

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 25, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

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

Jimmy Wilkinson President

Members: Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Joe Parker, Adam Probst and  
Whest Shirley

Absent: Jerry Beatty, Jimmy Jernigan and Tommy Tiffie

Secretary Treasurer Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Cook

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Dunbar

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2017 as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley for the jury to now sit as the Board of Review for the 2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax Roll. Motion carried.

Mr. Jerry Clark, Tax Assessor, advised that Aaron's Inc. was the only firm to protest the proposed assessment and seek relief. Mr. Clark requested the jury certify the assessment as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley to certify the assessment as presented by Mr. Clark and the Assessor's office. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael DeCaire, Executive Director of Central Louisiana Human Services District addressed the jury as to the services his office provides. Mr. Decaire described that the CLHSD oversees the delivery of publicly funded community based mental health and developmental disorders to Concordia Parish. Mr. DeCaire provided an overview of the services and programs his office provides as well as the resources for individuals seeking services in our area. The CLHSD houses an office in Jonesville, LA to service our area. Mr. DeCaire also made known the need for social workers and therapists with skills in substance abuse and mental disorders for his office. The jury thanked Mr. DeCaire for coming.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Cook to approve a resolution certifying the compliance with federal and state regulations as pertaining to the National Bridge Inspection Standards as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulation as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges, located on all public roads, shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Concordia Parish in accordance with those standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Concordia Parish.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of Concordia Parish (which is the Police Jury, herein referred to as the Parish), that the Parish in regular meeting convened, does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspection on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with ASSHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the parish

to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

And the vote on the motion was as follows: YEAS 6 NAYS 0 ABSENT 3

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Jimmy Wilkinson, President

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve a resolution adopting the Concordia Parish Mitigation Plan for 2017. Motion carried.

Discussion was open to Committee Reports. Recently, the Courthouse Committee met with District Attorney, Brad Burgett in regards to the conditions at the Old Courthouse. Mr. Wilkinson stated that together they are trying to work together on a plan for a solution that meets everyone's needs.

Ms. Burley's secretary treasurer's report included reminding everyone of the upcoming election on the renewal of the solid waste sales tax. Also discussed was a letter received from the office of Louisiana Economic Development to endorse Delta Oil Tools under the Enterprise Zone Program. Should the jury choose to endorse the project, we have 90 days to respond and can be addressed as a resolution at a later date. The jury asked that an invitation be extended to Ms. Heather Malone to address the jury on this project. The report was accepted as presented.

Mr. Wilkinson addressed the jury to announce the appointment of Guy Murray as the new Homeland Security Director. The appointment was well received.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policies to remove the position of Homeland Security Director from the policy. Mr. Wilkinson explained that the amendment would hold the Homeland Security Director more accountable for his position with regards to time sheets, spending, and communication. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Dunbar to notify Waste Pro of intentions with regard to the solid waste contract. The Finance and Solid Waste Committee met to address the solid waste contract that is coming up for renewal and the deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup> to notify Waste Pro of the jury's intention. Mr. Shirley stated that the committee recommended advertising for bids. A short discussion ensued and the jury agreed to notify Waste Pro that the jury will not renew the contract, but to seek bids. During open discussion, Mr. Leo Ivy, parish resident, addressed the jury with his personal concerns and issues of waste services in his area. The jury thanked Mr. Ivy for his attendance and comments. The standing motion then carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Dunbar to authorize the Secretary Treasurer and President to begin the process of seeking bids for solid waste services. Motion carried.

Mr. Courtney Cockerham of Sage Road addressed the jury. His concerns were the crown shape of the road and the trepidations with driving the road. Mr. Wilkinson stated that Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions had been asked to assess the road and the jury was awaiting the analogy of their findings before proceeding. The jury thanked Mr. Cockerham for attending and assured him that they are working on a resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to add to the agenda the proposal of IT services by Computer Consultants. Motion carried. Mr. Shirley explained the cost savings and services that will be provided to the Concordia Parish Police Jury offices by Computer Consultants under very favorable terms. A motion was then made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the proposal by Computer Consultants. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to add to the agenda appointments for vacancies of the Board of Directors for the Lake St. John Waterworks District. Motion carried. Mr. Parker notified the jury that two positions had been vacated and made a motion to have the vacancies filled by Mr. Cameron Harris and Ms. Lisa Dale Jordan. A discussion took place, with Mr. Leo Ivy addressing the jury of his concern of domicile residency on Ms. Jordan that would allow her to serve on the board. After further discussion, Mr. Parker rescinded his motion to appoint Ms. Jordan due to lack of information on residency and the provisions required for serving on the board. Mr. Parker continued to uphold his motion, seconded by Mr. Probst to appoint Mr. Harris to the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Mr. Parker notified the jury of a notice received by Concordia Parish Recreation District #1 that Ms. Myisha Davis' term has expired and a replacement has been requested. Members of the jury have taken this under advisement and are actively seeking a replacement for Ms. Davis. No further action taken at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Whest Shirley seconded by Mr. Adam Probst to approve the following occupational licenses.

Déjà vu Tanning, 195 Ferguson Road, Monterey (name change)  
TNT Gas Supply, 4616 Hwy 84, Vidalia (additional location)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve Superintendent's Material & Work Request as follows:

Clean Canal W-17 on Raymond Cowan Road  
Clean ditch at 115 Woodmount  
21 yards of pitrun on Bodark Road  
14 yards of washrock on Finley Road  
7 yards of washrock on Rokofee Road  
Haul and spread 6-10 on Boggy Bayou Road

Mr. Dunbar addressed the need to repair or replace the culvert in the area of Hwy 84 at Vail Acres Road. He was advised this area is under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department. Mr. Dunbar stated he would contact the appropriate office to rectify the situation.

Mr. Dunbar also expressed to the jury of the lack of progress on the Vidalia Canal at Logan Sewell Road. This area needs maintenance work and a culvert replaced. A discussion ensued with Mr. Jackie Pugh, Superintendent, stating that he was short of drivers but will assign the excavator to the project when completed with the current job. No further action taken on this matter by the jury.

Motion carried.

The jury reviewed the correspondence submitted for discussion. Upon review, Recreation District #3 had sent a copy of their last meeting. Mr. Dunbar requested that the minutes from Recreation District #3 be obtained and shared with the jury.

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

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer