

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 119 West Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana, on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (CST), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given each and every member thereof, and duly posted in the manner required by law. (Note: President does not vote unless a tie)

There were present: Mr. Frank McLaren-President, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Stanley Garrett and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Vice President Deionne Carpenter and Mr. Author Robinson.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Chris Nevils.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Darrell Franks. The Pledge was led by Mr. Kyle Potts.

Additions or deletions:

None.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt the agenda. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. No discussion. Vote taken: 4 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to adopt the minutes of August 19, 2024-Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. No discussion. Vote taken: 4 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Mr. Perry Holmes, Road Superintendent is present this evening. It is noted that each Juror has a Road Maintenance Report along with a Road Miscellaneous Report and Vehicle/Equipment Repair and Cost Log in their packets. Mr. Holmes states that grading is going well with the exception of the storm. The part of Harrisonburg that was closed is back open now and Davidson is back good. Pot hole patching is going well as he has hired a new driver, limb and grass cutting is going good. He reports that Lathan’s last day is tomorrow. The paver came in a little over a week ago. The road crew is working on the LGAP project of Old Alexandria Road by using the paver to lay 610 with it. Mr. Holmes notes that the motion on the agenda to replace the doors at road barn is greatly needed and appreciated. He adds that next week on the 25th and 26th he will be hosting a conference in Ruston for the La. Parish Engineers Association.

GUESTS:

Ms. Sherry Potts, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor of Winn Parish is present to give the report on the 2024 Ad Valorem Taxes. Ms. Potts states that the Winn Parish Assessor’s Office is in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of La.Tax Commission. Advertisement dates for Open Book was July 31, 2024 and August 7, 2024. Rolls were opened for Public Exposure for 15 days beginning August 15 through August 30, 2024. 16 inquiries concerning assessed values were made. Advertisement dates for Board of Review was August 28, 2024 and September 4, 2024. The Secretary Treasurer for the Police Jury received 0 appeals.

	2023	2024
TOTAL ASSESSED VAULUES:	104,532,963	107,345,591

TOTAL EXEMPT/HS VALUE:	17,816,356	18,133,366
TOTAL TAXABLE VAULE:	86716,607	89,212,225

With this report, Ms. Potts asks the Police Jury to please certify the tax roll.

Mr. Author Robinson is now present at 5:12 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to approve the monthly/weekly invoices; as follows:

General Fund	\$189,929.15
Road Fund	\$ 57,946.14
Health Unit	\$ 173.30
Sales Tax	\$112,518.31
Library Weekly	\$ 11,761.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$459,560.73</u>
Grand Total	\$832,810.51

Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. President McLaren notes that the lay down machine/paver was paid for out of General Fund through Arpa Funds. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Vice President Deionne Carpenter is now present at 5:15 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to purchase new cameras/security and access control for the Courthouse off of State Contract from Bit Happens in the amount of \$97,351.57. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. President McLaren states that the cameras now have been here since 2009 and are now out of date and obsolete. Costs for repairs would cost too much to fix. He adds that some of this cost will be paid from an OEP grant in the amount of \$23,226.49. Mrs. Tyler states that she received about 6 different quotes and this one was the lowest and on state contract. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to purchase new cameras/security and access control for the Health Unit off of State Contract from Bit Happens in the amount of \$45,464.70. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion of Intent by Mr. Darrell Franks to take Ridgeview and Ridgeway Roads into the Winn Parish road system. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Discussion was had. This matter has been brought up several times over the past year. There is about 16 houses on the road. The road is asphalt, in is good shape other than a few holes. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to advertise for bids on road materials and supplies for calendar year 2025. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to adopt a Resolution for the annual certification with the State of La. Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mrs. Tyler notes that this is an annual Resolution. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #016 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to purchase rolling sheet doors and personnel doors from Flynn Building Company for the Road Barn in the amount of \$20,437.71. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to certify the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rolls. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Author Robinson, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:_____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER