

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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	Cornell Lewis, Kenny Simpson, Adam Probst, Kale Davis, Maurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington, Red Tiffie
Absent	Genesis Allen
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Mr. Washington
Pledge of Allegiance	Adam Probst

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. Lewis to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up the millage rates were adopted as follows:

General Alimony	2.230 mills
Library	8.250 mills
Health Unit	1.770 mills
Drainage Works Buildings & Facilities	9.80 mills
Council on Aging	3.92 mills

A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to adopt the above millages. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the absence of Mr. Kale Davis and Mr. Red Tiffie from the July 22, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter the public hearing on adopting an updated floodplain ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to exit the public hearing on adopting an updated floodplain ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffie, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt the updated floodplain ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Ms. Doretha Cook addressed the Jury on behalf of State Representative C. Travis Johnson requesting that the Concordia Parish Police Jury adopt a resolution to conduct a feasibility study to become a Home Rule Charter Parish and select a Parish President.

Mr. Washington had questions in reference to if the Jury would incur cost for this study to be conducted. Ms. Cook was unsure, but advised that she would get with Representative Johnson for more information.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to table the resolution request until more information could be obtained on if the Jury would incur the cost or if it would be funded by the State. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Public Defender Mr. Derrick Carson addressed the Jury in reference to the opioid funds that the Parish received. Mr. Carson stated that he had met with the Judge's and DA's office and they are in agreement that they will come up with a plan. Mr. Carson will make a proposal for the Jury. His office currently has 106 open cases dealing with drug problems. His office would like to be included in the plan to be able to help the citizens with drug problems. Mr. Carson is asking for some of the funds on a year-by-year basis to fuel the plan, until a permanent plan is in place. The Judges office, DA's office the Public Defender's office will work together to create a comprehensive plan. Mr. Carson asked that they Jury consider approving the proposal once it is submitted.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to award the Black River Lake Lease Tract I and II to Mr. John McCrory. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve to re-appoint Mr. Warren Enterkin to the Board of Commissioners for another four-year term on the Concordia Waterworks District No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve the appointment of Ms. Anna Ferguson to represent Concordia Parish on the Atchafalaya Trace Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Concordia to authorize the renewal of a sales tax and use therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt a resolution to award the Roadway Improvements LCDBG project for Crestview and Robert Webber Drive to APAC of MS in the amount of \$816,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to adopt a resolution to participate in the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAPS). Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffie, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve a hold harmless to assist with grading the road to Monterey Schools adding rocks.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve a hold harmless to assist with filling the pot holes at Ferriday Junior High. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to cite the following ordinance violations. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Davis – 240 Hammett Addition, 324 Green Acres and 329 Green Acres Road grass cutting.

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

Mr. Bachus – Reached out to Louisiana Pawn Management for assistance with the spraying of Cocodrie Bayou. The Garden Club wants permission to plant flowers at the flags coming into Ferriday. Hwy 15 and 10th Street needs cutting.

Mr. Simpson – Westside Drive by Headstart needs school zone and speed limit sign put up. Culvert by Mooselodge and Roundtree needs gravel. Requested that an additional or a larger dumpster be placed behind the courthouse, current dumpster is always full.

Mr. Lewis – Corner of Stephens and Eagle Road needs a stop sign put up.

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

610 (yards) – 16ds on Country Meadows, 80yds on Miller Rd., 56 yds on Wild Cow, 16 yds on Grigsby, 112 yds on Ellard.

Maintenance Gravel (yards) – 32 yds on Ryan Rd. (Kemps)
Culvert on Lutrull 15'x34' oval.

Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Guillory also advised jurors that the lease on the dump trucks are coming up for renewal.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

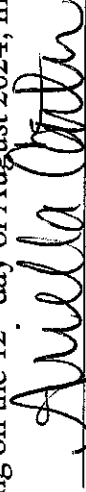
Mr. Simpson requested that the Jury approve the renewal of the leases for the dump trucks. Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the lease renewals for the dump trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffie, 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 12th day of August 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer