

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
JULY 15, 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, July 15, 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 5:01 p.m.

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

Additions or deletions:

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to add a Motion to add the current Sheriff, Mr. Josh McAllister to the 911 Board to replace the prior Sheriff. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to adopt the agenda, as amended. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the minutes of June 17, 2024-Regular Meeting and June 26, 2024-Special Called Meeting, Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. 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 grading, ditching and grass cutting has been going smooth. He adds that he has two tractors going with two new employees. He states that Mr. Myers is a very good worker and is on agenda to make a permanent employee. He notes that the side boom has been being worked on while Mr. Hodnett was on vacation and it should be fixed this week. Mr. Holmes adds that pot hole patching has started back up and he would like to thank Sheriff McAllister for the inmate worker. He states he is looking to hire a CDL driver. Mr. Holmes states that he was asked to get prices on a lay down machine. He notes he found a used one for \$122,500 but a brand new one on state contract is about \$180,000. Mr. Holmes adds that material alone is about \$56,000 to do a mile of road. Hot mix is \$100 per yard. Mr. Franks states that he has talked to Jackson Parish and they said it takes them about \$150,000 a mile to do themselves. Further discussion was had by the Jury and Mr. Holmes.

GUESTS:

Mr. Nicholas Fowlkes, CPA with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC. is present to present the 2023 audit of the Winn Parish Police Jury. Mr. Fowlkes addresses the Jury about the financial statements presented to the Jury. He reviews the Independent Auditor’s Report. He states that the financial statements as presented are materially correct and can be relied on for his opinion that the financial statements are in good shape. The second

report is the Independent Auditor Report on internal control financial reporting and on compliance. As a result of the audit, there are no findings or issues of non-compliance, it is a clean audit. As to the third report, the Independent Auditor’s Report on compliance for each major program and on internal control over compliance required by the uniform guidance, a single audit was performed. There are no findings to be reported, all funds were spent in accordance with guidelines. President McLaren thanks Mr. Fowlkes, Mrs. Tyler and her staff for the job they do.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 35,678.55
Road Fund	\$ 66,715.69
Health Unit	\$ 1,923.81
Sales Tax	\$ 93,282.10
Library	\$ 1,790.00
Library Weekly	\$ 12,001.61
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$327,582.39</u>
Grand Total	\$538,974.15

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. Charles Myers as full time with benefits. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to declare employee Mrs. Barbara Butler as full time with benefits. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stanley Garrett to appoint Mr. Mark Clark to the Saline Lake Fish & Game Commission for a 4 year term (to replace Mr. Wayne Smith). Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stanley Garrett to adopt a Resolution to assist the Village of Calvin by side boom bush hogging inside the pond levee and along the fences at the Calvin oxidation ponds. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #012 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt a Resolution to assist the Village of Sikes to make repairs to McMurray Street due to heavy rains. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution #013 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to appoint the current Sheriff Mr. Josh McAllister to the 911 Board to replace the current Sheriff position. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Discussion was had by the Jury. Mr. Nevils addresses the Jury as to the current Ordinance in place. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried. President McLaren thanks Sheriff McAllister for his willingness to serve and for his service already. The Jury states that they will appoint the remaining 6 members of the 911 Board for a 4 year term at a Special Called Meeting to be set soon.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to appoint Hartt & Company Consulting as the Administrative Consultant on DR-CDBG Port de Luce Project, pending approval of the State. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to appoint Shuler Consulting Co. as the Engineering firm on DR-CDBG Port de Luce Project, pending approval of the State. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt a Resolution authorizing Winn Parish to participate in the recent national Kroger Settlement Agreement. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mr. Chris Nevils addresses the Jury. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #014 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Mrs. Tyler states that qualifying starts July 17, 18 and 19, 2024 for the following positions that are vacant:
Justice of the Peace, Ward 6
Constable, Ward 6
Justice of the Peace, Ward 8
Constable, Ward 8
She adds that the primary election is November 5, 2024 and general election is December 7, 2024.

Mr. Stanley Garrett addresses the Jury about who has jurisdiction and who provides maintenance on Gum Springs Road from Hwy 156 to Hwy 84? Is it the Parish or the Forest Service. Discussion was had by the Jury, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Nevils. Mr. Nevils requests that the Coop agreement between the Jury and the Forest Service be sent to him for review. It is noted that some of the Jury and the Forest Service have a meeting scheduled for July 19, 2024.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Author Robinson, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:_____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER