

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
AUGUST 18, 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 Monday, August 18, 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: 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:

None.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks 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 Mr. Author Robinson to adopt the minutes of July 21, 2025-Regular Meeting and July 24, 2025-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 or announcements.

Mr. Perry Holmes, Road Superintendent is present to give a road update. A road maintenance report is in each Jurors packet. Mr. Holmes states that ditching and grading is going well as can be. There is still one grader operator that has been under the weather but hopefully he will be back soon. He notes that the bridge inspections are coming up soon and then will be spraying herbicides to deep the brush down better. The pot hole patcher should be back full time as he hoping to hire a driver the first week of September. He adds that the Fema extensions on the large projects have been approved. One project is due September 30, 2025, another October 31, 2025 and February 3, 2026. He adds that the hauling contractor has added several more trucks so we can get these projects finished on time. He notes Henry Sanders is almost complete and they are starting on Carter Crossing. Mr. Holmes reads a letter from Winn Parish School Superintendent Al Simmons; as follows: “Dear Mr. Frank McLaren, President, I would like to thank the Jury for their assistance with the ditch work and driveway at Winnfield Middle School. Mr. Holmes and his crew did an outstanding job. I appreciate the collaboration our entities have in ensuring the best for our students. Thanks again for your support of the Winn Parish School System.”

Mr. Paul Hodnett, Assistant Road Superintendent is present to give a road update. Mr. Hodnett states that the drag behind bush hog has been in the lake area and are almost through with that then will be moving in the Calvin area. He adds that they finally have two tractors going and just got the side boom back as had to have a welding job on the frame underneath it.

GUESTS:

Mr. Donny Moon, County 4-H is present and reviews some of the 2025 Winn Parish 4-H highlights:
Won 26 blue ribbons at 4-HU State Contest
Won Next Healthy Food Star Contest
One team was selected to attend the Great American Seafood Cook off in New Orleans
1st Place Consumer Food Evaluation Team
2nd and 5th Place ATV Safety Contest
2nd Career Preparation Contest
3rd Civic Illustrated Talk Contest
2nd Consumer Decision Making Team
Trained over 120 youth and adults in CRM ATV Safety, Stop the Bleed, CPR & First Aid
Attending National Food Challenge Contest in Dallas, Texas
Had three top ten high individuals in 2025 State 4-H Forestry Contest
Have State Board Members on Shooting Sports, Executive Ag Ambassador, Fashion and Citizenship
State 4-H Woodmen Skills 3rd place team and 300 kids attending Forestry Awareness/Achievement Day
Attended 4-H Camp: 10 boys and 10 girls
Attended 4-H University: 46 participants
Attended A Walk in Nature at Jimmie Davis State Park: 175 from Winn and 200 from Jackson
Attended Ag Awareness at the Winn Parish Fair: 900 students from Winn, Jackson, Grant, 3rd grade elementary aged
Livestock Exhibited at Parish, Regional and State Shows: 50 participants
Attended Regional and State Shooting Sports Context: 30 participants
Winn Parish 4-H has Club members enrolled: 600 members which equals out 41% enrollment
Winn Parish has 4-H Jr Leaders enrolled: 55
Attend 4-H Mudbug Hockey Night: 60 participants
Had Four State 4-H Scholarship Winners
Attended 4-H Northwest Region Challenge Camp: 12 participants
Had a National Conference Delegate heading to Washington D.C.
Six attended Memphis Gin Show National Cooking Contest in Memphis, TN

Mrs. Shannon Chevallier, Community Nutrition Agent is also present and addresses the Jury about several projects and programs she is working on. She states that she goes into the schools a lot and also in the Community working on Community projects. She adds that they have gardens at all the schools and are working on a farm to table projects where students can actually eat what they grow. Further discussion by Mrs. Chevallier on different projects she is working on with members in the Community and the LSU Ag Center. The group has identified “The Stump” as one project to make better and build up. She points out the mural that has recently been painted on the side of a building as motorists see when they get into Winnfield. She adds that she is working of various grants to be able to get things funded.

Mr. Moon thanks the Jury for their continued support. The Jury thanks Mr. Moon and Mrs. Chevallier for the jobs they do. Mr. Author Robinson encourages everyone to attend the annual 4-H banquet.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 71,198.80
Road Fund	\$ 65,939.78
Health Unit	\$ 0.00
Sales Tax	\$112,258.35
Library	\$ 0.00
Library Weekly	\$ 9,178.70
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$717,230.76</u>

Grand Total \$975,806.39

Report includes budget to actual comparisons in all major funds. The General Fund is showing a negative balance on the statement of Revenues and Expenditures as some items using ARPA funds and grant funds were not included in this year's original budget but will be amended or should be received soon. Report is signed by the Bill Approval Committee Mr. Frank McLaren, Mrs. Deionne Carpenter and Mr. Kyle Potts. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to adopt a Resolution committing \$13,509.25 in matching funds for phase 2 construction Capital Outlay project on Frank White Road. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #014 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to participate in the Opioid Litigation-Sandoz Settlement. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer states that this Motion and the next two Motions on the agenda is further settlements on the opioid suit that the Parish has previously participated in. The attorneys involved recommend that the Parish participate in these settlements. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to participate in the opioid Litigation-Purdue Pharma-Sackler Family "Direct" Settlement. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to participate in the Opioid Litigation with Manufacturer Defendants—Alvogen, Amnea Pharmaceuticals, Apotex, Hikma Pharmaceutical and Zydus Pharmaceuticals Settlement. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to reappoint Mr. Carlos "Mike" Carpenter to the Board of Commission for the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District as Winn Parish Representative for another term of three years. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer notes that enclosed in the Jury packets is the Winn Parish Communications District minutes of June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025, the Library Board minutes of April 28, 2025 and July 28, 2025. She adds that there is no report from the City Marshal's office even though it has been requested in writing by Mr. President. She states that also in the packet is the letter of appreciation from Superintendent Al Simmons of the Winn Parish School Board that Mr. Holmes read to the Jury earlier. Mrs. Tyler states that the Region VIII meeting this year will be in Leesville with Vernon Parish hosting on Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 6:00 a.m. She asks each Juror to let her know if they plan on attending so she can register them.

Mrs. Deionne Carpenter states that the Courthouse grounds look so nice and is so pretty.

Mr. Phillip Evans asks if there has been an update on the Joyce Sewer System. Mrs. Tyler states that Mr. Nevils should be hearing something soon. She notes that Mr. Mike Carpenter is checking on the system every day. President McLaren states that he believes we are much closer to an agreement.

President McLaren states that at the September meeting, a man names Jeff Arnold may be here to discuss the solar renewable energy plans. The Jury may need to pass a Resolution or Ordinance in the future on this matter to be in compliance.

Mr. Author Robinson states that Mr. Larry Bates is supposed to call an Industrial Board Meeting and he would like as many of the Jurors to be here if possible. Mrs. Tyler states she will follow up with Mr. Bates.

Mr. Bill Thompson is present and addresses the Jury. He states that the Jury may be seeing him from time to time as he is working with the Winn Parish Journal at times when Mrs. Kile is unable to make the meeting due to coverage of other news.

Mrs. Karen Tyler notes that she and Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mrs. Michelle Lonadier recently attended the Organization of Parish Administration Officials conference. She states that so much is always learned at these conferences and sometimes they can also share their knowledge with others also. She adds that one thing she definitely learned is how much she appreciates our Jurors, for their support and working together. She notes that after listening to some of the horror stories from other Secretary/Treasurers she and Michelle would like to thank each Juror. President McLaren thanks the office staff and the Jurors for all they do to help the Parish.

On motion of Mr. Author Robinson and second by Mr. Darrell Franks, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER