

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2022  
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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| President:            | Collin Edwards  |
| Members:              | Maurice Bachus, Joseph Parker, Sr., Willie Yearby, Gary Neal,<br>Genesia Allen, Scottie Whittington, Brad Adams |
| Absent:               | Adam Probst   |
| Secretary Treasurer:  | Sandi T. Burley   |
| Invocation:           | Mr. Parker  |
| Pledge of Allegiance: | Mr. Neal  |

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Burley conducted the roll call and a quorum was declared present.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A request to fill the board vacancy of Ms. Gloria Lloyd for the Concordia Recreation District No 1 was received. The Board recommended the appointment of Mr. Brandon Carter to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A request was received from the Central LA Human Services District to re-appoint Dr. Brenda Moore for another 3-year term. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the re-appointment. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) A request and hold harmless were received from the Concordia Parish School Board office for a) spraying of the track field at Ferriday Lower Elementary and b) bus turn around needed on Perch Hole Road. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the requests. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Under Committee Reports the following was brought forward:
  - A. Grants – Review items from meeting
    - a) Revisions to the ARPA Allocations and Budget are needed before month end for reporting requirements. These will be brought forward at the next meeting.
    - b) Approval for a tractor and boom mower from grants allocations was needed. State contract quotes were received for a John Deere 6110M mower in the amount of \$85,735.36 and a Diamond side boom mower in the amount of

\$68,272.15, totaling \$154,004.51. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Finance – A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Adams to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Works – A memo was received from the DOTD Off-System Program notifying the Parish of a \$1.5 million allocation from the Bridge Formula Program. Two bridges were identified as needing major repairs or replacement. These were bridges 700144 located at Poole Road, Ferriday and 700136 located on Boggy Bayou. Both of these bridges are the only remaining wood piling bridges in the parish. The cost estimate to replace both of these bridges is \$1.7 million. Under discussion, Jurors asked about replacing one of the bridges with culverts instead and would the funding cover the cost. No action was needed by the Jurors.

D. PAWS – Continued research has been conducted to help find funding for services for PAWS. After corresponding with our Auditor, the suggestion of an Attorney General’s opinion on the usage of the Public Health Millage was recommended. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve seeking an AG’s opinion on the usage of Public Health Millage and CEA with PAWS in which to conduct services that the Parish cannot currently perform.

7) Projects of the Parish were next discussed. Ms. Burley gave updates and overview of the following grants:

Brushy Bayou – DOTD has reviewed the bridge file and has returned the file to Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions for further comments and corrections needed.

PA 4462 – The asphalt portion of the grant is still in process. 406 Mitigation was added to the project. The project continues to move forward for funding awards.

LGAP – LGAP applications are due by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Requests for funding are needed to move forward with the application.

FP&C – The applications for the Courthouse chiller replacement and road projects were not funded. Additional grant funding is being sought for the Courthouse chiller.

CPPJ HM 2022 – Vidalia Canal – an RFP was conducted for engineering firms to conduct the work needed. Two proposals were received from Bryant Hammett & Associates and Jordan, Kaiser, & Sessions. These will be reviewed and scored by the appropriate committee before awarding.

8) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the following:

Whittington – Resend certified letters to residents on Ron Road about culverts. (No return receipt or unclaimed letter has been received by the Parish office.)

- Discussed wanting an ordinance to put trashcans/tote containers behind the ditch/culverts on non-garbage days. He would like to hold a public meeting to adopt an ordinance to remove trash cans from the side of the road on non-garbage days. Ms. Burley was asked to research current ordinances and potential changes before proceeding.

Neal – 233 Crestview has a +100 foot culvert encompassing three lots. The culverts need to be cleaned out as they are preventing water from flowing. The installed culverts do not comply with ordinances, where the maximum length of a culvert is 40 feet long and then must have a clean out or gap between another culvert installation. The current culvert set up does not allow the Parish to clean out the culverts to maintain proper drainage flow.

9) Under the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley reminded the Jurors to complete the Tier 3 reports and of the upcoming holidays with office and maintenance barn being closed.

10) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington and carried unanimously to approve the following Occupational Licenses:

- Top Notch Security – 10639 Hwy 129, Monterey – Security Personnel for USACE
- JC's Fireworks – 6549 Hwy 129, Monterey – Retail Sales

11) Works orders conducted for the parish were next brought forward by Mr. Tony Guillory. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the following:  
610 (yards) – 8 on Robert Webber, 50 on Doty, 55 on Boggy Bayou, 45 on Eagle, 15 on BJ Road

Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards on Herbert Crouch Road

Two standard culverts are needed for Shirley Circle (15x24) and Magoun Road (18x25).

Two large, banded culverts are needed for Bob Rife. A sixty inch culvert with two banded 40 feet length culverts is needed. Estimated cost is \$21,200. One large culvert (60"x40") is needed for Emfinger Road. The estimate cost for the culvert is \$7,500.

Discussion of the quotes received for the trailer to be purchased under the Act 119 grant was held. Two quotes were received. One from Kenworth of Louisiana – a Trailboss Trailer totaling \$40,600. The second quote received was from Ater Warehouse – A Eager Beaver Trailer for \$36,840.00. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the trailer purchase from Ater Warehouse.

Mr. Guillory also announced that the Caterpillar Trackhoe will be delivered on Monday.

12) Work order requests were next conducted. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the following:

Bachus – At 410 Tenth Street – ditches need spraying and long reach needed to clean out ditches

Parker - Potholes on Upper Levee Road

Yearby – Cancel request on 115 Howard; information received and resolved

Whittington – Shoulders on Moose Lodge need repairing; limbs at Eagle and Roundtree need to be picked up

Adams – Trash site in Monterey needs gravel; 320 Plouden Bayou needs drainage checked during heavy rainfall to see why the area isn't draining properly

Neal – Shoulder on Calhoun Road is damaged by gas utility; needs repair

13) Under Public Comments, the following was brought forward:

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to add to the agenda announcement by Syrah Technologies. Mr. Paul Jahn was given the floor to make an announcement of his leaving and the introduction of Mr. Peter Odgers. Mr. Jahn stated his last five years was spent working with Syrah was a journey of love. He thanked the Jurors for their support in helping make a home for Syrah.

14) No Executive Session was needed.

15) A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Adams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer