

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2020
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., Genesisia Allen, Willie Yearby, Gary Neal,
Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Collin Edwards, and Brad Adams

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Yearby

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Adams

- 1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the April 27, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the renewal agreement with IBTS for another two years. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Finance Committee had met to review the purchase orders and bank statements. A purchase order detail had been previously distributed to all jurors for review. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the purchase orders and bank statements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Committee Reports:
 - a) The Grants Committee had met to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for engineering DR-4622 that were submitted. Proposals were received from 1) Bryant Hammett and Associates 2) Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix and Hixon 3) H. Davis Cole & Associates 4) Shuler Consulting Company 5) Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions 6) Denmon Engineering. After independently scoring each proposal, Shuler Consulting Group received the highest score of 47. Discussion amongst the jurors ensued regarding the use of more local firms. Mr. Whittington stated that we should shop local. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby to award the engineering agreement to Shuler Consulting Company based on the scoring criteria. Motion carried 7-1-1 with Mr. Whittington voting nay and Mr. Edwards abstaining.
 - b) The LGAP FY 18 grant was discussed. An amendment was requested and approved to spend the \$15,560 grant on a tractor for the courthouse since the current one no longer works. Tony Guillory, Glen Peoples, and Patricia Williams had reviewed the proposals received on state contract from John Deere and Kubota. Ms. Burley stated that after discussion and comparison of the equipment, Ms. Williams stated the recommendation was for the Kubota. Mr. Guillory spoke up that he recalled the decision to go with John Deere. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to table the decision on which tractor to purchase until further clarification could be made. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – An RFI from FEMA has been requested with a due date of May 21st. Ms. Burley informed the Jurors that JKS and Rostan Solutions are set to have this complete by midweek. A conference call to discuss Brushy Bayou has been set for May 21st to expedite the remaining items of phase one.

Courtroom – Wilmar Construction has completed a walk through and a majority of the punch list established. Waiting on the audiovisual components needed on the revised change order.

Washington Heights – Is near completion. An audit by the Division of Administration will be held on Friday, May 15th. Mr. Parker asked Mr. Edwards and Mr. Guillory to review the project site before complete in case any repairs needed to be made.

DR-4622 – All documents have been submitted. Waiting on FEMA review to proceed with project.

Vidalia Canal – Discussed application for Statewide Flood Control Program to assist with cleanout of the silt where the canal meets Cocodrie Bayou.

- 7) Ordinance violations of the Parish were next discussed.
- A) Each Juror was asked to bring forward any issues in their district.
- Mr. Yearby – 310 Freeman Road, 261 Freeman Road, Lot beside 620 under powerline on Concordia Park, lot beside church on Freeman Road
 - Allen – discussed a report of clean up needed on Doty Road; after a site visit, Ms. Allen stated the lot was 21 acres and was undeveloped causing no ordinance violation
 - Whittington – culvert on 431 Roundtree Road is too small; house belongs to Mr. Oscar Brown
 - Neal – Follow up with Fred Taylor on ordinance violations – cars are still sitting outside the fence; residents on Belle Grove want speed limit signs put up.

A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve citing the above land owners for ordinance violations. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the following occupational license:
Bruce Professional Consulting – 4904 Hwy 84 W, Vidalia – change in location
Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s Report, Ms. Burley reminded the Jurors to complete their Tier 3 Financial Report and submit by May 15th. Discussed the provisions of the courthouse to reopen to the public on May 18th. All guests will be required to wear masks, have temperature checked, and use available hand sanitizer. Signs will be posted. Mr. Parker asked Ms. Burley to update the Jurors on the LGAP 19-20 grant status.
- 10) Superintendent’s materials and work orders and work orders of the parish were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously to approve the following:
- Yearby – ditches need cleaning on Vail Acres, Roundtree, and Freeman
 - Whittington – drainage issues in his district. Need tree removed from canal near Eagle Road
 - Allen – Residents of the TP track area and Hammett Addition complimented the barn staff on the work done; look at culvert at 174 Hammett Addition;
 - Adams – Discussed the cut valve stem on the Wildcow weir that needs welding; discussed Workinger Bayou and the narrow canal with trees down needs no wake zone due to concerns of speeding boats that try to pass or avoid trees; discussed work needed on Como Road with the culvert, ditches, and washed out portion of road.
- Under Materials, Mr. Guillory reported:
Pitrun – 15 yards on Wildcow, 15 yards on TP Road, 30 yards on Airport Road, 15 yards on Slocum, 30 yards on Forest, 15 yards on Red River Landing
Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards on Airport
Oversize Rock – 2 yards on Chandler, 15 yards on Slocum
Limestone – 4 yards on Doty Road, 4 yards on Foreman, 10 yards on Dan Howard, 15 yards on Chandler
Culverts: Two-66” culverts are needed on South Belle Grove Circle. Two quotes had been received on coated and uncoated from Southern Culvert and Coastal Culvert. After discussion from the Jurors, the approval was the uncoated culverts from Southern Culvert as the cheapest and best solution in the amount of \$6,859.
- 11) Under correspondence more discussion was held regarding the order from Governor John Bel Edwards under the Open Safely declaration. Businesses will need to register with the portal and print the certificate in which to post at their businesses. Other safety matters were discussed.
- 12) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Ms. Allen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer