

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 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:	Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joseph Parker, Sr. Whest Shirley, and Red Tiffiee
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Carey Cook, and Adam Probst
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Tiffiee to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 19, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

Ms. Alma McMillian who has been appointed as the HUD Section 8 Supervisor for Concordia Parish addressed the Jurors. Ms. McMillian has spent many years with the program and attained several certifications that make her highly qualified for the job. Mr. Dunbar asked how applicants are chosen to receive HUD housing based on a familiar event he has seen. Ms. McMillian explained that they must allocate housing and vouchers based in order of the list. Even though a personal family member may want to appropriate their housing to a specific person, HUD must follow the list of applicants in order of their application dates. After Ms. McMillian addressed the Jurors, a motion was made by Mr. Tiffiee to revise the recommended salary from the prior meeting due to revised information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried to set the salary for Ms. McMillian at \$800/month.

Ms. Madeliene Brumley, an attorney with Laborde Earles Law Firm addressed the Jurors with the current status of opioid litigation in the state, looking specifically at the role prescription opioids have played in Concordia Parish. The first litigation suits began being filed by Sheriff Departments of different parishes in August of 2017 with parishes and municipalities shortly following. Ms. Brumley explained the increased burdens of opioids, addiction treatment costs, healthcare costs, and victimization costs. Ms. Brumley focused largely on how the manufacturers and distributors of opioids have abused the marketing and information to the public making opioids seem harmless and non-addictive. Litigation against these manufactures and distributors may recover court costs, public health costs, and

other costs the Parish incurs in treating those with opioid addictions. Several questions ensued from the Jurors and Mr. Wilkinson thanked her for her presentation and information.

A request was received by the Village of Ridgecrest for repairs to roads in the village and tabled from a previous meeting. A hold harmless agreement and the following requests were requested for repairs. Four spots on Vidalia, one spot on Plum, finish repairs to Willow Drive. The Jurors discussed that timed to do this was based on other projects going on that preceded the request. Mayor Sheppard was present and thanked the Jurors for their assistance and understood the allocation of projects and time. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the request by the Town of Ridgecrest pending time and projects. Motion carried.

A request was received by Recreation District #1 to spray two ball parks and storage building area at Learned Park. A motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the request pending the time and projects of the Parish. Motion carried.

An invoice was received for Architect and Associates for \$1,000 as final payment toward the design and implementation of the ADA Lift project. On a motion by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Tiffie a motion carried to approve the payment.

Discussion of employee needs for the Parish barn was discussed. Mr. Wilkinson explained that a job opening had become available after a light equipment operator had resigned. After assessing the needs of the barn and its projects, a heavy equipment operator was the better solution to hire to help with pending projects. Further discussion ensued between the Jurors for procedures to assure applicants were qualified to run the heavy equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Dunbar to advertise for a heavy equipment operator for the barn. Motion carried.

The leasing two dump trucks for the barn were next for discussion. Three vendors had been solicited for quotes to lease, however only one responded. Leasing the trucks is more economical for the Parish rather than acquiring a loan to purchase out right. No action was taken on pursuing the lease until our insurance agency could decide if naming third party coverage for the leasing agency could be authorized.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the necessary advertising for millage renewals. Motion carried.

At the prior meeting, a scope of work and pricing from Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions to survey and prepare maps and descriptions for drainage servitude along the northern part of the existing Vidalia Canal was requested. A proposal was received from JKS and presented to the Jurors for review. Discussion ensued as to which end of the canal should be focused on first. Mr. Brant Jones with JKS was asked for his professional opinion as to which end of the canal needed to be addressed first. Mr. Jones stated that due to the flow of water and debris and to prevent "bottle necking" in areas, that the south end should be cleaned out first to allow for water to flow properly. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the proposal, but Mr. Tiffie later retracted his motion as more information was needed from JKS for the entire scope of the project, not just the north end of the canal. No action taken.

The Finance Committee had reviewed the purchase order requisition. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Tiffie the requisition was approved with the exception of one invoice due to a typo. Motion carried.

Current projects were discussed as follows:

Brushy Bayou – Mr. Jones with JKS stated they were in the process of getting permits. A meeting with FEMA and GOHSEP, the Historical Society and Environmental Review was held. The results of any findings had not been distributed to date.

ADA Lift – Work continues to proceed to install the new ADA lift. A portion of the lower floor of the courthouse will be partitioned off for necessary wall removal to accommodate the project.

Courtroom Renovations – A meeting is scheduled for May 31st to review the final technical specifications and drawings for the project. Once finalized, the drawings will be sent to the FP&C office in Baton Rouge for approval before the project can proceed.

Ordinance Violations were presented. On a motion by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Jernigan the following citations were presented to issue.

3679 Hwy 129, Jonesville – Richard Ramsey – grass and debris

153 Burl Roberts – Lori Smedley – grass

184 Burl Roberts – Tommy Reid – grass

175 Burl Roberts – New Orleans Owner – grass

177 & 171 Burl Roberts – William “Bubba” Reid – grass

Between 201 & 183 of Robert Lewis Drive

Between 183 & 171 of Robert Lewis Drive

Between 2126 Hwy 425 N toward Church in Clayton (contact Henry Cotton with DOTD)

Loop Road – Marcus Ingram – Ingram Mobile Home Movers – debris left in ditch

241 Levens Addition – grass

217 Levens Addition – Chery Lowrey – grass

Between 210 and Dodd Property, Levens Addition – grass

Motion carried.

Ms. Burley gave her Secretary/Treasurers Report. The FEMA/GOHSEP audit had been completed with much success. No significant findings under than participation in training were found. Ms. Burley asked the Jurors to advertise for a public meeting on adjudicated property with Civic Source to be held May 24th at 6 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar, motion carried to advertise. A reminder was given that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th due to Memorial Day. The annual audit will begin next week. Preparations have begun to send the requested documents to the CPA.

Mr. Jernigan asked Ms. Burley for a status on Washington Heights. Ms. Burley attended a training workshop last week by LCDBG to review new procedures implemented. The Parish and the Administrator of the project have five months – deadline of October 8th to complete the necessary requirements by LCDBG to proceed with the project. Once LCDBG receives and reviews all the required documents, a notice to proceed must be received before continuing with the project. This ensures that the Parish and its agencies follow and implement the guidelines provided.

Ms. Burley also announced that she had received a call from Senator Thompson's office that a balance of approximately \$92,600 was left from a Public Health Renovation capital outlay project that began in 2011-2012. Steps have been taken to have the funds approved for allocations to public health for 2018. More updates will be provided once we know if the funds will be approved to be made available.

On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan the following occupational licenses were approved:

Unique Professionals PCS, LLC – Brady Fields – Home Health - 109 Doty Road, Ferriday
Ferrico LTD – Fred Middleton – Janitorial Services – 819 Hwy 568, Ferriday
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the following under the Superintendent's Work Order and Requests:

28 yards of pitrun to fix shoulders on Tuminello Road
15" x 30' culvert for Twin Oaks
Ditch at the end of Sunflower at Doty Road
Rebuild banks due to beaver damage at end of Green Acres
Ditches behind Concordia Park

Mr. Parker addressed the problem of dumping and littering on Bayou Drive. The Jurors discussed possible solutions to locate and cite anyone caught dumping and littering in this area.
Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Mr. Dunbar discussed setting up necessary meetings with the Sherriff's Department to help with garbage pickup. A recommendation was made to ask the DA about any obstacles to using pre-trial inmates to help with clean up.

The following correspondence was received and distributed to the Jurors – Fire District #2 – 5/8 agenda, 4/10/18 minutes; Recreation District #3 – agenda; Sewer District #1 – Minutes of 1/23, 2/20, and 3/13 meeting.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer