

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 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, Vice President Deionne Carpenter, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Stanley Garrett, Mr. Author Robinson and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Author Robinson.

Legal Counsel: None.

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:

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

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the minutes of October 21, 2024-Regular Meeting, November 6, 2024-Special Called Meeting and November 8, 2024-Bid Committee Meeting. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. No discussion. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Sheriff Josh McAllister is present and addresses the Jury. He thanks the Jury for working with the Sheriff's Office since he took over. He states that he has been picking up litter in the Parish and hopes to have two litter crews after the first of the year as they are receiving a \$50,000 litter abatement grant to assist with the costs. This is at no cost to the Jury. Sheriff McAllister notes that he has reduced the daily jail rate to \$14.00 per day for Parish inmates. He adds that the medical is up but he has no control over that but does keep the Secretary/Treasurer and the President informed when an inmate has major medical costs. Sheriff McAllister states that he has a great team of employees and they are working hard. Discussion was had by the Jury and Sheriff McAllister. The Jury appreciates the job that the Sheriff's office is doing, especially the drug arrests and patrolling the roads.

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 thanks everyone for the prayers, calls and thoughts he received during his recent surgery. He notes that the side boom is back in the shop again for repairs, grading is going as well as they can this time of year, pot hole patching is going well. You will see activity around the Harrisonburg Bridge as Swepco is moving utility poles off the right of way there in preparation for that bridge project which is scheduled to start in September 2025. The final bridge report is in from DOTD, have two sites that need attention. One is on Jessie Hanson Road and when the water goes down, Mr. Holmes thinks it will be an easy fix. The other bridge is on Coochie Break Road. Right now he is working on getting an estimate on the road crew repairing the bridge, but it's looking like it could cost \$50,000-\$60,000. There will not be any repairs until the Jury knows all options, but he believes that considering where the bridge is located and there being no homes on the road, he

can't see the Jury spending that kind of money on an old haul road. The Jury may need to consider taking the road out of the Parish road system.

GUESTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 49,128.27
Road Fund	\$ 87,555.86
Health Unit	\$ 1,386.44
Sales Tax	\$187,221.64
Library Weekly	\$ 8,940.90
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$648,936.77</u>
Grand Total	\$983,169.90

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. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to declare employee Mr. Ernest Basham as full time Mechanic's Helper/Truck Driver with benefits. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Discussion was had by Mr. Darrell Franks and Mr. Perry Holmes. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to declare employee Mr. Montez Perry as full time Truck Driver 1 with benefits. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt a Resolution to assist the City of Winnfield in getting field five of the recreation center ready for Spring 2025 ball season. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Discussion was had by the Jury. President McLaren states that this was at the request of Dixie Youth for preparing the fields for Buddy Ball. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #022 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Stanley Garrett to adopt a Resolution to assist the Village of Calvin with pot hole patching repairs on 3rd Street, Poole Street, Elliott Street, replace some Street signs and open up a culvert at the end of Poole and Second Street. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #023 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt a Resolution verifying matching funds on Aunt Marie's Road in the amount of \$150,000 and authorizing President Frank McLaren to sign all documents regarding this project. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #024 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt a Resolution verifying matching funds on L. Sullivan Road in the amount of \$225,000 and authorizing President Frank McLaren to sign all documents regarding this project. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained.

(Resolution #025 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt an Ordinance to lower the speed limit to 15 MPH on T. Wells Road, 100 ft South of first house and 100 ft North of Last house. (Speed limit will remain 25 MPH on the rest of road). Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Discussion was had by the Jury. Vote taken: 5 yeas-Franks, Garrett, Potts, Carpenter, Evans. 1 nay-Robinson. 0 absent. 1 abstained-McLaren. Motion carried.

(Ordinance #003 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to award bids on road materials and supplies for calendar year 2025, as follows:

Emulsions.....	Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions
Grader Blades.....	Scott Equipment
Gravel & Stone.....	Luhr Bros.
Fuel & Oil.....	Lott Oil
Metal Culverts.....	Wilson Culverts, Inc.
Plastic Culverts.....	Co-Heir Drainage Products, LLC.
Retread Tires.....	Southern Tire Mart, LLC.
Tires & Tubes.....	Despino’s Tire
Base Material/Pit Run.....	Industrial Concrete Products

Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. President McLaren states that after opening the sealed bids and diligently reviewing the bids, the Bid Committee recommends to the full Jury to award these bids. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to award the bid to Ashton Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$175,542.80 on the Thomas Mill Road area Wastewater System Expansion. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Discussion was had by the Jury. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Secretary/Treasurer Karen Tyler states that minutes of the Winn Parish Communications Board, Library Board and the Winn Parish Fire Board are in their folders.

Mr. Holmes invites each Juror to his LPESA Board Meeting on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at the Political Museum Annex.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Author Robinson, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:_____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER