

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 9, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

A public hearing was opened to discuss adopting a 5 ton load limit and no parking on shoulders of Lee Tyler Road. There were no public comments. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Immediately following the public hearing, Mr. Probst called the regular meeting to order.

- 1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 established a 5 ton load limit and no parking on shoulders of Lee Tyler Road. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Ordinance 2020-01)
- 5) A discussion was held regarding the damages caused to parish roads and ditches when vehicles park on the existing shoulders. The shoulders of most of the parish roads are not wide enough to park on without rutting the ditches and damaging the sides of the roads. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Yearby to advertise for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance of no parking on shoulders of all parish roads. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Discussion of culvert issues around the parish ensued. Issues stem from homes and areas where culverts are too small to allow for proper drainage. The current ordinances require that a culvert permit must be obtained prior to installing. This has not been monitored or maintained for many years. Discussion on the minimum requirements were held. Tony Guillory stated that he was always told and then conveyed that a culvert must be a minimum 15 inches wide and at least 20 feet long. Mr. Guillory also stated that in some cases the culvert should be smaller. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Adams to advertise for a public hearing to update the culvert permit ordinance to set a minimum 15-inch width by 20-foot-long culvert guideline for proper culvert permitting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.
  - Brushy Bayou – Much is being accomplished. Waiting on the test results from the soil boring for the borrow pit and Luke Martin Bridge. JKS is updating the comments on the DOTD drawings and manual. All should be completed by March 20, 2020.
  - Courtroom – Scheduled to be complete by March 20, 2020 to accommodate trial starting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Benches have been installed and chairs will arrive on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Washington Heights – Lift station is in process of being erected on site. If weather cooperates, should take three more weeks to complete. A change order was requested to

upgrade the hog wire fence in the bid packet to a chain link fence that is more feasible. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the change order in the amount of \$13,340.00 under the scope and funding of the grants. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was also held about the status of the ditches after the pipe runs had been made that need to be corrected before the contractor completes the job.

Vidalia Canal – Mr. Edwards discussed meeting with Mr. Bill Beasley and Mr. Parker on drainage solutions. Mr. Yearby reported a beaver dam was blocking the canal off of Hwy 84.

- 8) Ordinance violations of the Parish were next discussed. Each Juror was asked to bring forward any issues in their district. A motion was made by Yearby seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to approve the following:
  - Mr. Yearby brought forth issues with the lot on Freeman Road belonging to Ms. Odell Bowman. The issue has been discussed in prior meetings of the ordinance violations where the lot is overgrown and an old trailer needs to be removed. A letter will be sent to Ms. Bowman notifying her of the ordinance violations and the opportunity to correct the violations before further action is taken by the parish.
  - Mr. Edwards brought forth to cite the lots at the entrance of Washington Heights belonging to the Washington's for grass and lot cleanup.
- 9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley announced that a date will be set for anyone needing to complete their Ethics and Sexual Harassment training. A calendar of events listing upcoming meetings was distributed. A date of April 21, 2020 was set for the Finance Committee to meet for the first quarter financial review. She also discussed the status of the DR4622 grant for road repairs.
- 10) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses:
  - Hush Puppy LLC – Lee Anne Lipsey, 10095 Hwy 129, Monterey – Dog Grooming/Boarding
  - Worker Wholesale Pump and Supply LLC – Linda Metcalf, Monterey – Wholesale Oilfield Pumps and Equipment
  - Bo Strahan Lawn Service – 4945 Hwy 568, Ferriday – Mowing Service
- 11) Superintendent's materials and work orders were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
  - 610 – 97 yards on Serio Blvd, 35 yards on Thomas, 8 yards on Gooden, 7 yards on Margaret, 30 yards on East, 7 yards on Ron, 30 yards on Haphazard, 45 yards on Doty.
  - Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards on Herbert Crouch, 15 yards on Bodark, 30 yards on Island Road, 15 yards on Tanner, 15 yards on Sunrise, 15 yards on Cynthia Bayou, 15 yards on Evans
  - Pitrun – 45 yards on Herbert Crouch, 35 yards on Bodark, 30 yards on general shoulder repair of roads
- 12) Work orders of the Parish were next reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
  - Bachus – drainage problems and culvert cleanout needed on Loomis Lane
  - Yearby – will address with the Sewer District to clean up sewer lagoon in Concordia Park
  - Allen – Doty Road – around pumping station needs to be cleaned up, will notify Sewer District
  - Neal – ditches on Cowan Street need cleaning
  - Edwards – potholes and road work needed on Country Club Road, Bob Rife, and Wildsville Road
  - Adams – discussed tree in bayou at Worker Bayou. Will send land owner letter to remove the tree causing a hazard in the water.
- 13) Mr. Probst then asked for any correspondence from the audience. There was none.
- 14) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

**ORDINANCE: 2020-01**

**ESTABLISHING A LOAD LIMIT OF 5 TONS / NO PARKING ON SHOULDER OF LEE TYLER ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury seeks to establish a load limit on the parish road named Lee Tyler Road of 5 tons;

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury also seeks to establish a no parking on shoulders of the parish road named Lee Tyler Road;

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury has the authority under LRS 32:42 to set and establish load limits, and no parking on all parish roads;

**SECTION (1) BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Concordia Parish Police Jury in regular session convened, that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle, tractor, cart, truck and trailer or any combination thereof in excess of 5 tons on the parish road of Lee Tyler Road;

**SECTION (2) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that 5 ton load limit signs shall be erected on the parish road of Lee Tyler Road;

**SECTION (3) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that it shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle, tractor, cart, truck and trailer or any combination thereof shall park on any shoulders of Lee Tyler Road;

**SECTION (4) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for thirty (30) days or both, at the discretion of the court;

**SECTION (5) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that prosecution under this ordinance shall not affect any violator’s civil liability to any party damaged as a result of operating a vehicle, tractor, cart, truck and trailer or any combinations thereof in excess of 5 tons by the violator;

**SECTION (6) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all ordinances or resolutions or parts of them in conflict herewith are hereby repealed;

**SECTION (7) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that Ordinances under Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-2 (c) be amended to include the addition of a load limit of 5 tons established for Lee Tyler Road;

Be it ordained and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, in regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Ms. Allen and the votes were recorded as follows:

**Yeas: 8      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1**

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/s/Adam Probst  
Vice - President

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/s/ Sandi T. Burley  
Secretary / Treasurer