

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

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

Jimmy Jernigan	President
Whest Shirley	Vice-President
Members: Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Joe Parker, Adam Probst, Jimmy Wilkinson and Tommy Tiffie	
Absent:	Jerry Beatty
Secretary Treasurer:	Kevin M. Friloux
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Wilkinson

Pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing for considering a speed limit of 25 Miles Per Hour be imposed on Weecoma Road, a motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to open the public hearing. Motion carried.

After offering anyone in the audience the opportunity to address the jury and there being no one, a motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Dunbar to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA , LOUISIANA  
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 14. ARTICLE 1.  
SEC. 14-4 BY ADDING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPEED LIMIT ON  
WEECOMA ROAD, FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE  
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Concordia Parish Police Jury desires to amend its Code of Ordinances in order to provide for a speed limit on Weecoma Road, Ferriday, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the public that the speed limit be regulated in such manner on Weecoma Road;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Concordia Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, that the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14. Article 1. Sec. 14-4 is amended to add the following:

Weecoma Road, twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that appropriate signs shall be erected to enforce the provisions of this section.

And the vote thereon was as follows: 8 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Absent

And the ordinance was declared adopted effective immediately.

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**Jimmy Jernigan, President**

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**Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer**

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the minutes of February 22, 2016 as mailed. Motion carried.

Mr. Shirley presented the jury with a verbal report from the finance committee with its recommendation of approving the proposal by the sheriff and district attorney to participate in the ankle bracelet monitoring program as previously discussed. The jury accepted the report as submitted.

Mr. Friloux presented the jury with a report from Mr. Tiffie and the personnel committee with recommendations to hire a light equipment operator, advertise for an additional light equipment operator and instruct the superintendent to proceed with reclassifying two employees. The jury accepted the report as submitted.

The secretary treasurer gave a short report.

Dr. Rusty Fairbanks of the RiverPark Medical Center group was present to address the jury on the poor relationship, or lack of, with Riverland Medical Center. Dr. Fairbanks stated that the consultants working with Riverland had not taken into consideration the extent of the services provided by RiverPark and therefore the police jury did not have all the necessary information in order to make an informed decision on the future of the Riverland Medical Center hospital facility. He provided numerous statistics and emphasized a lack of cooperation and information sharing. During his presentation members of the jury questioned him and Mr. Jim Graves, chairman of the Riverland Medical Center board. Mr. Graves indicated that the representatives of RiverPark are always welcome to address his board and refuted Dr. Fairbanks claim that meeting attendance was ever denied. Upon conclusion of the discussion the jury took no other action.

Coroner-Elect Jim Graves was present to address the jury primarily to introduce himself as the new coroner and pledging to work with the jury in any

way in which he can to make the operations run smoothly and efficiently. The jury thanked him for his attendance and no other action was taken.

At this time Mr. Tiffie made a motion to add Mr. Steven Taylor to the agenda as he had an issue with the permitting process. Mr. Shirley seconded the motion which motion carried. Mr. Taylor addressed the jury relating that he had spent considerable money on fill material for his property under the assumption that the base flood elevation he had received from his surveyor was correct. Mr. Larry Walters of IBTS was present and explained the permitting process as it pertains to flood plain management and it was stated that Mr. Taylor brought in the fill material before completing the application process. If the proper procedures had been followed, Mr. Taylor would have been told that the base flood elevations were revised several years ago and the elevation for his fill material would have been quite different. There appeared to be a permit process breakdown that was not the fault of the police jury or its contract inspector. With the discussion complete, the police jury took no action.

Mr. Jernigan advised that a letter had been received from the Louisiana Office of Community Development rescinding previous approval to solicit bids for the LCDBG sewerage project. Mr. Doug Wimberly of Jordan Kaiser & Sessions stated that he believed the letter was mistakenly sent and he would be working to have it rescinded. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to defer action on a resolution to award the construction bid on the sewerage rehabilitation project. Motion carried with Mr. Tiffie out of the meeting room.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Tiffie to approve an agreement with the Concordia Parish Sheriff's office to participate in an ankle brace monitoring program for parish inmates and authorize the president to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan presented correspondence from Architect Joe Brocato in regards to bids on the courthouse elevator which indicated that the low bid far exceeded the budgeted amount however recommending award of the bid subject to available funding. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley to reject all bids and to re-advertise over a much larger area. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunbar asked that the permits issue on the agenda be discussed. Consenting to discuss the issue, Mr. Dunbar questioned Mr. Larry Walters of IBTS and Mr. Brad Burget, district attorney, as to the best course of action to take to insure full compliance with the building permit procedure, as he believes that some people try to get around the permit process and he was trying to correct that situation. Mr. Walters indicated that he works to have full compliance but that the process has sometime stopped with the district attorney's office. Mr. Burget stated he would work with Mr. Walters and the jury to review the process in order to improve it. No further action was taken at this time.

Mr. Jernigan advised that bids had been received by the staff for vegetation control services and canal spraying. Mr. Marcus Rhymes of DBI, Services was present to address the jury on this matter. He asked the jury to consider not only

the low bid price but the capability of the contractor to perform up to expectations. After a short discussion a motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to refer the bids to the public works committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to approve drainage easement agreements on and across property owned by Charles D. Blaney, Darrell Crofford and Willard Kassell and authorize the president to execute the easement agreements. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the repair of the maintenance department's Link Belt Excavator by Sharpco Inc. in the amount of \$5,831.63. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the request of the Concordia Parish School Board to provide gravel for a bus turnaround at 1939 Highway 907 in Monterey. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the request of the Concordia Sewer District No. 1 to place gravel and grade the treatment plant road and the roadway in Levens Addition upon receiving a letter of approval from the property. Motion carried.

Mr. Tiffie advised of a personnel matter that needed to be addressed. A motion was then made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to go into executive session. Motion carried.

Upon conclusion of the executive session a motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan stated that in executive session a personnel matter was discussed and at that point a motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Cook to refer the matter discussed with the finance committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the hiring of Mr. Ronald Devall for the position of light equipment operator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to authorize the secretary treasurer to initiate the process of filling a vacancy for an additional light equipment operator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkinson seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the following occupational license:

NAE'S Family Creations, 180 Harbor Road, Ferriday—Retail Sales, Shirts & Printing  
(New Business)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Tiffée to ratify the purchase orders as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded Mr. Parker to have Mr. Wilkinson represent the jury on the Concordia Parish Library Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffée seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to approve the following materials request: 62 tons of limestone and 12 yards of washed gravel for Bodark Road. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffée seconded by Mr. Dunbar to authorize Jordan Kaiser & Sessions to perform survey work for a drainage right-of-way in Monterey. Motion carried.

Mr. Tiffée then departed the meeting.

Mr. Wilkinson requested the sewerage district and the public works department's assistance in addressing problems on Mimosa, Crestview and Airport Road.

Mr. Wilkinson requested the secretary treasurer to request meeting schedules, financial reports and minutes from all boards and commissions.

Mr. Shirley requested the secretary treasurer to advise the Concordia Recreation District #3 of a possible ethics violation and requested the board to contact him before any action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to cite property at 245 Ron Road and property on Rountree Road in violation of the grass and debris ordinance. Motion carried with Mr. Tiffée not present.

Mr. Shirley requested the secretary treasurer to contact the sheriff's office by letter or in person in regards to speeders on Mooselodge Road and Rountree Road.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Parker that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried with Mr. Tiffée not present.

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Kevin M. Friloux, Secretary Treasurer