

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
JANUARY 21, 2025**

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 Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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, Vice President Deionne Carpenter, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Stanley Garrett, Mr. Author Robinson and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: None.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Chris Nevils.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Author Robinson. The Pledge was led by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter.

Additions or deletions:

None.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to adopt the agenda. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt the minutes of December 16, 2024-Public Hearing, December 16, 2024-Regular Meeting and December 19, 2024-Personnel Committee Meeting. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

President McLaren calls for any public comments on any agenda item. No comments.

Mr. Paul Hodnett, Assistant Road Superintendent is present this evening to give a road update. 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. Hodnett states that he is here to report on the tractors and pot hole patching. He states that bush hogging has been going very good, they are now in District 7. He adds that they can't pot hole patch in this weather as is too cold. Mr. Evans notes that he has gotten several good comments on road work that has been done recently. Mr. Garrett states that he needs a culvert on the Peters Road. Mr. Hodnett states that he will check on it tomorrow.

GUESTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$127,861.41
Road Fund	\$ 58,560.13
Health Unit	\$ 2,762.49
Sales Tax	\$ 79,417.09

Library	\$ 7,899.71
Library Weekly	\$ 29,513.03
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$200,681.27</u>
Grand Total	\$506,695.13

Report includes budget to actual comparisons in all major funds. Report is signed by the Bill Approval Committee Mr. Frank McLaren, Mrs. Deionne Carpenter and Mr. Kyle Potts. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to approve the Amended 2024 Budget and the Proposed 2025 Budget of the North La. Crime Lab Commission. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to appoint Mr. Tony McManus to the Winn Parish Fire District Board for a two year term (to replace Mr. Brad Cooper). Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the La. Compliance Questionnaire for audit Engagements in Governments for Winn Parish Police Jury for the year 2024. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(La. Compliance Questionnaire attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

President McLaren states the next item on the agenda is a Motion to adopt a Resolution supporting the new construction of affordable rental housing at 560 Deer Pen Road, Winnfield, La. names Mt. Grade Adult and Teen Challenge. Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to table this matter at this time. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion tabled.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt a Resolution to apply for La. Government Assistance Program (LGAP) FY 2024-2025 for repairs to certain roads and give the President authority to sign all documents. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #001 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt a Resolution to apply for Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) FY 2024-2025 for Tannehill Water System for an aeration system at its Hanna's Mill Facility and give the President authority to sign all documents. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained.

(Resolution #002 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt an Ordinance to increase the monthly compensation for Police Jurors to \$1,200 and the monthly compensation for President to \$1,300. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Mr. Robinson addresses and states that the Jurors are not eligible for retirement and have given up health insurance which saved the Jury about \$10,000 per year. Mrs. Karen Tyler states that a Notice of Public Meeting was advertised in the official journal of the Jury on January 8, 2025 and January 15, 2025. Mr. Franks addresses and questions if this is a good time and expresses his concerns. No further discussion. Vote taken: 4 yeas-Carpenter, Evans, Garrett, Robinson. 1 nay-Franks. 0 absent. 2 abstained-Potts, McLaren. Motion carried and Ordinance passed.

(Ordinance #001 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

President McLaren calls for nominations for President of the Jury for 2025. Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to nominate Mr. Frank McLaren as President of the Jury for 2025. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to close nominations. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Nominations closed. On the Motion and second to nominate Mr. Frank McLaren as

President of the Jury for 2025, vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained.
Motion carried.

President McLaren calls for nominations for Vice President of the Jury for 2025. Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to nominate Mrs. Deionne Carpenter as Vice President of the Jury for 2025. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Mr. Evans moves to close nominations. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Nominations closed. On the Motion and second to nominate Mrs. Deionne Carpenter as Vice President of the Jury for 2025, vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained.
Motion carried.

President McLaren states that it has been an honor to serve as President this past year and hopefully the Jury can continue to move forward. The Jury has accomplished many things this past year and will continue to accomplish this upcoming year. If anyone needs anything or has any questions, feel free to call him. If he doesn't answer right away, leave him a message and he will call you back.

Mrs. Karen Tyler states that the Jury has signed up for the litter pickup on April 5, 2025 during the Love the Boot week. She notes we will be working with the City of Winnfield again and asks everyone to mark their calendar. She adds that enclosed in their Jury packets that she has included December meeting minutes of the Winn Parish Fire District 3 and the Winn Parish Communications. She also reminds each Juror of the Police Jury Convention in Baton Rouge February 12th through the 14th and provides a tentative agenda.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER