

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 27, 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:	Genesia Allen, Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Gary Neal, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams
Absent:	
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

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 July 13, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Robert Gardner, Alderman for the Town of Vidalia addressed the Jurors with a complaint regarding the actions of Ms. Golda Ensminger, ROV during early voting and elections. Mr. Gardner read aloud a formal letter written to the Jurors citing actions of Ms. Ensminger as discourteous and questioned whether moving voters to different districts during early voting and election day was allowable. Mr. Yearby addressed Mr. Gardner stating that the actions were regrettable to endure. Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Gardner and stated the matter would be looked into further.
- 3) A request to mow the sewer pond at Washington Heights. Since the pond is still owned by the Parish, Mr. Parker asked Mr. Guillory to place on a work order. No further action was needed.
- 4) Under Committee Reports, the following was discussed.
  - a. A letter from Lake Concordia Advisory Board was received. Mr. James Cole did not wish to seek a new term. The Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Mr. Jonathan Petty to the committee. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Neal to appoint Mr. Petty to the Lake Concordia Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. The Finance Committee had met to review the second quarter finances. Ms. Burley reviewed the status of revenue and expenses. Recommendations for adjustments to the budget were highlighted on the adopted budget. Due to shortfalls in revenues and overseeing additional expenses, the auditor was consulted on how to bring cash surplus into the adopted and operating budget. A line item for "Transfer from Surplus" was added to the budget. A transfer from cash

surplus to the adopted budget was made in the Highway Fund for purchasing of additional road materials. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt the amended quarter 2 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

c. GPS systems used by the Parish was next discussed. Mr. Parker asked Superintendent Tony Guillory to get a count of how many systems were working, broken and needed. A GPS on the new tractor also needs to be installed and activated.

d. An amendment to the LGAP Grants was needed. The original tractor purchased was too small for the workload needed. The LGAP grant funding for 18-19 will be exhausted toward the purchase and a portion of the 19-20 LGAP funds will be used to offset the overage. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the amendment requests. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – More conference calls have been held to keep the project on track. The RFI for FEMA has been completed and submitted.

Courtroom – Construction and audiovisual components are complete and working. Discussed the few components that are on order by the audiovisual company to install before the project can be completed for closeout.

Resolution 20-008 was presented for approval. The resolution provides for guaranteed matching funds by the Parish and authority of the President to execute all documents. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the resolution to continue the FP&C grant funding project. Motion carried unanimously.

Washington Heights – The project is near completion. Updates were given regarding the funds remaining. These funds will be used to purchase handrails for the lift station and culverts for those that need replacing.

DR-4462 – All documents have been submitted. Conference calls are being held bi-weekly. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. FEMA wants more justification to the damages therefore more information is being sought. Reaching out to local businesses effected by the 2019 seepage waters is needed to add to the supporting documentation.

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 - Application for the second period is being completed for submission.

a. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve payment to Rostan Solutions in the amount of \$825 for services on DR-4462. Motion carried unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the Task Order from Rostan solutions for the CARES Act. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Whittington – Discussed moving of fence needed from the public easement that has been placed in the ditch and is impeding drainage. Mr. Whittington will discuss with land owner.

Probst – Cite property on Airport Road

Neal – resent letter to Macon Ridge to mow entire lots; only a portion are being cut  
Motion carried unanimously.

7) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the following occupational licenses and alcohol permits:

DG Louisiana – Dollar General – 5342 Hwy 84, Vidalia

Motion carried unanimously.

8) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley further shared information on the FEMA DR 4462 project. Rostan Solutions needs to set up a conference with Mr. Guillory to review details prior to the next meeting.

9) Under the Superintendent's materials requests, Mr. Guillory brought forward:  
Pitrun – 15 yards Belle Grove; 20 yards Deere Park; 30 yards Minorca; 15 yards Old River  
610 – 14 yards Belle Grove; 15 yards Stephens Road  
A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Bachus – Upper Levee Road needs mowing

Yearby – potholes on Freeman; mowing needed on Freeman and Roundtree

Whittington - Request ditches be mowed and sprayed along Morace Road. Asked that 177 Burl Roberts be cut for ordinance violations, property owner has been properly notified.

Probst – Mowing and canal cleaning needed in his district.

Allen – Road repairs needed between 393 and 395 Townsend Lane

Adams – Culvert needs cleaning out on Kemp's Landing Road; potholes on Boggy Bayou Road need repairs – driving on ditch to get around potholes; 532 Poole Road needs culvert repair; Deere Park Road needs a dozer at least one a week. Discussed Fairview Landing Road. The area seems abandoned with only two camps. Posted signs and cameras were placed on ride along with a gate, chain, and lock limiting access. Mr. Adams made a motion seconded by Mr. Yearby to advertise for a Public Hearing to abandon Fairview Landing Road due to minimized use and limited access by property owners.

11) Under correspondence and public comments Mr. Parker discussed concerns and complaints received about inmates not being able to be identified when on and off grounds and amid the general public. A letter had been sent in 2019 addressing this matter. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to send a letter to Sheriff Hedrick addressing the concerns and requesting proper attire be worn. Motion carried unanimously.

12) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer