

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana, met for a Special Called Meeting at its meeting place, the Police Jury meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 119 West Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana, on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (CST), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given each and every member thereof, and duly posted in a manner required by law. (President does not vote unless a tie)

There were present: Mr. Frank McLaren-President, Mrs. Deionne Carpenter-Vice President, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Stanley Garrett and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Author Robinson and Mr. Phillip Evans.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Chris Nevils.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. The Pledge was led by Mr. Kyle Potts.

Additions or Deletions:

None.

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

Announcements & Comments.

President McLaren asks Mr. Darrell Franks to have a special prayer for Mr. Lawrence Desadier, Winn Parish Tax Assessor.

Business:

The first item of business is to discuss the sewer project on Thomas Mill Road along with annexation by the City. Engineer Henry Shuler of Shuler Consulting Company is present along with City of Winnfield Mayor Gerald Hamms. Mr. Shuler gives the history of the sewer project. A few years ago the Parish applied for a block grant where it would add two areas to the City sewer system. The Collins subdivision are and a portion of Thomas Mill Road. This was during the craziness of Covid and by the time the project was bid, it came in nearly twice the amount anticipated. So at that time, the Parish pared back on the scope of the project and just focused on Collins subdivision. That part of the project is done, it has been annexed into the City and they have their own lift station. The Parish has allocated up to \$200,000 of American Rescue funds to pay for the Thomas Mill portion on this project. It was critical that we not build a lift station due to the additional cost. He adds that the new Sheriff has agreed to let us tie into his lift station so that will allow the Parish to proceed. He states it will include the Parish Road Barn, H & E Machine Shop and about 10 residents to tie on. It will go right past Houston Etheridge's trailer park. This would give two other businesses that are close a chance to tie into the man hole. The City's Ordinance states that the City sewer has to be in the City limits. Mr. Shuler adds that he has discussed this with Mr. Etheridge and other land owners in the area and they have no objection with the annexation. Mayor Hamms has no problem with annexing this portion in but does not want the responsibility of maintaining Thomas Mill Road. Mr. Chris Nevils addresses the Jury. Further discussion was had. If no one objects, President McLaren states that the matter will be voted on at a later meeting.

The second item of business is to discuss the request from the City of Winnfield for financial participation on North St. John Street. Mayor Hamms states that the City has

received a Citywide Streets Program funds (appropriations) for Street repairs and overlays. One of the streets is North St. John. He is asking for financial participation from the Police Jury and the Library Board with each contributing \$50,000 towards the project. Mrs. Priscilla Massey, Winn Parish Library Director is present and addresses the Jury and Mayor Hamms. Mr. Chris Nevils addresses the Jury. It is noted that Library funds can not be used for any other purpose other than the Library. Further discussion was had by the Jury. The Jury agrees to take this request under advisement.

The last item of business is to get a Capital Outlay update. Mr. Shuler addresses the Jury. As to Eugene Garrett Road, the Jury has agreed to apply for the money to be moved to the other end of the road and is awaiting approval from the State, doing soil borings now to we know what we are fighting against. Aunt Marie's Road is moving right along, working on surveys now and is through with soil borings, the Corporate Endeavor Agreement on Lum Fox was approved this week. Frank White is real close to finishing. Old Alexandria is ready to bid as soon the State approves the project. L. Sullivan is getting ready to bid waiting on State review. Further discussion was had by the Jury and Mr. Shuler. The Jury agrees to ask for the same roads as last year on the Capital Outlay list for the next upcoming cycle which is due November 1st.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS.

None.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business at this time, upon Motion of Mr. Kyle Potts and second by Mr. Darrell Franks, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER