resolution.

Mr. Friloux then read the following notice for the record:

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, Room 2, 4001 Carter Street, Vidalia, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held with the Parish of Concordia to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax.

Mr. Friloux reported on his meeting with the drainage committee and GOHSEP staff. He advised that the total cost of the engineering peer review had increased by \$12,545, up from \$50,000 and the Corps of Engineers had quoted a permit review fee of \$32,000. It had been suggested that the jury submit an

amendment to the original application to cover the additional expenses. That proposed amendment was reviewed by the GOHSEP staff who advised that the cost of the engineering and Corps fee would be reimbursable to the jury. Due to a close time frame the jury has been asked to proceed with approval of the agreement with the peer review company so the review can be timely completed. The report was accepted as presented.

Ms. Heather Malone, Concordia Economic Development, was present to address the jury on Project Shines. Ms. Malone informed the jury that the project is for the construction of a utility scale solar farm in the parish and the company is seeking exemptions from property tax on qualifying equipment located at the site. She pointed out the number of potential construction and permanent jobs, the fact that materials and supplies would still be subject to the parish sales and use tax and that no additional infrastructure will be required. After a short discussion a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beatty to approve a resolution of support for the project. The resolution is to be prepared by Ms. Malone and forwarded to Mr. Friloux for final preparation and signing. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY APPROVING CONCORDIA PARISH SHINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT PARCEL #0400013402, VIDALIA, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for ~~the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”)~~, with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT CONCORDIA SHINES has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-26, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development

benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit "A" a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant's compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 further requires that this parish police jury, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-26 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff's approval shall be attached as Exhibit "B" to the ITE contract between the BCI and Concordia Parish Shines; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Parish Shines and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit "A" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this parish police jury and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this parish police jury as required by Executive Order JBE 16-26,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the Concordia Parish Police Jury approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Concordia Parish Shines) to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Concordia Parish Shines with respect to its manufacturing plant located at Parcel #0400013402, Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana:

4 New Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment

\$55,000 Payroll (Average Wage Rate)

5 Year Term of Exemption Contract with an Option to Renew for an additional 3 years

100% Percentage of Exemption from Parish Ad Valorem Taxes for the 1st 5 years and 80% for the next 3 years

The Concordia Parish Police Jury further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Concordia Parish Shines.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Concordia Parish Police Jury that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Concordia Economic & Industrial Development District.

THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this February 27, 2017.

Whest Shirley, Police Jury President

Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Tiffée to award air conditioning system repairs at the Old Courthouse to Star Service, Inc. as per the previous quote on Option 3 of \$3,826. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffée seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve a resolution to adopt the procurement policies of the FY 2018-FY 2019 LCDBG Program as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG)

Program requires that all LCDBG applicants must adopt, prior to submittal of application, a Procurement Policy to reflect the changes and requirements for the FY 2018 – FY 2019 LCDBG Program Years;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Concordia Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the Procurement Policy which includes the changes and requirements for the FY 2018 – FY 2019 LCDBG Program Years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG application.

This Resolution adopted this 27th day of February, 2017, in regular session, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Probst to approve a resolution to adopt the citizen participation policies of the FY 2018-FY 2019 LCDBG Program as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program requires that all LCDBG applicants must adopt, prior to submittal of application, a Citizen Participation Plan to reflect the changes and requirements for the FY 2018 – FY 2019 LCDBG Program Years;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Concordia Parish Police Jury does hereby re-adopt the Citizen Participation Plan which includes the changes and requirements for the FY 2018 – FY 2019 LCDBG Program Years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG application.

This Resolution adopted this 27th day of February, 2017, in regular session, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve payment to Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc. for engineering services for the parish drainage project in the amount of \$5,503. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Jernigan to reappoint Mr. Glen McGlothlin to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beatty to add an item to the agenda, that being to consider approval of the Peer Review contract for the parish drainage project. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the contract for the Peer Review for the parish drainage project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beatty seconded by Mr. Parker to add an item to the agenda, that being questions in regard to the hospital board and property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beatty to have the secretary treasurer work with the assessor to determine how much property is owned by the hospital. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beatty to request an opinion from the district attorney on who has the final decision making authority in matters regarding the hospital and related matters. Motion carried.

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

Donnie's Bait Stand, 6296 Hwy 129, Monterey—Bait Stand (New Business)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve Superintendent's Material & Work Request as follows: 3 loads of limestone for Haphazard Road and 28 yards of washed gravel for Rokofee Road. Motion carried.

The jury requested that the secretary treasurer set up a meeting with the sheriff and members of the courthouse and finance committee. The request was so noted.

Mr. Dunbar questioned whether the jury had received a response from the district attorney on the issue of the jury's authority to clean property in certain situations. Mr. Friloux is to follow up with the district attorney in this matter.

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

Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer