

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

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

Vice President	Adam Probst
Members	Cornell Lewis, Kenny Simpson, Kale Davis, Maurice Bachus, Wilbert Washington, Genesis Allen
Absent	Collin Edwards and Red Riffie
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Maurice Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance	Cornell Lewis

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Representative C. Travis Johnson addressed the jury in reference to creating a committee to conduct a feasibility study to create a Parish President. Representative Johnson stated that he is not for nor against a Home Rule Charter, but does think that the Parish should have the feasibility study done to see if it would be more efficient than what is currently going on. Representative Johnson also stated that the Parish has a lot of drainage and road issues and there is not a lot being done. Representative Johnson went on to state that he was going to hold the Jury accountable, and that if he saw that no effort is being taken, he would act with the Legislators in the next session to pass a legislation with some teeth, forcing the Jury to move forward. Representative Johnson went on to state that in the year 2031 there will be no tax revenue from the Sidney A. Murray Hydroelectric Station and there will be a severe budget deficit. Mr. Simpson asked State Representative Johnson was he asking other parishes to explore becoming a Home Rule Charter parish. Johnson stated that Concordia is his home parish which is why he is so passionate about this. Mr. Lewis then addressed Rep. Johnson and stated that everyone is aware of the hydroelectric station, and that Vidalia has to do their due diligence. Mr. Lewis also stated that this new board came into some tough decision making and they are making an effort to get things done, and that the Parish has a project which is Brushy Bayou and that it will help the entire parish.

Next up Mr. Cassandra Lynch addressed the jury. Ms. Lynch asked the Jury for assistance for this year's Christmas festival. Ms. Lynch is requesting portable toilets, grass cutting, and benches. Ms. Lynch also stated that she knows the jury has to follow certain procedures, and if it could not be done through the jury, she is also accepting donations.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve advertising for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance authorize an act of sale by the Parish of Concordia to sell certain adjudicated properties by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to authorize Bryant Hammett & Associates to prepare and submit Capital Outlay Requests on behalf of the Concordia Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to adopt a resolution for the 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Request. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to cite the following ordinance violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis – Weight ton ordinance violation notice for Lot 57 Stephens Road.

Work Orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the following:  
Mr. Bachus - Skipper and Railroad drive ditches need to be dug out. Also a pickup from the Sheriff Department is needed along these roads and Florence Matthews drive.  
Mr. Lewis - ditch at Taconey needs cutting, the end of Blaney Road and front of Camo construction ditch need cutting. Also requested storm preparation updates.  
Mrs. Allen - The sewer line was cut at 133 Townsend Lane during ditch work.  
Mr. Davis - 100 Garden Drive needs cold patching.

OEP Director Tim Vanier addressed the jury with storm updates and made everyone aware that the prison will be giving our sandbags on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. - 11a.m. and 3p.m. - 5p.m.

The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:  
610 (yards) - 32 yds on McCall Rd. 7yds on Enterkin, and 56yds on Puckett.  
Pitrun (yards) - 21 yds on Enterkin

Maintenance Gravel (yards) - 32yds on Miller.

Culverts for Robert Webber and Crestview in the amount of \$18,308.48.

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

New Business went as follows:

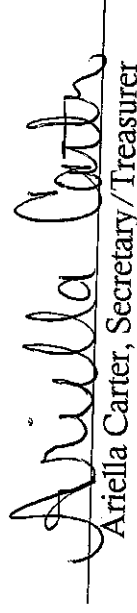
Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to publish an advertisement to accept bids for a property/debris cleanup at Lot 111 and Lot 134 in the Vail Acres Dev. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve a quote from Moebiz to upgrade the jury meeting room to be in ADA compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

  
Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer