

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

Vice - President: Adam Probst

Members: Maurice Bachus, Collin Edwards Willie Yearby,
Scottie Whittington, Gary Neal, Brad Adams

Absent: Joseph Parker, Sr, Genesia Allen

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Yearby

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Whittington

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

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the June 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) The annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was received from the Department of Veteran Affairs. The agreement for FY 21-22 incurred a \$14/ month increase, totaling \$14,395 annually. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the CEA for FY 21-22. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Ordinance 2021-04 was brought forward. The ordinance was part of mandated requirements of the DOTD Off System Bridge Program. An assessment of the structure was conducted by DOTD which subsequently supported a load limit. This load limit now becomes mandated by the Parish to implement and enforce. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the 20-35 ton weight limit on the Cocodrie Bayou Bridge located on Poole Road, Ferriday. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A request and hold harmless were received from the Concordia Parish School Board to spray the track at Ferriday Lower Elementary. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Discussion was held regarding the purchasing of a tack and reclaim trailer. Initial conversation was held during the January meeting to find a better means to make asphalt road repairs. Several devices were researched. Covington Sales visited the parish for an on-site demonstration of Falcon Asphalt Patching Trailer. Discussion further ensued at the cost savings of potentially less labor needed to operate the equipment, the ease of use and clean up, and versatility of the machine. The cost of the tack and primer were the downfall at approximately \$10/gallon. However, the shelf life of two years is much longer that what is currently being used. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Whittington to approve the allocation of funds from the Highway Fund to purchase the patching trailer and tack. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) There were no Committee Reports to present.
- 7) Updates on projects were given. Ms. Burley updated the Jurors on the status of the debris pickup from the winter storm. The grapple truck is waiting for the chassis to be delivered for complete installation and delivery. Permits with DEQ and SHPO have been submitted. Additional signage is needed to properly designate the debris sites. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the purchasing of the needed signage. Motion carried unanimously. The Parish is continuing to work on a debris plan to be able to move forward once the truck and permits are obtained.

The CDBG-HVAC received only one response for Administration and Engineering. A request to the state is in process to accept the single responses. Ms. Burley asked for pre-approved permission to re-advertise if the state mandates such action. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously to approve re-advertising if needed.

- 8) A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the following ordinance violations and actions:
Whittington – Sage Road (address to be provided)
Adams – requested public hearing to establish a speed limit on LS Wade Road of 15 mph.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s Report, Ms. Burley offered the following:
 - a) The PJAL Region VIII meeting will be hosted by Avoyelles Parish on August 19th. RSVPs are needed for those who can attend.
 - b) A celebration will be held on Tuesday, June 29th at noon to celebrate Ms. Burr’s retirement.
- 10) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby, seconded by Mr. Whittington and carried unanimously to approve the occupational and liquor licenses for:
 - a) Oxbow Landing – Venue for Rent – 4301 Hwy 568, Ferriday, LA
 - b) USAVE#1 – Convenience Store – 6179 HWY 568, Ferriday (and liquor license)
- 11) Superintendent’s work orders were brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the following:
610 – 30 yards on Forrest; 7 yards on Lee; 48 yards on Country Meadows; 16 yards on Airport
Pitrun – 30 yards on Archer; 75 yards on Nichols; 45 yards on Brookwater; 60 yards on Wildcow; 15 yards on Gore; 30 yards on Phillips Field; 32 yards on Airport; 15 yards on Lee Circle
Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards on Country Meadows; 15 yards on Shirley Circle
Culverts needed: est. 24x30 on Mooselodge; est. 18x30 on Bodark
- 12) Work Orders from the Jurors were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Bachus and carried unanimously to approve the following:
Bachus – discussed need for clean up on the other side of the Bayou for the lilly pads; the ditch between 9th and 10th street needs cleaning out;
Yearby – Freeman Road needs maintenance; ditch on back of Freeman Road needs cleaning out;
Whittington – Ditch at Forrest/Centennial needs cleaning out as well as the ditch on the backside;
Neal – Lee and Bea Streets – culverts need cleaning out; one culver needs installing for

landowner;

Edwards – Watkins Road needs ditch cleaned out

Adams – Road work needed on: McCall Road; Boggy Bayou, Ellard Road; Deere Park; South Prong; and Como

Probst – Ditches along Vidalia Canal

Other – discussion was held on the Airport/Forest Road Project. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Edwards to table project until further discussions can be held.

13) Under Public Comment Period the following was heard:

Mr. Eddie Hodges, 414 Forest Road – ditches need cleaning out

Mr. Karl Davis, owner of Karl's Lounge discussed his liquor permit costs. Mr. Davis had to pay for a permit last year when he was unable to open due to the Governor's mandate. Mr. Davis fears shutdowns may happen again that would limit his ability to operate. Ms. Burley explained that the Parish cannot waive fees and permits. The Parish supports our local businesses and are concerned for closures and hardships on our constituents.

Mr. Willie Dunbar, former Police Jury, asked about the knuckleboom truck and debris cleanup. He also reported downed signage and road issues that he felt were caused by the water district on Mooselodge Road near Pecan Acres.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer