

**PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 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 Tiffie
Absent:	Jerry Beatty
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Parker
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Tiffie

Old Business: None

A motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Wilkinson explained to the Jurors about the Parish self-funded unemployment option. A decision had been made in a prior year to withhold further contributions to this account due to the available balance. The account has reached a point where funding needs to be re-instated. On a motion by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst a motion was made to re-instate the Parish Self-Funded Unemployment option at 7% from each schedule. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Cook to amend the 2018 budget to accommodate the allocations from each schedule to the fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker to amend the Drainage Budget for a capital outlay purchase of \$3500 for a pressure washer for the barn. Motion carried.

Resolution 18-013 was reviewed to adopt the renewal of the 10.0 drainage millage. On a motion by Mr. Tiffie seconded by Mr. Jernigan, motion carried to adopt the resolution and renewal of the millage.

Annually, the Police Jury must pass an ordinance to have anyone who has not paid their invoice for grass cutting due to an ordinance violation in order to place the balance on their property taxes for

the upcoming tax roll. On a motion by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst Ordinance 2018-2 unanimously carried placing the following unpaid invoices on the tax with the Assessor's Office:

Robert L. Williams, 1015 Jackson Liberty Road NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601
Lot 40 & 41 of Minarca River at 791 Minarca Road, Vidalia, LA 71373
In the amount of \$400.00

An invoice was received by Wilmar Construction for work completed on the ADA Lift in the amount of \$15,504. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst and unanimously carried to approve and pay the invoice.

Annually, the Police Jury must complete a Precinct Survey in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters to send to the Secretary of State when any precincts fall below 300 registered voters. Resolution 18-014 was present to request the "Extraordinary Circumstance" to the Secretary of State to consolidate the voting precincts of 00-5-2 and 00-5-2B. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffie and seconded by Mr. Cook and passed unanimously.

A request was received by Chief Joey Merrill of the Vidalia Police Department to mow the firing range. Specifically using the side boom to cut and mow the berm. Included in the request was a hold harmless to the Parish. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the request. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunbar had asked that the Concordia Sewer Board be placed on the agenda. The matter involved a problem in the area of Leroy Williams and Concordia Park where sewage was overflowing into the ditches. Also addressed was his concern of messages left at the office that were not returned. Mr. Wilkinson asked Mr. Nugent to address the Jury on the problems with the sewer pumps and pond in that area. Mr. Nugent explained that there had been an equipment failure and the design of the structures and pumps were to have the water flow out the lines to the ditches to prevent the sewage from backing up into homes. He further explained that the suction on the main pump was broke and the "drives" were out on the other pumps. The original supplier of the pumps is no longer in business and he has been working with another company to get the proper parts which should be installed by the end of the week or first of next week to have the equipment running again. No action taken by the Jurors.

No business under Boards / Committees.

Under Projects, the following was discussed:

Brushy Bayou – getting right of ways and working with CC Hamby to review plans to continue the permitting process.

ADA Lift – should be complete by the end of the month.

Courtroom Renovation – plans have been submitted to Baton Rouge for review.

Washington Heights Sewer – plotting/surveying is being conducted by Denmon Engineering; Oliver Schultz has met with the Hudnalls to have the sewer pond donated to the Parish

Vidalia Canal – Spraying will begin after mid-September when the chemicals are allowed to be used per regulations.

A spreadsheet listing past ordinance violations were distributed and reviewed. Each Juror was asked to check off any violations that had been taken care of by the home owner. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar the following ordinance violations were made:

- Hwy 568 by Lake St John Grocery – trash out and needs to be placed in dumpster per Parish ordinance
- 287 Terry Circle, Vidalia

Motion carried.

Ms. Burley gave her Secretary/Treasurer’s report by announcing the upcoming Region 8 meeting hosted by Catahoula Parish, all Jurors are planning to attend. Project Denim reception will be held on the 14th at 3 pm at the Convention Center.

On a motion by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Tiffiee the following occupational license was approved unanimously by the Jurors.

- Bless This Mess Vintage Market, New Business, Bobbi Nelson, 4284 Hwy 84, Vidalia

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffiee seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve the following Superintendent’s Work and Material Request:

21 yards washrock on Kemps Landing; 7 yards pit run on Kemps Landing; 7 yards pit run on Boggy Bayou; 30 yards washrock on Wildcow; 15 yards on Gore; 15 yards pit run on Plouden Bayou; 15 yards of pit run on Newman.

Mr. Shirley asked to look at Eagle Road; Mr. Probst asked to look at Centinniel Road; Mr. Dunbar asked the ditches behind Eagle Road to be sprayed; Mr. Tiffiee asked to look at the road at Deere Park past the boat ramp due to the garbage trucks are not able to service this road/area.

Motion carried.

Also discussed was the issue of repairing the bulldozer. The transmission is having issues and the estimated repair cost is \$20,000. Mr. Pugh was asked to check on used purchase prices or renting at an estimated \$9,000 a month. The Grade-all is also throwing error codes. Mr. Pugh has someone coming to look at the issues but it may need to be taken to Baton Rouge for further repairs.

Under correspondence the following was distributed: Concordia Recreation #3 – 8/9 agenda; Sewer District #1 – 5/15 and 6/19 minutes; Water District #1 – 5/15 and 6/19 minutes.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the floor to anyone in the audience who needed to address the Jurors. Mr. Antoine Duncan, Jr addressed the Jurors with concern of the ditches behind Huntington Drive in front of Delta Charter. This ditch is on a rotation to be sprayed. Another concern was a gravel road beside the ditch that needed repair since it was being used as a turnaround spot for the garbage truck. This road is a private road, but Mr. Wilkinson asked him to get with the town of Ferriday as they oversee the garbage pickup for this area.

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