

**PARISH POLICE JURY
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019
3:30 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, Joseph Parker, Sr., Adam Probst,
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Whest Shirley, and Tommy Tiffie
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Cook
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Dunbar

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve Resolution 19-012 approving Syrah Technologies for participation in the industrial tax exemption program. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Resolution 19-012)
- 2) Repairs needed to the chiller at the courthouse were discussed. Quotes were obtained from Star Services in Jackson and Trane Services in Shreveport. Discussion ensued regarding the scope of work and projected repairs that were needed. Star Services submitted a proposal of \$11,943 for repairs and Trane submitted proposals totaling 10,764.96 for repairs. Under a motion by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Probst, a motion was made to amend the 2019 budget to allocate funds for repairs in the amount of \$10,764.96 and accept the quote presented by Trane Services. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) The barn had received a quote for repairs needed to the New Holland equipment. A quote for \$5,651.97 was received by the New Holland supplier. A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Parker to amend the 2019 budget and allocate funds for the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Jurors present took a moment to pay respects to Mr. Eddie Turner who was employed at the barn. A resolution of memorial will be prepared for the next regular meeting.
- 5) There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 19-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE **CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY** APPROVING **SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC** FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM
AT **2001 D. A. BIGLANE ROAD, VIDALIA, LA**

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Parish borders the Mississippi River in eastern central Louisiana and shares two river crossing bridges totaling a 1-mile distance from Natchez, MS, and

WHEREAS, Concordia Parish is part of the Natchez, MS – LA Micropolitan Statistical Area, and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that Concordia Parish’s workforce commuter patterns include neighboring counties in Mississippi and neighboring parish residents, and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes a regional economic development approach, which includes, at times, partnering with neighboring parishes and Mississippi communities to attract new and expanding business opportunities, provides the greatest value and economic opportunity for Concordia Parish and its residents thereof, and

WHEREAS, this Board supports and appreciates the efforts of Governor John Bel Edwards to implement requirements for local input into the Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program application approval process, and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit “A” a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant’s compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this POLICE JURY, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff’s approval shall be attached as Exhibit “B” to the ITE contract between the BCI and SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC; and

WHEREAS, SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit “A” to the Industrial Tax Exemption

Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this POLICE JURY, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of the CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC) to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC with respect to its manufacturing plant located at 2001 D. A. Biglane Road, Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana:

25 Total New Direct Permanent Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment

15 of the Total New Direct Permanent Jobs shall be filled by Louisiana residents

\$1,500,000 Total Combined Annual Payroll for all New Direct Permanent Jobs

5 Years Term of Initial Exemption Contract

100% Percentage of Initial Exemption Contract

3 Years Term of Renewal Exemption Contract

80% Percentage of Renewal Exemption Contract

90% Threshold of Total New Direct Permanent Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment that must be reported to LED for annual compliance

90% Threshold of Total New Direct Permanent Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment to be filled by Louisiana residents that must be reported to LED for annual compliance

This POLICE JURY further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SYRAH TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this **June 18, 2019**.

Jimmy Wilkinson, President

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer