

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
November 27, 2017
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, Joe Parker, Adam Probst, and Whest Shirley
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Tommy Tiffiee
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Shirley
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Dunbar

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13 , 2017 as mailed - with the correction of an address to send an ordinance letter requested by Mr. Shirley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 17, 2017 as mailed. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the floor to Mr. Keith Walley who handles the Parish's Workers Compensation Insurance. Mr. Walley explained how his company handles researching the best rates for the Parish. His efforts this year reduced our annual worker's compensation costs from \$51,980 down to \$51,180, a savings of \$800. Mr. Walley described that four companies are available to provide the insurance to the Parish. LUBA once again quoted the best rate and a decrease over last year's premiums. Mr. Wilkinson asked for a motion to approve LUBA as the carrier for worker's compensation insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve LUBA as the carrier for 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the floor to Ms. Rhonda Clifton of Medical Transport Solutions who described the products offered under a division of MASA. Ms. Clifton presented the Jurors with information on the services provided and the background of the company. A proposal for the Police Jury to offer these benefits to their employees with a membership fee of \$99 per employee per year was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Probst to have the Finance Committee review the proposal and offer a recommendation to the Jury. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan for 2018. The plan incurred a 6.3% increase in premiums as a result of several individuals covered on the plan receiving major medical care. The Parish has not has a major increase in premiums until this year. The Parish is trying to maintain its grandfather status of the BCBS plan despite the increases. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Parker to continue keeping the current BCBS plan. Motion carried.

Due to the increase in health care premiums, the Insurance Committee was asked to review the additional costs incurred. The Insurance Committee recommended having the employees offset the increase in premiums which approximated to \$50 a month per employee. Also offered to eligible employees was a Vision plan for \$9/month in which the employee could opt in for coverage. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee to have employees offset the increase by having the employees split the increase of the premiums by \$12.50 per employee per pay period. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the meeting to discuss correspondence from Recreation District #1 to appoint a new board member after Ms. Myeisha Davis decided not to renew her expired term in September. Two applications were reviewed for the open position. Mr. Parker made a motion to appoint Mr. Ahren Williams to the vacant seat. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mr. Cook abstaining.

The Parish received a letter from the Louisiana Department of Public Health requesting a 2% raise for its one parish employee. A discussion ensued regarding the length of time since the employee has been allocated a raise and how the funding for this department works. The Public Health Department's revenues are received by an Ad Valorem Property Tax. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Shirley to table the decision to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

The Proposed 2018 Operating Budget is available for review per statute. A motion was made by Mr. Shirley seconded by Mr. Parker to open a notice for public hearing to have the proposed budget available for public review. The budget is available for review and comment from November 27, 2017 until 6 pm on December 11, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson opened discussion for Committee Reports. The Courthouse Committee will meet with Thorpe Sheet Metal at 9 am on November 28th to investigate plumbing issues in the jail area of the courthouse. We received notification that the plans for the ADA lift have been approved and that project can continue to move forward. The technical components for the renovation of the courtroom are still in progress. We are working to get quotes to submit for approval to meet the capital outlay funding requirements.

Ms. Burley gave her Secretary Treasurer's report with the request of the Jurors to review the proposed 2018 meeting schedule. Two meeting dates fall on Federal observed holidays. The jury agreed to meet on the Tuesday following the holiday. A final meeting schedule for 2018 will be presented at the December meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Cook to approve Superintendent's material and work requests as follows:

Morales Road – 6 yards of pitrun
Byan Road – 6 yards of wash rock

Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson initiated discussion of correspondence received to the Parish. Mr. Jernigan asked to send the Council on Aging a letter requesting four copies of their current audit report. He also asked that the staff begin to work on gathering door prizes for our annual safety meeting. The Jury also asked to send our former Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Kevin Friloux a formal invitation to the meeting. Also discussed were the terms of office for Recreation District #3. A decision to reassemble the terms of the board was agreed for the December meeting. Mr. Dunbar brought up the status work to be done on the Vidalia Canal. A discussion ensued that Hammett & Associates are researching the easements and right of ways to comply with ordinances for the work needed to be performed.

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

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer