

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 8, 2024
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, Wilbert Washington, Cornell Lewis, Genesis Allen, Adam Probst, Kenny Simpson
Absent	Red Tiffie
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Wilbert Washington
Pledge of Allegiance	Cornell Lewis

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to excuse the absence of Mr. Adam Probst and Mr. Kenny Simpson from the March 25, 2024 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.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson with E&P Consultants addressed the jury in reference to selling adjudicated property. Mrs. Johnson advised the Jurors that her firm has been selling adjudicated properties for years in 13 parishes. Mrs. Johnson went on to advise Jurors that when property owners don't pay their taxes the property does to a tax sale. During the sale, people are allowed to bid on various properties, not every property is bid on, which makes them adjudicated. Mrs. Wesley provided an ordinance for the jurors to review, which states that the jury will have an adjudicated property program to include a plan to sell the properties. Once a person finds a property, they are interested in they will be required to pay a \$1,000 administration fee, if the person decides they are no longer interested in the property the fee is refundable. The minimum bid of the property is two-thirds of the appraised value or the back-tax bill, whichever is lower. Once someone says they are interested in the property Mrs. Johnson's firm will begin to the necessary work to have the property sold. This will include a title search, and sending notices to anyone holding liens or mortgages. There will then be a public, local auction only those that paid the \$1,000 administration fee will be allowed to participate. Once the auction is complete, the lower bidder schedules the closing. Until the deed is filed in the courthouse, the tax debtor has an opportunity to redeem the property. The winning bidder will then bring the money agreed upon to the courthouse, they will pay an additional \$200.00 and pay the courthouse filing fees. The firm will bring the check to the tax collector for every property sold.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve advertising for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to provide for the sale of adjudicated property. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marty McClure with Point Man International Ministries addressed the Jury next in reference to the Veteran Monuments at the old courthouse being moved and placed at the entrance of the future memorial on the riverfront at their expense. Mr. McClure stated that the organization is attempting to have the markers in place for a Memorial Day program. Once this project is complete the Front Street would mirror the Vietnam Memorial in Washington and include the names of fallen soldiers.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the Secretary-Treasurer and the Bookkeeper to attend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's complimentary millage training in West Monroe on April 11, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:

Mr. Lewis – Lots 55, 59, 136, 141, 127 of the Vail Acres Subdivision need grass cutting letters.

A motion was Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to cite the above violations. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Bachus – Across the Bayou in Ferriday needs to be cut

Mr. Washington – Drainage issue on Highway 900 a half mile pass the bridge from Dan Howard Road to Clayton. Superintendent Guillory advised that he thought this was a State Highway but he would look.

Mr. Simpson – Asked Superintendent to meet him on Ralph's Rd. the trailer park owner is having problems with the drainage not reaching the end of Moose Lodge to drain. The washout on Moose Lodge and Roundtree needs to be checked.

Mr. Davis – Roads on North Grove to Belle Grove pot holes need to be filled. Mr. Davis thanked Superintendent Guillory for assisting with the Levens Additions Rd drainage. The Weavers in Levens Additions put in a new culvert but the water is still backing up.

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

610 (yards) – 16yds Boggy Bayou, 16yds on Eagle, 18yds on Jackson Cranfield, 16yds on TP, 32 yds on Herbert Crouch, 16yds on Luke Martin, 16yds on Bryan, 16yds on Grisby, 16yds on ferry, 80 yds on Puckett, 32 yds on Emfinger.

Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 32yds on Porter Wagner, 16 yds on Forman Rd., 16yds on Ferguson, and 80yds on Puckett.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the material list and job advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new business, the following was brought forward:

Mr. Bachus asked for updates on the lift. Mrs. Carter advised that she had reached out several times to Garaventa for assistance with this matter and has been unsuccessful. The jury attorneys are now drafting a demand letter to send them in reference to having it repaired.

Mr. Bachus asked had there been any correspondence from DOTD in reference to the culverts entering Ferriday. Maintenance Superintendent Guillory advised that he met with DOTD and requested a diagram of the culverts.

President Edwards advised that he spoke with spray guy and he advised that he would spray the needed areas. Mr. Bachus advised that the canal between 10th and 15th street needed to be cut and Mr. Davis advised that Ridgecrest needed spraying on Johnny Williams, and the canal needed to be sprayed.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Probst 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 8th day of April 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer