

**PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 22, 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, and Whest Shirley
Absent:	Jerry Beatty and Red Tiffie
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Cook
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Jernigan

Old Business: None

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson introduced Mr. Jim Graves and Mr. Billy Rucker of Riverland Hospital to discuss the updates and status of the construction of the new hospital. Mr. Graves stated they have completed steps for the USDA loan and will sign in November. They are working on capital outlay requests and tax incentives. The USDA loan will provide \$30 million and approximately \$6 million in local capital outlay funds totaling \$36 million. The hospital should take an estimated 18 months to complete. Mr. Graves also announced that as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Rucker is stepping down as the hospital administrator to focus on the new hospital and Mr. Sam Ellard will become the hospital administrator. Mr. Graves also discussed that there are at least five entities interested in the old hospital building. They are discussing putting out request for proposals to make bids on the use of the building once it has been vacated. Further discussion ensued and Mr. Wilkinson thanked them for their presentation. No action taken by the Jurors.

Third quarter financials were distributed to the Jurors for further review. The Finance Committee had met previously to review any proposed amendments to the budget. Ms. Burley discussed that in any line item where there was an overage, then a deduction was taken in another area to keep the allocations balanced. Sales tax revenues are on target. The Parish Transportation Fund payments from the state have been delayed causing a higher shortage in revenues in the Highway Fund. A summary of amendments to the budget were presented and reviewed. Upon a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley, the proposed amendments were ratified unanimously by the Jurors.

Quotes from state contracts were received from four entities for pricing on an excavator and bulldozer for the Parish. The Finance Committee had reviewed these as well. A motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst was offered to accept the lowest price on the dozer from Caterpillar, revising the quote to accommodate no air. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley to authorize the President Wilkinson to make the decision on the excavator once all the information had been gathered from the four entities to make a fully informed decision. Motion carried.

A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement from the LA Department of Veterans Affairs was submitted to the Parish. The CEA renews the annual agreement beginning January 1, 2019 to continue supporting the efforts of the Veterans Service Office here in the Parish. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve President Wilkinson to sign the CEA. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Probst to approve payment to Kay Radio in the amount of \$1450 for wiring completed in the downstairs jury room. Motion carried.

A request was received by the Vidalia Beautification Committee to decorate the grounds at the Old Courthouse. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the request. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the final payment of Phase I Third Party Review of Brushy Bayou to Ardurra Group in the amount of \$2592.23. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Probst to approve advertising for Chemicals and Materials for 2019. Bid notices will run in the Concordia Sentinel and online of the Parish's website at [www.CONPPJ.org](http://www.CONPPJ.org).

Open projects of the Parish were next on the agenda. The following updates were provided:

Brushy Bayou: All permit and supporting documentation has been sent to USACE for approval. Mr. Joey Boothe is working on documents needed for right of ways and easements needed to move forward in Phase II. A meeting is scheduled with JKS and Mr. Booth on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the contract to complete Phase I and submit to GOHSEP for further approvals. JKS is working with a company out of Hattiesburg on delineation and mitigation of the wetlands. A revised project cost estimate and benefit cost analysis is also being prepared.

ADA Lift: The ADA lift is installed and operational. Issues with moisture continue. Mr. Bennett will conduct a site visit to review the area and probable causes.

Courtroom Renovations: FP&C has received the annual request to continue allocation of monies to the project. All documents have been received by Mr. Lee with FP&C to review. The Parish is waiting on approval of the submitted documents and a letter to proceed from the state.

Washington Heights Sewer: All documents have been completed and submitted for review and approval. After the LCDBG office approves the info, they will issue the notice to proceed on the

project. There is no further action needed by the Parish until the approval is received.

Under Ordinance Violations, a motion was made Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Parker to send the following land owners an ordinance violation for grass and refuse:

Eagle Road: 561, 644, 787, 895, 353, 335

Stevens Road: 257, 485, 530

Motion carried.

Ms. Burley gave her report by reminding the Jurors of the registration deadline for the 2019 PJAL Convention. She also reminded the Jurors that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran's Day being observed. She also asked the Personnel Committee to set up a meeting date to review health insurance information before open enrollment.

Under a motion by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Shirley the following occupational licenses and/or alcohol permits were made:

- A and E Graphics – Erica Hancock – 15384 Hwy 84, Jonesville, signs and graphics

Motion carried.

Under the Superintendent's Work Requests the following was approved on a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar:

60 yards pitrun for Lee Tyler; 30 yards pitrun for Peale Cross; 15 yards pitrun for Plouden Bayou; 14 yards pitrun for Luttrull Road; 36"x48' culvert for Ferguson; 36" x 60' culvert for Dan Howard. Mr. Wilkinson discussed cleaning a piece of adjudicated property on 1644 Camellia Street after receiving notice from the Town of Vidalia. Mr. Dunbar asked to look at having a culvert place on Logan Sewell Road to help with the efforts to clean out the Vidalia Canal. Motion carried.

Work orders since the previous meeting were distributed and discussed. No action taken by the Jurors.

Under correspondence, Ms. Burley admitted to an error placing a request for re-appointment for Concordia Waterworks #1 in correspondence rather than an agenda item. Upon a motion by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker, a motion was made to add to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Cook the request to re-appoint Mr. Sanders to the Concordia Waterworks #1 Board was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Under correspondence Mr. Parker asked of the status of the Lake Concordia Advisory Board. Mr. Wilkinson had various conversations with the current members and those that were seeking placement to the board. The officers questioned if they could be sued directly by serving on the board. Mr. Wilkinson explained that if the board was sued that they would fall under the Parish for legal representation. All of the board members retracted their applications or appointments verbally. So at this time, the Lake Concordia Advisory Board is inactive. On a motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook, a motion was made to advertise for members to the Lake Concordia Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Also under correspondence the following was distributed to the Jurors: Fire District #2 – 9/11 Meeting; Recreation District #3 – 10/11 meeting; Water District #1 – 9/18 meeting; Recreation District #1 – 9/20 meeting.

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

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Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer