

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

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

President:	Joseph Parker, Sr.
Members:	Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Gary Neal, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams
Absent:	Genesisia Allen
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Probst

- A) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Bachus to open the public hearing for the 2021 Proposed Budget and the ordinance revision of the building codes. Motion carried unanimously.
- B) Under the public comment period, Ms. Burley spoke to the Jurors that no comments have been received during the viewing period of the budget. In addition, no public comments were received regarding the revision of the building codes. No further comments were made during the public comment period.
- C) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.

2) Mr. Parker announced that the seats for President and Vice-President were now open. A nomination was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Edwards to nominate Mr. Parker for President. No further nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Parker being named President for a second year.

Mr. Parker asked for nominations for Vice-President. A nomination was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to nominate Mr. Probst for Vice-President. No further nominations were made. A vote was held, motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution 21-01 was presented for adoption. The resolution authorizes the President, Vice-President, and Secretary / Treasurer to sign the appropriate bank cards, grants, and other documents. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Appointment of Jurors to Consolidated Committees. Mr. Parker asked the Jurors to allow the opportunity to review the boards with Ms. Burley for 2021 before moving forward. A

motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to allow the President to review the board assignments before ratifying the committees. Motion carried unanimously.

5) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the December 14, 2020 special meeting minutes and the December 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to ratify the purchase orders, bank statements, and statutory payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Ordinance 2021-01 was presented for consideration. The ordinance adopts the proposed operating budget for 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to adopt the ordinance allocating the funds for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Ordinance 2021-02 was presented for consideration. The ordinance adopts revisions to the building codes for the parish. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously.

9) A request for road repairs to D Faircloth Road (behind Vidalia High School) and Kindergarten Road. A hold harmless and agreement to reimburse the parish for material costs were included in the request. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

10) A letter was received from the Concordia Fire District #2 to appoint Mr. Tim Houghton to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Judy Pugh. Mr. Parker explained that discussions had been held with Ms. Jan Armstrong, Secretary for the board that the fire district had not reviewed all applications submitted to make a recommendation. The applications received by the parish office were forwarded to the board for review at their next meeting to be held on January 12, 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Bachus to reject the letter of recommendation in which to allow the board to review at their next meeting and submit a revised letter. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – Conference calls are being held with FEMA and GOHSEP regarding the revised BCA for the project. DOTD comments have been submitted by Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions (JKS). USACE has received all necessary information to continue the 404 and 408 permitting. DR-4462 – All data has been submitted for FEMA review and approval. Awaiting on RFI or approval from FEMA on project status.

HMGP-4462 – Drainage mitigation planning project is being prepared to submit as a formal application.

CWEF/LGAP – Asked the Jurors to consider any projects of the parish for LGAP funding. Water boards have been notified for CWEF application requests. Deadline for submission is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

12) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were next discussed.

-Mr. Adams brought forward of three residents on Gore Road that had crushed culverts causing drainage issues to the road and neighboring residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve sending the

appropriate notices. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley updated the Jurors on open and potential grant projects. Also updated the Jurors on the revised date for the PJAL convention.

14) A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses:

84 Nutrition LLC – Tiffany Burley – 4998 Hwy 84 W, Vidalia – Shakes, drinks

15) Under the Superintendent's materials requests, Ms. Burley brought forward six culverts that needed to be replaced. These were on Airport Road, Passman Road, Boggy Bayou Road, and Robert Webber Drive. Two quotes were received. The lowest quote obtained was from Southern Culvert Company in the amount of \$6,671.03. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the new culverts.

16) Superintendent's work order requests were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Bachus – Buildup of ditching at Greathouse Road where there is a wash out; clean up lily pads; Harbor Road is flooding – need damage assessment for solution to the issue.

Yearby – road work needed on Freeman; culvert under the road between 565 and 575 Concordia Park is clogged

Whittington – Need to look at hot mix solutions; discussed whether this could be applied for under LGAP; discussed operators and use of the grade-all.

Adams – the end of Patsy Brown Road is being used as a school bus and garbage truck turn around; the pitrun is not holding; needs white rock to maintain the use of the road

Parker – wash outs on Wiccama Road

17) Correspondence / Public Comments – Distributed were: Minutes of the Concordia Waterworks Meeting held 11/17/20; Recreation District 1 – 2021 meeting dates; CFD2 letter

Mr. Bachus brought forward concerns of work orders not getting done and his constituents are complaining. Mr. Adams stated that he had a culvert to be put in since March that still was not installed. Mr. Whittington asked if we had enough or proper training of staff to run all the equipment.

Mr. Neal stated that COVID has had an effect on what work has been able to get done. Mr. Edwards discussed historical drainage projects and staffing that were once created and funded by the state, but has been left to the parish to maintain without additional revenues to cover the expenses of the maintenance.

Mr. Parker discussed his understanding of the situation. He also discussed that projects of the parish were a priority before other requests. Mr. Yearby expressed that the staff has been offered over time opportunities by working on Fridays and weekends, but little to none have volunteered to work.

18) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Adams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer