

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 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 and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Author Robinson.

Legal Counsel: None.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Darrell Franks. The Pledge was led by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter.

President McLaren notes that the electronic voting will not be used tonight as the system is getting an update and with all the camera work going on in the Courthouse at this time.

Additions or deletions:

Mr. Darrell Franks moves to add a Motion to appoint Mr. Scotty Lawson as Constable for Justice of Peace for Ward 10 (due to resignation of Mr. Joseph Owens) and calling for a special election on March 29, 2025. Mrs. Deionne Carpenter seconds the motion. Vote taken: 4 yeas-Carpenter, Evans, Franks, Garrett. 0 nays. 1 absent-Robinson. 2 abstained-Potts, McLaren. Motion carried.

Mr. Darrell Franks moves to add a Motion of Intent 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 rest of road). Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to adopt the agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. No discussion. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt the minutes of September 16, 2024-Public Hearing, September 16, 2024-Regular Meeting, September 26, 2024-Special Called Meeting and October 4, 2024-Special Called Meeting. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. No discussion. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 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 praises the Jury for the new doors at the road barn. He states that upon the request of the State to cut vegetation around bridges is finished and the State is starting the annual inspections under new guidelines and rules. Mr. Holmes notes the backhoe broke down last week as the def injector went out. The original repair cost was \$4,800 but then the lines need to be replaced for an additional \$2,400. Grass cutting is slowing down. The Kenworth truck lease is up. He states he is getting options and/or a purchase price along with the value of the truck. Mr. Holmes states he has received requests from the School Board on bus turnarounds and the road crew is in the process of doing those.

Mr. Darrell Franks thanks everyone for all the prayers and thoughts during the loss of his Father.

GUESTS:

Mrs. Karly Hubbard Stewart is present to discuss the ball fields in the City on behalf of Dixie Youth. She states that she is trying to get Buddy Ball going here in the Parish. Buddy Ball is a noncompetitive athletic program that offers people with physical, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities the opportunity to play sports. Their goals are teaching and promoting teamwork, self-esteem, physical fitness and social skills. Strengthening support networks for athletes and their families. They want to make the City of Winnfield field sheet chair accessible. They have received support from the Rec Board and City Rec Department along with Winn Dixie Board. Currently Buddy Ball communities include Olla, Ruston and Bossier. Mrs. Stewart would like help from the Parish to fix drainage issues and equipment is needed. Discussion was had by the Jury and Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart will get with the Mayor’s office to do a written request from the City for the Parish to assist in this effort.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 72,462.51
Road Fund	\$130,334.17
Health Unit	\$ 3,057.97
Sales Tax	\$ 91,448.61
Library Weekly	\$ 12,967.07
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$587,467.77</u>
Grand Total	\$897,738.10

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: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to take Ridgeview and Ridgeway Roads into the Winn Parish road system. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. President McLaren states that the Motion of Intent was voted on September 16, 2024 and was advertised in the official journal. No objections have been received by the Jury. There is about 16 houses on the road. The road is asphalt and is in pretty good shape other than a few holes. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt a Resolution to apply and submit a Capital Outlay request for FY 2025-2026 funding for select roadways: Eugene Garrett, Frank White, Brownville, Aunt Marie’s Old Alexandria, L. Sullivan, Welcome Home, Mars Hill Church, Collins Camp, Louisiana, Blewer, Arkansas, Lum Fox, part of Gum Springs and Bethlehem. . Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Mr. Stanley Garrett addresses and would like to remove Blewer Road from the list. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried and Blewer Road is removed. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried to apply for the remaining roads.

(Resolution #017 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mr. Henry Shuler of Shuler Consulting Company to draft and submit Capital Outlay requests on behalf of the Jury for the FY 2025-2026. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #018 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt a Resolution verifying matching funds on Old Alexandria in the amount of \$72,000 and authorizing President Frank McLaren to

sign all documents regarding this project. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #019 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion of Intent by Mr. Kyle Potts 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 rest of road). Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to appoint Mr. Scotty Lawson as Constable Justice of the Peace for Ward 10 (due to resignation of Mr. Joseph Owens) and calling for a special election on March 29, 2025 (primary) and May 3, 2025 (general) with qualifying dates of January 29, 30, and 31, 2025. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 4 yeas- Carpenter, Evans, Franks, Garrett. 0 nays. 1 absent-Robinson. 2 abstained-Potts and McLaren. Motion carried.

(Resolution #020 of 2024 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to adopt Ordinance #002 of 2024 amending Winn Parish Ordinances regulating unauthorized entry of Livestock onto property. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Secretary/Treasurer Karen Tyler stated that the Ordinance was introduced for publication at a properly scheduled and noticed public Parish meeting of the Police Jury on the 19th day of August, 2024. Copies of the Ordinance were provided to all members of the Police Jury at said meeting; the proposed Ordinance was published in the official journal of the Parish on the 4th day of September, 2024; a public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance on the 16th day of September, 2024 at 4:50 p.m. and notice was given to vote on the proposed Ordinance at this meeting today. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

Secretary/Treasurer Karen Tyler states that there will be a Stop the Bleed training for all Jury employees along with other office personnel on November 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

President McLaren, on behalf of Brother Author Robinson asks to have a meeting at the flag pole by the Farmer’s Market on Monday November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to pray for our nation.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:_____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER