

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 22, 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, Willie Yearby, Gary Neal, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Collin Edwards, and Brad Adams
Absent:	Genesisia Allen
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

A) Public Hearing to establish a 25 mph speed limit on Bob Rife Road was held. Under public comments Mr. Jennings Cowan addressed the Jurors as to why a speed limit was placed on a parish farm road and who monitors the speed limit. Mr. Collin Edwards addressed the comments stating that a 35 mph speed limit was feasible and recommends placing “children at play” signs along the residential areas.

B) There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

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

1) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve Ordinance 2020-04 to establish a 35 mph speed limit on Bob Rife Road and place “children at play” signs along the residential areas. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for ordinance.)

3) Under Committee Reports, the following was discussed.

a. The purchase of the John Deere tractor under the LGAP grant. The tractor originally approved had a lead time of November. This tractor is currently in stock at the Ferriday location and is smaller to allow for access to tighter areas. A motion was made by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the purchase of the tractor through LGAP for \$83,426.40. Motion carried unanimously.

b. A review of the Trane maintenance proposal for the courthouse was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to table until the next meeting for further review and discussion.

c. A recommendation from the Hospital Board to reappoint Mr. Fred Butcher to the board for another five-year term. Mr. Parker spoke that the Hospital Board needs to remain in place until the completion of the hospital. After the hospital is finished, we can re-address changes to the board. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Bachus to reappoint Mr. Fred Butcher to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Two companies were contacted to identify the problem and method of correction to the roof leak in the Assessor's office. A proposal was submitted by Hewitt Roofing. Johns Manville had been contacted in regards to the warranty and the roofing issue with no response. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the proposal from Hewitt's Roofing in the amount of \$2400. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou –A revised BCA under the new software has been conducted. The revised BCA is 2.77, keeping the benefits of the project and the costs associated with it in line for the additional funding needed. All entities are working on funding methods and ways to move the project forward. JKS is uploading documents to new USACE portal and adding the required annotations. Conference calls were held with GOHSEP, FEMA, and others to address the questions for the environmental assessment to be conducted.

Courtroom – Construction and audiovisual components are complete and working. Discussed the issues with the substantial completion documents that are being revised.

Washington Heights – The project is near completion. A list of items to draw down the remaining funds had been submitted. Ms. Vernon Smith addressed the Jurors to ask about the ditches and culverts needed cleaned up and whether a flood light was planned to be installed at the pond. Mr. Edwards will do an inspection of the area and provide feedback

DR-4622 – All documents have been submitted. Waiting on FEMA review to proceed with project. There have been no further updates or feedback to report.

Vidalia Canal – Applications submitted under Statewide Flood Control Program to assist with cleanout of the silt where the canal meets Cocodrie Bayou are still pending.

CARES Act - Documents for Application Phase I have been submitted.

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the invoice from Rostan Solutions for administrative work on Brushy Bayou in the amount of \$18,312.43. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. An expense request had been received from the District Attorney to report expenditures to be submitted through the CARES Act by the Parish for reimbursement. Discussion was held that if the state denies payment, the DA's office will reimburse the parish for any monies not collected through the CARES Act. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the expense payment and submit through the CARES Act for reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Probst to cite the following:

Whittington – 789 Eagle Road; Neighbor lot to 164 Sage Road  
Motion carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to add Sportsmans Lodge to the agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the following occupational licenses and alcohol permits:

Sportsman Lodge – New Owner, Troy Petty, 101 Sportsman Lane, Ferriday

Maple Lane Signs & Such – New Business, Courtney Maples, 150 Lee Street, Ferriday

Alcohol Renewals – Illusions, Taunton’s of Monterey, Taunton’s Horseshoe Marina, Paul’s

Grocery, Karl’s Lounge

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s Report, Ms. Burley discussed the bulk pick up issues. The knuckle boom truck will be running on Wednesday to those areas reported. A preliminary schedule for bulk pick up had been compiled and distributed for review. A meeting will be set up with the Public Works committee and Waste Pro to discuss and finalize.

8) Under the Superintendent’s materials requests, Mr. Guillory brought forward:

Pitrun – 10 yards on Roundtree

A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Yearby – Vail Acres at Hwy 84 to Mooselodge – ditches need spraying; Vail Acres at Concordia Park by Pac Man – pothole

- Edwards – potholes on Enterkin and Bob Rife Road

- Allen – passed along positive comments received on work done in her district

- Adams – speed limit signs on Boggy Bayou; Plouden Bayou road needs grading

10) Under correspondence and public comments Mr. Neal asked for a meeting to be set up with Waste Pro to discuss the bulk pickup schedule. Mr. Burget – District Attorney, recognized Ms. Burley’s work on the CARES Act.

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

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

*ORDINANCE: 2020-04*

**ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH ON BOB RIFE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury seeks to establish a speed limit on the parish road named Bob Rife Road of 35 mph;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has agreed to place “Children at Play” signs in the

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury has the authority under LRS 32:42 to set and establish speed limits;

**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 35 mph on the parish road of Bob Rife Road;

**SECTION (2) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that 35 mph speed limit and “Children at Play” signs shall be erected on the parish road of Bob Rife Road;

**SECTION (3) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all ordinances or resolutions or parts of them in conflict herewith are hereby repealed;

**SECTION (4) BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that Ordinances under Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-4 (a) be amended to include the addition of a speed limit of 35 mph established for Bob Rife Road;

Be it ordained and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020, in regular session, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby and the votes were recorded as follows:

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

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/s/Joseph Parker, Sr.  
President

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/s/ Sandi T. Burley  
Secretary / Treasurer