

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

- A) Mr. Edwards opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-04 Re-districting Plans for Concordia Parish Police Jury
 - B) Under Public Comments, Mr. Kevin Friloux stated he disagreed with the way the districts were drawn. If the Parish was going to maintain 9 Jurors, then there should be 9 districts. He supported his statement by each Juror could save money with less to oversee and campaign.
 - C) There being no further comments for the ordinance, Mr. Edwards closed the Public Hearing.
- 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. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3) Mr. Edwards gave Mr. Bryant Killen the floor to discuss updates on the development of the railroad commission. Mr. Killen stated Madison and Tensas Parishes have passed ordinances to develop the commission. Mr. Neal asked about the propensity for taxation and where match monies would come from. Mr. Killen stated that the residents of the parishes would probably not support an additional tax. Like the ports, state and federal programs would be leveraged.

Mr. Bachus asked what was the worst-case scenario of pursuing bringing the railroad back to the parishes. Mr. Killen stated that even if the railroad development failed, there would be no money out of the pockets of the residents. The burden of the tracks through the parishes would be on the railroad district and ports. The railroad commission would operate as a public entity, not privately owned.

With no further questions, Mr. Parker asked for the ordinance to be placed on the next agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Probst to re-advertise for a public hearing to consider the ordinance at the next regular meeting.

- 4) Ms. Yates was not present and had asked to be placed on next meeting's agenda.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 – Redistricting Plans for Concordia Parish Police Jury. There were no further comments. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Ordinance 2022-04.)
- 6) Resolution 22-012 – LGAP Resolution of Support was offered for review and approval. The Parish applies for LGAP funding to help fund major equipment purchases. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Resolution 22-012.)
- 7) Resolution 22-013 – CWEF Resolution of Support was offered for review and approval. The water districts of the parish – Concordia Waterworks and Lake St. John Waterworks rely on these funding projects for improvements to their systems. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Resolution 22-013.)
- 8) Resolution 22-014 – Naming the Concordia Sentinel as the Parish's Official Journal was offered for review and approval. The Parish is required each year to name its official journal for publications. The Concordia Sentinel being located and distributed in Concordia Parish upholds the requirements to be named as the official journal. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the resolution naming Concordia Sentinel as the official journal of the parish. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Resolution 22-014.)
- 9) Mr. Probst stated that the residents of Forest Road were not able to attend. He asked for a motion to move agenda item number 18 (Executive Session) for current action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to return from executive session and the regular meeting resume. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Committee Reports / Action:

- a) Finance – Ratify Purchase Orders and Bank Statements; A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Adams to ratify the financial documents. There were no public comments. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) Finance – Ratify Quarter 1 amendments to 2022 Budget; The Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2022 amended budget. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Adams to adopt the budget as presented. There were no public comments. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum for Q1 Revised Budget.)

11) Ms. Burley gave an update on open projects of the parish. Key updates were:

Brushy Bayou – Per GOHSEP, the project is about 60 days from complete review and approval. The application will then be sent to the Federal level for funding and awarding of Phase 2. Follow up will be conducted with Jordan, Kaiser, & Sessions (JKS) for status of DOTD review and comments.

PA 4462 – The asphalt portion of this project is in final review for funding approval. The gravel portion has been approved and materials and timeline will need to be coordinated once the Mississippi River is low enough to conduct the work needed.

HM 4590 – Working with public entities for mitigation needs from the winter storm. So far, generators are the biggest key component needed to keep operations running. An extension for the application has been given statewide.

Broadband – No updates on awards have been received.

ARPA – Annual report was submitted timely.

12) Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:

Yearby – 452 Concordia Park, needs grass mowed

Whittington – locations on Stevens and Eagle Road need cleaned up

Allen – house of Shelly Barns on Green Acres needs junk cleaned up

Adams – Property at end of Poole Road

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to cite the above violations.

Motion carried unanimously.

13) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s Report, Ms. Burley brought forward:

a) Tier 3 Reports are due by May 15th.

b) The firewall protection on the server is due. This is typically done in a three-year renewal. The costs have considered increased due to features needed to prevent cyber-attacks. Computer Consultants had reached out to their providers and offered a quote by My Tech Partners for one and three year prices. Ms. Burley requested permission to purchase the three-year agreement to prevent further cost increases. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

14) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to approve the following liquor licenses:
JoJo's Drive Thru, Monterey Market, Swamp Dog / Frozen Spokane, Swamp Dog / Spokane Resort, Dodge Store

15) Mr. Guillory gave the following updates on Superintendent's Work Orders.
610 (yards) – 18 Belle Grove; 18 Ron Road; 12 Washington Heights; 74 Bob Rife; 30 Townsend; 14 Smart Lane; 16 Herbert Crouch Road; 5 Doty Road; 5 Rabb Road
Pitrun (yards) – 15 Whitehall for culvert; 48 Luke Martin
Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 48 Luke Martin

Culverts needed – Hebert Crouch Road has collapsed. A 36x40 is \$3,944. Two culverts are needed for Poole Road in Ferriday. 2 – 5 feet x 100 feet, 12 gauge culverts - \$18,740. Discussed using LGAP funds to help with further culvert needs.

Mr. Guillory stated he needed more operators and laborers. Also discussed the use of temporary staff.

Mr. Guillory also stated that the ice machine at the barn is not working right. A new one would cost around \$8,000. Mr. Parker stated he would have someone look at it before deciding to purchase another one.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the materials, culvert purchase and advertise for two laborers and one operator. No further comments. Motion carried unanimously.

16) Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the following:

Parker – potholes on Bayou Drive

Yearby – the culvert is ready to install at 744 Mooselodge

Allen – 336 Doty Road, land has been cleared and ditches need cleaning out

Neal – canal by Delta Charter needs to be cleaned out; canal between Ater Warehouse and Ridgecrest needs to be cleaned out

Adams – culvert needed on Gore Road; driveway needs patching at 120 Mount Lane off of Deadning Road; ditches are holding water at the end of Hart Young Road

17) Under Correspondence, Mr. Adams discussed adding Red Oak Lane and Perch Hole Road to the Parish Road System. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to advertise for a public hearing to adopt as an ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Neal asked for a motion to request the bank statements, certificates of deposits, and all financial documents from the Concordia Fire District #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously.

- 18) There being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer