

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 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: Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Adam Probst, Scottie Whittington,
Genesia Allen, Gary Neal, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Yearby

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Whittington

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 2020 as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Committee Discussions were next held.
 - I. The Finance Committee had met to review the fourth quarter budget vs. actuals. As per statute, any line items falling above or under the 5% requirement were recommended for amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Adams to ratify the fourth quarter budget. Motion carried unanimously.
 - II. The Boards Committee had met to review the recommendations of appointments and reappointments submitted to the Jurors for review. The Boards Committee met on February 21st to review the requests and applications. Mr. Parker read from the minutes of the meetings. The following was read for action by the Jurors:
 - Recreation District #1: Recommendation from Recreation #1 Board: Re-appoint Mr. Glen Henderson, Resignation of Ms. Cathy Kelly. Recommendation of Boards Committee: Renew Mr. Henderson term; application received from Ms. Dorothy Lloyd to fill remaining term left vacant by Ms. Kelly.
 - Recreation District #3: Recommendation from Recreation #3 Board: Reappoint Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Fred Marsalis. Application received from Mr. Donald Bertelsen. Recommendation of Boards Committee: Re-appoint Mr. Thomas and Mr. Marsalis for another four year term.
 - Fire District #2 Board: Recommendation from Fire District #2 Board: Resignation of Ms. Dorothy Dew; application and recommendation to appoint Mr. Doyle Bryan to position. Recommendation of Boards Committee: Appoint Mr. Bryan to the remaining term of Ms. Dew.

Library Board: Recommendation of the Library Board: Renew appointment of Mr. Renard Chatman and Mr. Bobby Sheppard; Resignation of Ms. Margie Vogt, recommendation of Mr. James Lee to fill vacancy of Ms. Vogt. Discussion during open meeting: Renew Mr. Sheppard's appointment to the board, appoint Ms. Rachea Bailey to Mr. Chatman's seat, and appoint Mr. James Lee to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Margie Vogt.

LaSalle Community Action Board: Mr. Yearby had agreed to represent the Parish

Kisatchie Delta Regional Authority Board: Ms. Allen has agreed to represent the Parish.

A motion was made by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the appointments. Motion carried. Ms. Taylor, Library Director, addressed the Jurors to recognize the achievements Mr. Chatman has received because his efforts and service on the Library Board.

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 Board Committee were reviewed. Mr. Edwards objected to the action taken on the Library Board because it did not support the recommendation of the Board Committee as stated in the minutes. Mr. Bachus also questioned the approval of the minutes with the changes in the appointments. Mr. Parker explained the set up of the Library Board and that a motion was needed to pass the minutes as presented, not the action taken by the board. A motion was made by Ms. Allen to approve the minutes as they accurately reflected the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bachus and approved unanimously.

3) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – Phase I meeting scheduled for January 28th at 9 am with GOHSEP, Rostan Solutions, Drainage Committee, and other key members of the parish. These are the normal biweekly meetings established to maintain progress on the grant.

Courtroom Renovations – Delays are due to additional bench seating and laminate needing approval with a change order at the state level. Additional audiovisual components are also needed and a change order has been submitted and is awaiting approval at the state level. Tentative completion date is now scheduled for March.

Washington Heights – An overview was given of the project. Delays are expected due to the large amounts of water the Parish has received since the beginning of the year. There was a set back with the batteries in the equipment being stolen.

Ms. Vernon Smith questioned the layout of the pipes. Ms. Burley responded stating that the piping will be laid around the subdivision and will not go through the backyards of the houses.

- 4) Ordinance violations of the Parish were next discussed. Each Juror was asked to bring forward any issues in their district. Bachus – need to re-advertise for a public hearing to establish load limit and no parking on shoulders on Lee Tyler Road. Whittington – Problems with homemade dumpsters on Roundtree and Morace Road causing debris to be scattered in the road and ditches. A motion was made by Mr. Whittington seconded by Mr. Yearby for the Superintendent to handle removing the dumpster and clear debris from the ditches. Motion carried unanimously. Neal – Black Bayou Road at Hwy 84 – tractor parts in ditches and right of ways belonging to the Parish. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Probst to send land owner Mr. Mark Moore a letter to remove all debris and rubbish from the ditches and Parish right of way (Ordinance 21-4 sets right of ways as 30 feet from center of the all parish roads). Edwards – Truck driver on Loop Road is still bringing large 18 wheeler down to personal residence, violation the load limit ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Neal to send owner letter advising of ordinance copying CPSO to notice of the violation for monitoring. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Under the Secretary / Treasurer’s Report, Ms. Burley reviewed all of the upcoming meetings needing attendance confirmation.
- 6) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the occupational license for Hair by Salty Lips, Paul Curtis Adams, 382 Calhoun Road, Ferriday for hair and hair products. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Superintendent’s materials and work orders were next discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the following:
610 Material – 12 yards on Westside, 7 yards on Centennial, 7 yards on Doty Road;
Maintenance Gravel – 30 yards on Poole Road, Ferriday, 15 yards on Ames Road
Oversize Washrock – 60 yards on Poole Road, Ferriday.
Two quotes were received to replace the culvert on Serio Blvd. One from Southern Culvert for \$11,371.68 and one from Coastal Culvert for 12,658.00. Mr. Guillory recommended to purchase from Southern Culvert.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Work orders of the Parish were next reviewed. A motion was by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously to approve the following:
Bachus – Discussed speed bump needed on Weecama. This is not allowed due to travel needs by emergency vehicles. Discussed high rates of speed on the road while children play nearby. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby to send a letter to CPSO requesting additional patrolling needed in the area, primarily for Weecama.
Yearby – He had toured the Concordia Park area with Mr. Guillory. Part of draining issues is a larger culvert is needed and the ditches need cleaning out. Whittington – ditches and debris need to be removed around fence on BJ Road from prior clean up;
Allen – ditches on Serio Blvd need cleaning out once the culvert is replaced; Edwards – pot holes on Bob Rife and Pete Davis Road need repairing. Need to look at culvert on Archer Road. Adams – Need to address farmers removing culverts sending water onto roads on Wildcow Road. Culverts need to match existing parish culverts to allow water to flow under the road instead of over the road washing away gravel placed. Trees need to be removed from Bodark where clean up work was done by the Parish and pushed along tree line. Boggy Bayou has areas where the shoulders drop off created a road hazard.

- 9) Mr. Parker then asked for any correspondence from the audience. Ms. Vernon Smith asked who was conducting the engineering work on the Washington Heights area. Denmon Engineering is the primary engineer on the job. Denmon has subbed with Bryant Hammett and Associates for third party review and oversight. Mr. Beasley asked for the jurors to set up a meeting for the drainage presentation. Mr. Willie Dunbar asked why Bryant Hammett and Associates were hired by Denmon Engineering instead of the parish engineers – Jordan, Kaiser, and Session. Several responded that Denmon has the authority to hire a third party contractor without the approval of the parish. The parish engineers are not required to be used. Also distributed to the Jurors were: Hospital Board agenda for 1/28/20 meeting.
- 10) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer