

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

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. Simpson to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to waive the absence of Mr. Collin Edwards and Mr. Red Tiffie from the September 9, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to adopt an ordinance to authorize an act of sale by the Parish to sell certain adjudicated properties by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up Tax Assessor Jeanie Archer address the Jury who was serving as the board of review for the 2024 tax roll. Mrs. Archer informed the Jury that there were no appeals for the tax rolls. Mrs. Archer then asked the Jury to certify the tax roll. Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Lewis to certify the 2024 tax roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Assessor Jeanie Archer also advised the Jury that she sees the entire Parish values and that the Legislative Committee is talking about eliminating the inventory tax and that if this tax is eliminated the Parish will lose over \$240,000.00.

Next up, Public Defender Derrick Carson addressed the jury in reference to the opioid money, which would help his office work with substance abuse agencies, and take care of administrative costs, and hire additional staff that will also coordinate with these agencies.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to distribute the opioid funds giving the Sheriff Department their allotted percentage first, and then splitting the funds with the Public Defenders office and the Judges office. Motion carried unanimously.

Next up, Mr. Joey Brazil addressed the Jury stating that he owns a piece of property by Cintas and would like the ditch cleaned out. He stated that the ditch is about 100 yds long and that he is willing to help the Parish as needed. A motion was made by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to have the ditch cleaned out. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to allow the Sheriff Department to install two cameras in the hallway outside of the courtroom to enhance security measures. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve the occupational license for Best Auto Trim and Upholstery at 130 Robert Lewis Drive in Ferriday. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve a hold harmless to assist the Concordia Parish Recreation District #1 with picking up debris at the Clayton Recreation Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to approve the Secretary-Treasurer and the Jurors to attend the LCDBG workshop in Baton Rouge on September 26-27. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors brought forward the following Ordinance Violations:

Mr. Lewis – 530 and 582 Stephens Road clean up junk.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, duly seconded by Mr. Washington to cite the above violation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Simpson – Check culvert at Roundtree and Mooselodge, and see about applying cold patch there.

Mr. Lewis – East Rd. driveways needs rocks, end of East by Mcelwee. 310 and 351 East Road need culverts installed.

Mrs. Allen – Pot hole in road in front of 129 Lee St. needs to be filled. Corner of Smart Lane and T's road has pot holes that need to be filled. 304 Black Bayou Road needs debris picked up.

Mr. Davis – Crestview and Robert Webber driveways that have concrete make sure that during road project that asphalt is brought there to avoid a dip.

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

610 (yds) – 34yds on Wildcow

A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve superintendent's work orders.

New Business went as follows:

Mr. Bachus requested to check into grants or look into some type of rake device to attached on the tire boom truck that will clean out the lily pads in Cocodrie Bayou. Mr. Tiffie advised him that he would call a guy he knows in Monterey that does that type of spraying.

Mr. Lewis advised the jury that EPA met with him, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Carter at the Library in reference to the Old Courthouse and that they will start sampling for mold and asbestos soon.

Upon a motion by Ms. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffie 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 23rd day of September 2024, in Vidalia, Louisiana.



Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer