

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 26, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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

President:	Jimmy Wilkinson
Members:	Jerry Beatty, Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joseph Parker, Sr., Adam Probst, and Whest Shirley
Absent:	Red Tiffiee
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Beatty

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

Discussion of the telephone and internet renewal was brought forward. Ms. Burley shared a cost savings structure with a new cloud based phone system offered by TEC. The savings are estimated at half the current rate with the new platform. No action was needed by the Jurors due to the information still needed for internet rates.

Civic Source handles the Parish's adjudicated properties. Tabled from prior meetings was a resolution to give Civic Source Power of Attorney on behalf of the Parish to handle the property sales. There is no cost to the Parish to provide this service and will save time and postage costs and expedite the closing process. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Beatty to pass the Resolution giving Civic Source Power of Attorney on behalf of the Parish. Motion carried.

The discussion on Vidalia Canal resumed from previous meetings. The issues with getting the equipment into the area to clean out the ditches were discussed. Mr. Wilkinson reviewed with the Jurors that the Parish must still get the landowners to provide easement access to continue the work. Mr. Dunbar mentioned that his main area of concern was the slew to the sewage pond area. Mr. Jernigan suggested that we set up a meeting with the land owners to get their input and consent. On a motion made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Beatty a motion was approved to set up a meeting with the Public Works Committee, Superintendent Jackie Pugh, and Mr. Charles Clayton who farms the area to discuss ways to move forward. Motion carried.

A meeting was held with Mr. Dunbar and the Constables of the Parish. A pricing structure was distributed to the Jurors for costs associated with services provided. Ms. Susan Rabb, Constable was available to review the meeting. She stated that five out of six Constables showed interest in providing their services for the Parish to help with serving ordinance violations. The recommendation was to continue initially sending the certified letters to the ordinance violators then seek the Constables help with delivering those that were returned. The Parish would incur the cost of each attempt to deliver and bill the property taxes of the land owner(s). On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley a motion was made to have the District Attorney's office review the price list and determine which price point the Parish falls under for the Constables' service. Motion carried.

Rhonda Clifton and Lisa Sanders from MASA, an emergency transport company, addressed the Jurors. MASA had prepared a quote to offer their services to the Parish employees. Through their company, they provide emergency transportation by both land and air regardless of network. The proposal included a census type plan where the plan stays with the Parish as a benefit, not with the employee should they leave their employ. On a motion by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Beatty a motion to provide this service for the Parish employees and Jurors was made. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar a motion was made for gravel and work needed at a bus turn around sight at 405 Cynthia Bayou Levee Road in Monterey. The motion passed provided that the Concordia Parish School Board provides a hold harmless and cost of materials. Motion carried with Mr. Shirley abstaining.

There were no updates needed under Committee Reports.

Under the Secretary Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley updated the Jurors on the status of the ADA Lift and the Courtroom Renovations. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am with Mr. Fred Bennett and those interested in bidding on the work for the ADA Lift. A new list of technical components was provided that will need to be sent to Baton Rouge for approval to modify the grant requests for the Courtroom Renovation Project. Once the modifications are approved, we can move forward on this project as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Probst to approve payment to Jordan, Kaiser, & Sessions for \$20,000 which includes the third party review and markups by Neil-Schaffer on the Brushy Bayou Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beatty seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Superintendent's Material & Work Requests:

28 yards of oversize washrock on Forest Road  
Rock on Freeman Road (Dunbar)  
Sinking area at 112 Leroy Williams Road (Dunbar)

Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, Mr. Wilkinson announced that he had signed a declaration for a State of Emergency due to rising river waters. The Mississippi River is expected to crest on

March 14<sup>th</sup> at 56 feet by current projections. A sandbag machine has been obtained from Livingston Parish to help with preparations.

Mr. Dunbar discussed Ethics training for the boards and committees that report to the Parish. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beatty a motion was made to send these boards a letter reminding them to take and submit their ethics training course each year. Motion carried.

Mr. Shirley shared pictures of an area at the junction of Moose Lodge Extension and Logan Sewell Road. The pictures showed where drivers have begun to create their own bypass of the stop sign in this area. By doing this, this area has become rutted and muddy. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Dunbar to send letters to the State DOTD, the Concordia Sherriff's Department, and the Vidalia Police Department making them aware of the area and the violations and possible placing a barrier to prevent this from continuing. Motion carried.

Mr. Ryan McGraw who lives in the area of DA Biglane addressed the Jurors that the ditches need cleaning; the roads need rock and grading and have become almost impassable. Other residents in the areas of Forest and Centennial Road were also present to address their road and drainage needs. Mr. Wilkinson thanked them for coming and asked the Superintendent to look at the area and address the needs.

Ms. Katherine Cartwright, a volunteer with the Council on Aging, also addressed the Jurors asking for help with relocating their offices from the Old Courthouse. Discussion took place and Mr. Wilkinson directed her to speak with Ms. Cantu about using possible space available in the Ferriday area. Mr. Wilkinson thanked her for coming.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Dunbar to return to Regular Session. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer