

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2019
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:	Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joseph Parker, Sr., Adam Probst, and Whest Shirley
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Carey Cook and Tommy Tiffiee
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Shirley
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker
Old Business:	None

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee held April 2, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements for March as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter of request to re-appoint Mr. Jim Graves and Mr. Fred Marsalis to the Hospital Board was received. Mr. Jernigan began a discussion of term limits for the board that was thought to be established some years ago. Mr. Jernigan recapped a meeting where the board was to serve two-six year terms before being rotated off to allow for others to serve. Further discussed were former members of the board who were not re-appointed when the request was made due to such. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Shirley to table a decision to re-appoint Mr. Graves and Mr. Marsalis to determine whether term limits were previously established.

A letter of request to re-appoint Mr. Don Linder to the Concordia Waterworks District #1 was also received. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar and seconded by Mr. Shirley to table the matter for applications and term consideration.

A letter was received from Concordia Recreation District #2 regarding the appointment of a new secretary – Ms. Anita Murray. No action was taken by the Jurors, since the boards have the authority to appoint their own Secretary without approval needed from the Jury.

Notices of ordinance violations were received on three properties within the town of Vidalia. The Public Works Committee had met prior to the meeting to discuss action and response to the citations. A response was prepared and sent to the DA's office for review and representation at the April 11th hearing date. The response is found in the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting. Assistant DA Mr. Austin Lipsey was present at the meeting. Mr. Lipsey was aware of the court hearing and would be prepared to represent the Parish again on the matters at hand. No further action was taken by the Jurors.

The Parish office was made aware that the Louisiana Economic Development seeks to penalize Syrah Technologies if their new hires do not live in the state of Louisiana. Syrah has made valiant efforts to utilize resources to meet the workforce requirements for ITEP. The request to the Parish was to consider supporting Syrah to request a modification to the workforce requirements to pull a larger percentage from the areas around Concordia Parish. Syrah's efforts of holding job fairs and working with Louisiana resources were given as opportunities to pull applications from the area. However, due to the close proximity of Mississippi, support for consideration to hire from the Natchez area as part as our area to meet the requirements was requested in the form of a letter of support from the Jurors. No action was taken by the Jurors to formulate a letter of support due to more information is needed.

An ordinance compliancy letter was sent to Plains Marketing. The letter notified them of road bond permit requirements of the Parish and gave them thirty days' notice to comply. The letter was issued after the Parish was made aware of the damage made to Slocum Levee Road due to the hauling conducted by Plains Marketing. To date, Plains Marketing has not complied with the notice. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley and seconded by Mr. Dunbar to table the matter due to the areas most affected by the negligence of Plains Marketing was in Mr. Tiffie's district and he was not present at the meeting to participate in discussion. Motion carried.

Parish projects were discussed.

Brushy Bayou – Jordan Kaiser and Sessions is revising the location and specs of the bridge to submit to LADOTD. This should be completed by the end of the week. Right of ways and easements previously drafted for land owners' signatures may need to be changed due to the modifications in the design. The revised H&H study has been submitted for GOHSEP approval. The 404 and 408 permits are still awaiting approval from USACE.

The Courtroom Renovation has received design and specification approval from the Capital Outlay Division in Baton Rouge. Mr. Brocato has been contacted numerous times for final designs needed to be submitted to the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector to identify any deficiencies as required before a bid packet can be created. So far there has been no response to any correspondence sent to proceed with the project. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Probst to seek legal counsel toward Mr. Brocato for failure to respond and act productively to meet the requirements the project entails to stay compliant in which to keep the grant funding.

A recap of the current status of the Washington Heights project was given. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 8th at 11 am. At the meeting, the plans were discussed with Brian Harrell of Denmon Engineering who has designed the project. Mr. Harrell advised those in attendance that originally the redesign had taken out the lines at the entrance to the subdivision where occupants had denied service. After the revisions were reviewed at the state level, these lines had to be left in the design as it affected the original scope of work. Five companies have obtained the revised specifications and bidding information to date. Bid opening is scheduled for April 16th at 11 am.

Continued work needed to the Vidalia Canal was also discussed. Parts of the canal cannot be accessed to clean out because the embankment of the canal is too steep to allow for equipment to safely operate. Discussion ensued on what equipment and methods could be best used to clean the areas on the north end of the canal. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 3:15 to meet at the culvert site on the north end of the canal to view the area and possible ways to remedy the grass and foliage that needs to be removed.

Under ordinance violations, Mr. Dunbar addressed Mr. Lipsey on the proper procedures to clean up a residence whose land owner has been sent several notifications over the past years but refuses to claim any of the registered letters sent to his attention. Mr. Dunbar requested that Mr. Lipsey submit a letter to the Jurors on the proper procedures for cleaning efforts that can be done by the Parish and ultimately have the costs applied to the tax roll on the property. Mr. Shirley brought forward an issue of a mobile home company that got stuck on Guido and Stephens Roads trying to deliver a trailer. The hauler got stuck and tore up the roads and shoulders. Mr. Shirley asked Ms. Burley what action could be taken to have the roads repaired. Ms. Burley explained that Mr. Pugh would have to get a cost estimate to repair the roads and the company would have to be notified of the costs and given the option to repair the roads themselves or have the Parish do the work and have the company pay for the costs. Both an estimate from Mr. Pugh and the company responsible for the damage will need to be obtained before moving forward.

Under the Secretary/Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley requested a meeting with the Finance Committee on April 17th at 3:30 to review the first quarter financials. Ms. Burley notified the Jurors that the Parish Office would be closed on April 19th and the barn would be closed April 18th in observation of Good Friday.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following occupational license and alcohol permits:

- 84 Quick Stop – 8675 Hwy 84, Ferriday – New Owners
- Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the following Superintendent's Work Orders:

Washrock: 14 yards for Como Road

Oversized Rock: 7 yards for Wild Cow Road

Pitrun: 15 yards for Ames Road, 15 yards for McCall Road

Motion carried.

Work orders issued and completed by the barn since the last meeting were distributed for review. No action taken by the Jurors.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the meeting to anyone in the audience that would like to address the Jurors on any agenda item. No public discussion was made.

Under correspondence, the following was distributed to the Jurors though no action was taken: Riverland Medical Center – 2/26/19 minutes; Concordia Water Works #1 – 2/19 minutes; Recreation District #3 – 4/11 meeting agenda; Recreation District #2 – 3/13 minutes and agenda, 2019 budget, and 2019 meeting dates.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer