

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
March 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:	Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Adam Probst, Whest Shirley and Red Tiffiee
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Joseph Parker, Sr.
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Shirley
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Dunbar

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

Discussion of the issues in Washington Heights was brought forward by Ms. Vernon Smith who also introduced Mr. Emerson Slain. Ms. Smith explained that the issues with correcting the problems in Washington Heights had been ongoing for at least the last six years. They have gone to Baton Rouge, Monroe, and Marksville to talk with officials to push the funding requests to renovate the sewer plant in Washington Heights. Mr. Emerson thanked the Jurors for their hard work and stated they had done all they could to get this project funded at the local level. Mr. Emerson spoke with Denmon Engineering who was granted the contract for the sewer renovation. Mr. Emerson was told that the project is on the Governor's desk, but one of many waiting to be approved for funding. He and Ms. Smith will be traveling to Baton Rouge this week to speak with the staff of the Governor to try to get the grant approved.

Ms. Smith also addressed the Jurors with the request of having the ditches cleaned for better drainage in Washington Heights. Mr. Jernigan addressed Ms. Smith by stating that the Parish had no problem digging the ditches but that a large part of the drainage problems in Washington Heights is the culverts need replacing. Mr. Jernigan further explained that he had observed many of the culverts are collapsed, dented, or didn't exist causing drainage problems. He will request a work order to have the ditches cleaned, but the responsibility of the replacing the culverts would be the home owner's expense.

Mr. Kevin Friloux addressed the Jurors with a written statement detailing his request for re-districting the Parish and the cost savings it would provide. Mr. Friloux suggested a structure of 5 or 7 districts rather than the current 9 in place. Re-districting plans would have to be drawn to restructure the Parish. Mr. Jernigan discussed previous confusion in the past with two Jurors per district. Mr. Cook recommended consulting with Mr. Oliver Schultz who is the Parish Planner. Mr. Schultz had provided the re-districting in the past to setup three minority districts for the Parish. All agreed with Mr. Cook's recommendation to get an advisory opinion from Mr. Schultz.

The following resolution was reviewed, discussed, and declared to award the ADA Lift bid to Wilmar Construction pending approval of the FP&C:

On a motion made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Probst the following motion was carried to pass the following:

RESOLUTION 2018-002

**A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS TO PAY ALL COSTS ON THE
CONCORDIA PARISH COURTHOUSE DISTRICT COURTROOM SECURITY
AND SAFETY RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Concordia Parish Police Jury has authorized Willmar Construction Co, Inc. & Architect Associates to proceed with this project upon approval from the Facilities Planning & Control Board (FP&C); and

WHEREAS, the available state funds for these projects amount to \$315,000 and the total project costs are estimated at \$420,000; and

WHEREAS, the estimated Concordia Parish Police Jury match is \$105,000 to complete the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Concordia Parish Police Jury hereby commits to pay all costs associated with the completion of this project that exceeds the current available funds.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted as follows on the 26th day of March, 2018.

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

_____/s/
Jimmy Wilkinson, President

_____/s/
Sandi T. Burley, Secretary/Treasurer

Quotes were provided to the Jurors to review and discuss for purchasing of a GPS system at the Maintenance Unit. Funds have been allocated in the 2018 for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a system. On a motion by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Jernigan, a motion was made to turn the information over to the Finance Committee for further review and approval to the Juror. Motion carried.

The Parish had received some correspondence with regards to the current Ordinance 16-12 which does not allow charitable keno or bingo in the Parish. Mr. Probst discussed that he had been asked to discuss the ordinance and its provisions to allow for charitable bingo for this in the education system which certain restrictions. On a motion by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Tiffie a motion was made to turn this matter over to the Policy Committee for further review and recommendation. Motion carried.

Discussion of purchasing a new router was next on the agenda. Ms. Burley explained the need for a new router was discussed last year and funds had been allocated in the budget to purchase the new equipment. The new router is needed to further expedite the project approved at last meeting to maintain the internet and new phone system. On a motion by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley the authorization to purchase a new router carried unanimously.

Under Boards/Committees reports two boards requested re-appointments. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the renewals of those appointed to the Monterey Fire District. Motion carried. On a motion by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Probst the appointments to the Monterey Fire Department will have the following appointment terms to stagger the board.

W.R. Boyd, Jr – 5 year ; Jeffry Paul – 5 year; Jim Graves – 4 year; Marilyn McGuffee – 4 year; Thomas Green – 3 year. Motion carried.

A request to re-appoint Mr. Charles Turner to the Concordia Parish Sewer District #1 was received. Mr. Dunbar made a motion seconded by Mr. Probst to table the approval of the appointment until the next meeting to see if any other constituents in the Parish may be interested in being on the board. Motion carried.

Under Personnel Committee, the discussion of the Section 8 Supervisor position ensued. Mr. Jernigan introduced Ms. Dorothy Oliver from the LaSalle Community Action Association to address the Jurors. Ms. Oliver distributed copies of a resolution adopted in 1989 to award the LaSalle Community Action Association the appropriation of funds and programs awarded by the community service block program. Ms. Oliver discussed that the resolution to use their services was already in place. However, she plans to attend the Ethics Department meeting in April where the Parish has requested an ethics opinion on the matter of LCAA handling the Section 8 program due to two of the Jurors involvement with the program. On a motion by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Mr. Cook, a request was made to send a copy to the District Attorney to review until an ethics opinion is rendered. Motion carried.

Under the Secretary/Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley updated the jurors on the status of the ADA Lift Project and the distribution of the MASA cards received. Mr. Wilkinson asked her to follow up with Mr. Brocato on the status of the courtroom renovation project.

On a motion by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Tiffie the following occupational licenses were approved on a unanimous vote:

Hwy 15 Body Shop – Randy Morace, 27180 Hwy 15, Ferriday, LA
Angel Wings Catering - Cheri Lipsey, 9452 Hwy 129, Monterey, LA
M&N's Snack Shop – Veronica Dixon, 102 Woodmont Rd, Ferriday, LA

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following on the Superintendent's Material and Work Requests:

72" x 80' culvert for Bob Rife Road
Clean ditches on Twin Oaks
Clean ditches in Washington Heights area.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dunbar asked about the status of the Vidalia Canal. A meeting with the land owners and the assessment of easements are in the works which is needed to proceed with the project.

Under correspondence the Riverland Medical Center agenda for March 27th and the minutes of the Library meeting from January 19th were distributed.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer