

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Darrell Franks, Mr. Stanley Garrett, Mr. Author Robinson and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Vice President Deionne Carpenter.

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 Mr. Kyle Potts.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

None.

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

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt the minutes of August 18, 2025-Regular Meeting and August 26, 2025-Personnel Committee Meeting. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. No discussion. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS:

President McLaren calls for any public comments or announcements.

Mrs. Toni McAllister is present and addresses the Jury. She states she is here representing La. Loggers Association and local loggers. She notes that the Jury has a Region VIII meeting tomorrow and would like to express where the loggers sit on carbon capture. She believes that this topic is important as to who may be President over Region VIII. She states that Beaver Lake or Sun Gas has supposedly bought Boise in Pineville area which is located in Rapides Parish. She notes how all loggers have suffering from the closure of Campti Mill and the Campti Mill took around 2 million tons of pulp wood annually. Without that, the loggers have been affected and when loggers suffer, our town and locally economy suffer, noting that Winn Parish lost about 140 jobs that drove into the Campti Mill. Whenever, a market comes into the State, especially close to Winn Parish, it is very exciting for the loggers. To think that Sun Gas would take 2 million tons in pulp wood in the first 5 years and later possibly 4 tons would be a great win for Winn Parish and La. loggers across the State. You would be looking at 1500 jobs to startup and 500 permanent jobs. Part of that is the carbon capture. It is a 2 billion plant to provide ethanol gas and energy producer. As to carbon capture, some are hesitant due to what could happen hypothetically to drinking water. We need to find someone that could ask the hard questions and need to support someone that is for this in Region VIII.

Winn Parish Sheriff Josh McAllister is present and addresses the Jury. He states he took over 30 dogs out of a home in Joyce. He adds that we have never really had a lot of animal control in Winn Parish which is ultimately the Jury's responsibility. He adds that the Jury never had any help so when he became Sheriff he wants to help. He states that

the Sheriff's office has taken 50 to 60 animals since he took office. He has invested in several kennels at his jail to house animals. He may ask for help in the future to offset an officer's salary dedicated strictly to this. He states that he is working to keep jail costs down with medical being the biggest expense. Litter patrol is down some as the manager that was over this is in academy for the next 9 to 10 weeks so they are sporadically picking up litter 1 or 2 days per week. Sheriff McAllister states he has spoken with Speaker Mike Johnson and his staff trying to open some ATV trails on Kisatchie trying to bring some commerce here. He notes that has to come from the Federal level. He would like to introduce Mr. Sean McGlothlin who is running for the Region VIII seat and would like the Jury to consider voting him.

Sean McGlothlin is present and addresses the Jury. He expresses his appreciation for all members of Region VIII for electing him to serve as their Representative as Executive Board member of the Police Jury for the last 2 years. Mr. McGlothlin tells a little about himself, that he has been married for 26 years, has 3 children and 1 grandchild. He is a retired firefighter and has been a Juror since 2012 serving his fourth term. He states he is running not to just help Rapides Parish but all the Parishes in Region VIII. He states he would appreciate the Juries support tomorrow night in Leesville at the Region VIII meeting. Mr. Robinson asks Mr. McGlothlin what are his thoughts on carbon capture. Mr. McGlothlin states that he is for it and is confident that Beaver Lake will do it the right way. Further discussion was had by the Mr. McGlothlin and the Jury.

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 they are running 3 graders, ditching and grading using the 4th grader along with the dozer and 2 dump trucks for fema work. He adds that one grader went down but should be back soon. Ditching on the Moore Road is finished. Fema work is his main topic for today as he is trying to complete all dirt work and then rock work to meet the deadlines fema has imposed.

Mr. Paul Hodnett, Assistant Road Superintendent is present to give a road update. Mr. Hodnett states that the grass cutting is complete all the way around the Parish once and about half of the Parish the second round. He states the pot hole patcher is in the lake area, Calvin, Brewton's Mill, Gansville and Jordan Hill. He notes bridge work has been completed and has side boomed Tom Hudson Road.

GUESTS:

Miss Anastasia Wiley, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge is present and addresses the Jury on the Winn Parish Children and Youth Planning Board (CYPB). Judge Wiley states that she received an email about this Board but she or the Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. Tyler has heard of this Board so she contacted the Governor's Representative and did some research and this is what she found:

RS 46:1941.1 et seq provide for the governing parameters and formation;

RS 46:1941.5 the legislature has tasked that each Judicial District by enactment of appropriate resolutions by the governing authority of each Parish in that district, to establish and create this board. Also the statute doesn't mandate the Parish to fund the expenses of the Board;

RS: 46:1941.8 sets out the members and duties, minimum of 11 members but no more than 25 members and should be representative of the community in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and geography, as well as knowledge and expertise;

Education community,

Criminal Justice community-law enforcement, prosecution, public defense and judiciary-Judge on juvenile bench,

Health Care community,

Social Services community,

Faith based community,

Business and labor community,

Parent and Youth organizations.

Parish governing authority shall make appointments for a period of 2 years.

The Board shall actively set up a comprehensive plan for development, implementation and operation of services for children and youth and make recommendations to the Police Jury annually concerning these plans and implementation during the year.

The Board shall:

Identify all resources available to meet the needs of children and youth by examining resources and services that target children and youth, including but are not limited to prevention, early intervention, education and treatment;

Assess the needs of children and youth in the local community, incorporating reliable data sources;

Develop and select the appropriate evidence based strategies or programs to meet those needs by soliciting community input and developing a plan to best address the needs.

This plan should have measurable goals and objectives and should be evaluated annually to ensure its effectiveness.

Collaborate with schools, law enforcement, judicial system, health care providers and others to ensure goals and treatment needs are being met.

Ensure effective delivery and prevention programs in the community through, training, technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation to ensure effective outcomes are achieved.

Report annually the results of such assessments. Performance indicators and benchmarks from the reports will be used for planning at both the state and community levels.

All proceedings of the children and youth planning boards and any committee or subgroup thereof, shall be subject to the provisions of RS 42:12 and 42:25, and all votes taken of members shall be recorded and shall become matters of public record.

Board shall set up and implement rules concerning attendance of members at board meetings and the members may also elect their own officers.

Judge Wiley adds that in the last year the Judge's Office hosted the Department of Child and Family Services in training of their witnesses and a FINS training, in attendance were some of the above listed community leaders.

She notes that on October 1, 2025, she is sponsoring a training for the community leaders in those areas in TBRI, which is the Trust Based Relational Intervention. This is a trauma informed model that addresses the complex needs of children who have experienced adversity, abuse, neglect or loss. Events like this could be used in our CYPB model as having an annual event for our community leaders.

Judge Wiley also provides examples of suggested members. She states that the Judge has to be on this board and she has notified the Governor's office that we are on board with getting this board formed. She adds that if anyone knows of someone that they would like to be on this to let Mrs. Tyler know and she can let the Judge know. This will help the Parish gather their resources for kids and their families.

Mr. Jeff Arnold, Executive Director of Energy Right is present to discuss Solar Facility Regulations and Solar Ordinances. Mr. Arnold states that he works with local Government to help them establish Ordinances and regulations on clean energy. He notes that the State Legislature has passed Act 279 on renewable energy, energy batteries, wind energy and solar power. He provides a summary of the Louisiana Proposed Solar Facility Regulations (LAC 43:1.5101 – 5121). If fully adopted, these regulations will enact statewide sweeping requirements for ground-mounted solar power facilities in Louisiana with a footprint of 10 acres or more, aiming to ensure responsible operation and effective decommissioning. Mr. Arnold also provides a Louisiana Parish Solar Ordinance Guidebook. He states he can send a sample Ordinance. Discussion by the Jury and Mr. Arnold. He notes that the Parish is allowed to opt out of the siting requirements by Resolution and adoption of a solar Ordinance and put your local rules in place.

Mr. Lawrence Desadier, Winn Parish Tax Assessor is present and gives the following report on Ad Valorem taxes:

The Winn Parish Assessor's Office is in compliance with the Rules & Regulations of La. Tax Commission.

Advertisement Dates for Open Book: July 30, 2025 and August 6, 2025.

Rolls were opened for Public Exposure for 15 days beginning August 15 – August 29, 2025.

7 Inquiries concerning assessed values were made.

Advertisement Dates for Board of Review: August 27, 2025 and September 3, 2025.

The Secretary Treasurer for the Police Jury received 0 appeals.

	2024	2025
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUES:	107,435,591	110,919,134
TOTAL EXEMPT/HS VALUE:	18,133,366	18,042,067
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE:	89,212,225	92,877,067

With this report, I ask the Police Jury to please certify the tax roll.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 90,058.74
Road Fund	\$252,970.63
Health Unit	\$ 13,612.00
Sales Tax	\$127,922.32
Library	\$ 26,224.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$664,052.22</u>
Grand Total	\$1,174,839.91

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. Road Fund is also showing a negative balance on the statement of Revenues and Expenditures as waiting on Fema reimbursement for various road materials. 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: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to appoint Mr. Mark Files to the Saline Lake Game & Fish Preserve Commission for a 4 year term effective September 20, 2025 to September 19, 2029 (to replace Mr. Glynn Jones due to his resignation). Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mr. Mark Files is present and addresses the Jury. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to advertise for bids on road materials and supplies for calendar year 2026. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to adopt a Resolution for the annual certification with the State of La. Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #015 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of this record)

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to certify the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rolls. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer states that the first round of the RAC Agreement has been finalized in the cash amount to the Jury from the Forestry is \$147,870 for materials and the non-cash amount is \$146,779.76 for salaries and equipment. She adds that the second part of RAC on Gum Springs Rd. should be finalized soon. Forest Ranger Mr. Brad Cooper is to schedule a meeting to discuss this project. She states that Capital Outlay Frank White Road Project to repair a portion of the road is set for bids to be opened October 1st at 10:00 a.m. here in the Jury office. Mrs. Tyler states that she has finally received the last payment from the State on fema reimbursements from the 2016 flood projects. She adds that the road tax/bond payment

note is paid in full. Mrs. Tyler also states that the Jury will have to find a new voting place for 3 precincts that voted at the Kindergarten School as the School Board has sold the school. She notes that she is looking at a few options but will have to do accessibility surveys to see if they qualify. Mrs. Tyler reminds the Jury about the Region VIII meeting tomorrow night in Leesville with Vernon Parish Police Jury hosting at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Author Robinson and second by Mr. Phillip Evans, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:_____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER