

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 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, Mrs. Deionne Carpenter-Vice President, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Author Robinson, Mr. Stanley Garrett and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: None.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Chris Nevils.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Author Robinson. The Pledge was led by Mr. Kyle Potts.

Additions or deletions:

None.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt the agenda. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the minutes of July 15, 2024-Regular Meeting, July 22, 2024-Special Called Meeting, July 25, 2024-Road Committee Meeting and August 16, 2024, Road Committee Meeting. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 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 he and his crew have been up since 1:30 a.m. due to the storm that came through. He experienced a first for him as an entire roof of a building landed in the middle of a road. He states most of the damages were limbs and trees down. He adds that all roads are now clear. He states that pot hole patching is going good as he has two inmates helping on that thanks to Sheriff McAllister. He notes that the Sheriff also sends an inmate to help at the shop. Mr. Holmes states that his mechanic is planning on retiring soon. He notes that the last truck driver that he hired is also a mechanic so Mr. Holmes will start him learning the mechanics duties. That will mean putting Carlos back on pot hole patcher and he will need to hire another truck driver. Limb cutting is going fine. He notes that in each Jurors packet, there is a letter from Mayor Jeff Canerday thanking the Jury road crew for bush hogging inside the pond levees and clearing debris from the fence rows. Mr. Holmes thanks Assistant Road Superintendent Paul Hodnett and employee Charles Myers for their jobs bush hogging. He notes that they are bush hogging in the Joyce area but he has a few school bus routes that need doing so he those roads will be top priority. Mr. Holmes states that 2 of the tow bars are on trucks now and the other two should be made and put on soon. As to the Road Committee held on Friday, Mr. Holmes states that money through LGAP program is available for Old Alexandria. With the funds available and putting 610's on the road is about 18051 tons which should cover from Mimosa to the shooting range. Mr. Robinson thanks Mr. Holmes for work done on Floyd Johnston and Hatten Roads. President McLaren adds that he has received several compliments on

the road work being done. Mr. Holmes notes that Mr. Hodnett is doing great in his supervisory position over mowing, pot hole patching and bush hogging.

GUESTS:

Sheriff of Winn Parish, Joshua McAllister is present and addresses the Jury. He thanks the road crew for helping the Sheriff’s Office clear roads this morning. Sheriff McAllister states that last week his office began the garbage pickup and collected over 200 big DOTD bags full. He knows the Jury is invested in the litter abatement. He notes that in the past the prior administration charged the Jury approximately \$5,833 per month of costs incurred on a 4 day a week litter pickup. With the exception of the Jury paying for the rental of the port o john and the dumpster, the Sheriff’s Office will incur those costs such as bags, mileage, deputy etc. Sheriff McAllister hopes the Jury can take that money saved and apply to other services for our Parish. Sheriff McAllister asks the Jury to give him one more month on inmate costs. He notes that he is still trying to get back Department of Correction inmates back in the facility but his top priority is to house Parish inmates. He hopes to reduce the daily rate per inmate to \$14.00 per day instead of the \$15.00 rate now which will be a savings to the Jury of about \$4,000 per month. So between the litter pickup and housing inmates the Jury is looking at about \$9,000 to \$10,000 savings per month. He adds the City is asking the Sheriff to reduce their rate also as they are trying to get their jail back open. Sheriff McAllister thanks the Jury for helping them during the transition. Mr. Robinson states that he knows that will be a challenge for the Sheriff with the price of food. President McLaren thanks the Sheriff for the litter pickup, thanks him for the inmate help and on the reduction on the costs of inmates to not rush into it and put himself in a bind. Sheriff McAllister states that the jail is to house inmates and not make a profit. The entire Jury thanks Sheriff McAllister for everything he is doing for the Parish.

President McLaren would like to bring condolences to the family of Mr. Walter Williams who recently passed away. Mr. Williams was the first black person to serve on the Jury. He served from 1972 to 1987. The Jury would like to honor him and offer condolences.

BUSINESS:

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to approve the monthly/weekly invoices; as follows:

General Fund	\$ 66,971.27
Road Fund	\$130,676.27
Health Unit	\$ 2,633.96
Sales Tax	\$ 89,373.08
Library Weekly	\$ 15,705.58
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$388,991.43</u>
Grand Total	\$694,351.59

Second by Mr. Author Robinson. No discussion was had by the Jury. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to declare employee Mr. Lathan Snowden as full time with benefits. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to assist the Village of Sikes requesting maintenance on Caney Street and bush hogging on Smith Road. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #015 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Stanley Garrett to reject bids on Capital Outlay project Eugene Garrett Road. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. President McLaren states the project is over budget and is actually not where Mr. Garrett wanted the work to be on that road. Mr. Garrett wants to reapply in November for the work to be done starting at Hwy 501 at Calvin going North. Mr. Franks adds that there is no guarantee that the State will accept it and we could lose those Capital Outlay funds. President McLaren states that the Engineer

feels like the State will accept it and shouldn't lose those funds. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to purchase a lay down machine off of State Contract from Covington Sales in the amount of \$181,202. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Discussion was had by the Jury. President McLaren states that the Jury does have the money in the ARPA funds and it needs to be utilized. Further discussion was had by the Jury. Mr. Robinson states that he is neither against or for buying the lay down machine but states concerns he has as we will have to contract truck the hot mix. He states he has more calls for cutting bushes than asphalt and will the funds used for that be disbursed evenly among all districts? President McLaren adds that a load of asphalt covering roughly 100 foot will cost about \$3,000 for 2 inches thick. This includes trucking. The Jury will use their own labor to operate the machine. Also, the bond note will be paid off in September 2025 which will be about \$330,000 more per year in materials. He adds it will be a long term investment. Mr. Garrett addresses the Jury stating that at this time, the Jury has no way to fix an asphalt road. Vote taken: 5 yeas-Carpenter, Evans, Potts, Garrett, Franks. 0 nays. 0 absent. 2 abstained-Robinson & McLaren. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt an Ordinance Levying the ½% sales and use tax authorized at a special election held on April 27, 2024. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. No discussion was had by the Jury. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Ordinance #001 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion of Intent by Mr. Author Robinson to amend the Winn Parish Ordinances regulating unauthorized entry of livestock onto property. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mr. Chris Nevils addresses the Jury. (It is noted that this is an amendment to the Original Ordinance which gives the definition of livestock-Sec. 6-57). Mrs. Tyler notes that this Ordinance will be published in the official Journal, will have to have a public hearing on it and then the Ordinance will come up for a vote at another meeting. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Ordinance #002 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Mrs. Tyler states that the Region VIII is coming up on September 17, 2024 in Jena, LaSalle Parish. She reminds the Jurors to let her or Michelle know if they would like to attend and they will get them registered.

On motion of Mr. Author Robinson and second by Mr. Kyle Potts, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER