

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 9, 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,  
Joseph Parker, Sr, Adam Probst, Whest Shirley, and Red Tiffiee

Absent: Jerry Beatty

Secretary Treasurer: Sandi T. Burley

Invocation: Mr. Jernigan

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Probst

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

6:07 Mr. Shirley arrives.

Mr. Wilkinson introduced Mr. John Young who presented to the Jurors the latest information on opioid litigation. Mr. Young has served as the District Attorney and President of Jefferson Parish and understands the burden of costs put on the Parish by the opioid epidemic. Mr. Young and his group of constituents currently represent a quarter of the parishes in Louisiana. After his presentation of the evidence of false marketing by the drug companies to fuel the opioid epidemic, he presented a resolution and contract to the Jurors to enter into the litigation. No action was taken until both documents could be reviewed.

Discussion of the open position of heavy equipment operator occurred. A recommendation was given by the personnel committee to hire Ronnie Cox as the heavy equipment operator. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffiee seconded by Mr. Probst to approve his hiring. Motion carried.

Discussion of bringing a former employee back as a part time sprayer and garbage pickup ensued. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Tiffiee, a motion carried to move forward with hiring the former employee as part time.

A letter was received by Delta Charter requesting the grading of the parking lot and addressing the drainage canal. Mr. Pugh discussed the issue of the canal and the challenges of servicing this area. Previously inmate labor had helped to keep the canal maintained which has not been available for some time causing the over growth. The canal is too steep for any equipment to address the area without causing further wash out. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffiee seconded by Mr. Jernigan to offer help with the parking lot only as we cannot help address the canal. Motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Shirley the purchase order requisition was approved as presented. Motion carried.

Bids were received for Vegetation Control Management. The lump sum bids were as follows:  
Black River Services Inc. – \$27,245  
DBI - \$33,050  
Chem Pro - \$33,702

A motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Jernigan to award the contract to the lowest bidder of Black River Services Inc. Motion carried.

Project updates were given on Brushy Bayou, the ADA Lift, Courtroom Renovations, Health Unit Renovations and Washington Heights. No action taken.

A list of reported ordinance violations was distributed to the Jurors for review. In an attempt to have the barn accurately correct the violations, the Jurors were asked to check their citations by labeling with a white flag provided by Mr. Pugh. This will allow the barn staffs to more diligently find and correct the locations reported as having violations. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Shirley to cite the following addresses in violation of grass/debris/nuisance ordinance:

393 Terry Circle, Vidalia, LA

Motion carried.

Ms. Burley gave her Secretary / Treasurer's report by discussing the recent annual audit. Only one finding was cited where the staff can no longer hold its safety meetings at a meal time. The corrective action plan was easily addressed to rectify the finding. An invoice for the audit was presented to the Jurors for approval. On a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Probst, motion carried to pay the invoice. Ms. Burley also requested the Jurors allow for further training with our auditor to review changes and updates with the purchases of the new accounting software. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to approve payment to the auditor for a two day training with the staff. Motion carried.

Also distributed and discussed with the Jurors was the recent announcement of two grants – LGAP for up to \$77,800 and CWEF for up to \$79,200. These grant ceilings are allocated to provide improvements to the Parish for water, sewer, buildings, roads, etc. Mr. Wilkinson asked the Jurors to consider Mr. Nolen Cothren's recent presentation where more ground water storage tanks were needed to make water more readily available and improve our fire rating. Mr. Dunbar asked for a motion to advertise for a grant writer to be paid by administration fees allocated from the grants. Mr. Probst seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Shirley, the following occupational license was presented for approval:

JGB Wood & Metal, LLC – new business – Wood and Metal Shop – James Bradford, Vidalia  
Motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Cook the following Superintendent's work orders were approved:

- Gravel on Gore Road
- Culverts on Ellard Road

Mr. Probst and Mr. Dunbar asked Mr. Pugh to see what could be done to remove the tree in the Vidalia canal. Motion carried.

Under correspondence, Mr. Dunbar asked about the status of the work orders template. Ms. Burley has been working on a spreadsheet that could be used by the barn staff to track work orders, completion, and staff hours allocated for each task for better accountability to aid in grant requests.

Mr. Parker asked for a motion for a resolution commemorating the recent passing of Mr. Renard Cage who had worked at the Parish barn for over 8 years. Motion was seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously.

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

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer