

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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

President	Collin Edwards
Members	Maurice Bachus, Marie Yearby, Scottie Whittington, Gary Neal, Joseph Parker Sr., Adam Probst Gary Neal, and Genesis Allen
Absent	Brad Adams
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Maurice Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance	Adam Probst

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards. Mrs. Carter conducted the roll and a Quorum was declared present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the absence of Mr. Joseph Parker from the November 27, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve purchase orders, statutory reports, bank statements, and bank reconciliations as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Parker to enter the public hearing on Blossom Therapeutic Group Home. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public hearing Ms. Aleshia Dennis addressed the jury on the group home by opening with it has always been a passion of hers to help young ladies aged 12-17, who have been sexually and physically abused by members of their families. Ms. Dennis stated that she is a psychiatric nurse who will able to provide the counseling for the girls in a structured environment to help the kids flourish and develop as well as learn to cope with life. Ms. Dennis also stated that the group home will have 24-hour monitoring. Residents of the neighborhood, along with Mr. Fred Middleton, Chief Deputy Goad, and Brandy Spears victim advocate for the CPSO, also voiced their concerns about the TGH such as will there be qualified and adequate staff employed at the home, will there be recreational activities for the occupants, locks on the windows and doors, security, and the safety of the residents in the neighborhood. Ms. Dennis assured everyone that there will be qualified staff, and the backyard will be fenced in with a volleyball net and basketball goal, she also stated that on weekends they will go to different outings, and that the kids will come from the Department of Children and Family Services. Ms. Dennis also stated that she must meet certain criteria prior to opening the such as a sprinkler system, being ADA compliant, and adequate transportation. Ms. Dennis also stated that she was planning to visit all the neighbors to introduce herself and break the stigma associated with group homes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to exit the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Neal, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the occupational license for Blossom Therapeutic Group Home. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve advertising for a public hearing for the 2024 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Neal, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the 2024 Holiday and Meeting schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

The sealed bids were opened next and the following bids were opened and read:

Gravel – C&M Earthworks LLC \$33.50 price per ton, sand, clay gravel State Spec No. 1003.03 \$26.50 price per ton.

Gravel – APAC-MS \$10.00 price per ton/mile distance is 31 miles, sand \$12.00 per ton, washed maintenance gravel \$25.00 per ton, washed oversize rock No. 2 \$28.00 per ton.
Limestone – Terral River Service #7 \$44.00 per ton, #8 \$44.00 per ton, #57 \$39.00 per ton, #10 Base \$38.00 per ton, 2”-oversized \$39.00 per ton, R-200 \$44.00 per ton.
Fuel – Scott Petroleum No. 2 Bulk Highway Diesel (clear ultra-low sulfur & up to 5% maximum bio blends) \$.099. No. 2 Bulk Off-road Diesel (dyed ultra-low sulfur & up to 5% maximum bio blends) \$.099. Minimum 87 Octane Conventional Gasoline for Highway use (No Ethanol) \$.099.
Lubrication Fluids – Scott Petroleum Scott Petroleum, 55 gallon drum engine oil Chevron Delo 400 SDE15w-40 \$768.90, 55 gallon drum engine oil Shell Rotella-T 15w-40 \$780.80, 55 gallon drum diesel engine oil SAE 30w \$710.88, 55 gallon drum Chevron Delo 400 XLE 10w-30 \$842.00, 55 gallon drum Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) \$199.00, Per gallon price on Bulk Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) \$2.37 per gallon, 55 gallon drum Transmission/Drive Train SAE 30w (TO-4 spec) \$623.04, Per gallon price on Bulk hydraulic fluid SAE 30w i.e. Chevron THF \$11.51 per gallon.
Chemicals - Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, Round Up Pro Concentrate +/- 300gl \$21.95/gal, Roundup Custom +/- 300gl \$27.80/gal, Generic Glyphosate +/- 300gl \$17.06/gal, Oust XP +/- 24lb \$30.00/lb, Surfactant +/- 300gl \$18.48/gal.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to turn over the opened bids to the Public Works Committee for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Parker to approve for the Monterey Fire District No. 1 to order and call an election to renew an Ad Valorem tax and levy of a parcel fee within. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the resolution correcting the polling place for Precinct 5-5 from the Ferriday Trade School to the Concordia Parish Sheriff sub-station in Monterey.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to approve a resolution to award the Brushy Bayou Drainage project to Womack & Sons Construction Group, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Neal, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the cost overrun in the amount of \$261,022.50 for Crestview and Robert Webber Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the renewal of Bobby Sheppard, Jackie Young, and Renard Chatman to another 5 year term to the Concordia Parish Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve continuing participating in the Enterprise Zone and approving the 2020 Census track block groups for the Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the hold harmless to assist with the grating on Bateman Drive Extension in Ferriday. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:

Mrs. Allen – the canal through Woodland needs a tree picked up.

Mr. Neal – cold mix is needed on Crestview and Robert Webber Drive.

The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:

610 (yards) – 105 yds on Poole Rd. (Ferriday), 4yds on Concordia Park, 80 yds on BJ Rd., 75yds on Bob Rife Rd., 45yds on Haphazard Rd.

Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 64yds on Luttrul Rd., and 16yds on Bodark.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the material list. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business the following were brought forward:

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Parker to enter a public hearing on Concordia Parish Hazard Mitigation. Motion carried unanimously.

During the public hearing OEP Director Tim Vanier stated that every 5 years they have to update the hazard mitigation plans that reduces any types of risks and natural disasters. The plan states that what they are doing to reduce those risks. GOHSEP contractors Mr. Chris Ripito and Jason Martin were also present during the hearing, they help aid and write the plan. The plan creates a mitigation strategy in ways to lessen the impacts and keeps the parish eligible for post mitigation funding.

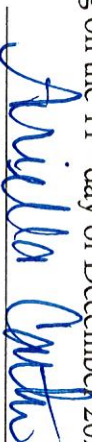
Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Parker to exit the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up President Collin Edwards presented Mr. Joseph Parker Sr. a retirement plaque recognizing him serving 20 years on the jury.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 11th day of December 2023, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

