

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 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. Darrell Franks.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to delete the Motion to declare employee George “Reggie” Longino as full time Truck Driver 1 with benefits and 3% raise. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks 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. Author Robinson to adopt the minutes of September 15, 2025-Regular 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.

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 1 grader is down. They were clearing back slopes today on Elmer Jones Road and bent a cylinder. He states that they are continuing working on Fema road projects with recent completions on Albritton Road, Big Creek and Buddy Taylor. He notes that they have five roads left in this project and they have to be completed by October 31, 2025. Mr. Holmes states that he has received several calls as to why rock is put where it is put. He explains that is where Fema has said to put it and he has to follow that scope of work and follow the GPS coordinates. Mr. Holmes notes that 2 truck drivers have recently left employment. He notes that he and Gavin Snowden recently met with Barbara Austin over the rehabilitation program over bridges. He notes that we are still in debt of \$750,000 to the Feds. He states that Mrs. Austin is retiring and looking into moving the rehab program into the bridge maintenance program and with that, the State may allow the debt to go away. Mr. Holmes adds that all roads in the parish have had two rounds of bush hogging and they have started on the third round. Side boom has been making good progress. He adds that they are still sitting on a Resolution from the Village of Sikes to cut around the sewer pond and Caney Street. Mr. Evans thanks Mr. Holmes for the work he did on Tilton Road.

GUESTS:

Dr. Troy Bell, Winn Parish School Board Superintendent is present and introduces himself to the Jury. Dr. Bell states that he is in his 8th week in Winn Parish. He notes that the first 6 weeks he has been working with Superintendent Al Simmons but the last week and a half, Mr. Simmons has transitioned into being a consultant so it's his show to run now and he is excited about that. He is meeting folks in the schools and getting involved in the communities. He states that he has met with the Parish Fire Chief and he has volunteered to wash down the football stadium. The Sheriff had some of his guys out there painting and touching up a few things today. He adds that in a rural district that together we need to help each other out. He knows that in the future with whatever needs arise that the School Board and the Jury can work things out. He notes that he has ridden on the bus, been in the cafeteria and in classrooms just to try and get to know everyone as fast as he can. He states he has worked in Franklin Parish for the last 5 years so he has experience working with the Police Jury. He believes the Police Jury and the School system have a lot in common and work with the same community members and we all wish we had more money. He said his plan is to try to get more students. He says their schools are struggling with old air conditioning equipment and school buildings. He is willing to keep a good relationship so we can help each other out. President McLaren thanks Dr. Bell for coming and would like to welcome him to Winn Parish and the Jury will work with the School Board in any way they can.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 64,138.18
Road Fund	\$147,626.83
Health Unit	\$ 300.00
Sales Tax	\$ 89,533.32
Library	\$ 16,324.58
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$774,569.04</u>
Grand Total	\$1,092,491.95

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. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Darrell Franks to award the bid on Capital Outlay project Frank White Road, Contract II to Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,663.60. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyles Potts to adopt a Resolution to assist the Village of Dodson with repairs to Craig Street. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #016 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to consider a change order on Capital Outlay project Aunt Marie's Road. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Mr. Potts states that to just do a straight overlay about another 700 ft would cost \$22,847.50. Discussion was had by the Jury. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 absent. Motion carried and change order accepted.

Notice of Intent by Mr. Stanley Garrett to adopt an Ordinance changing the polling place location of Precinct 04/3 (currently located at the Winn Parish Library-Calvin Branch, 255 2nd Street, Calvin, La. 71410 to the Village of Calvin Town Hall located at 455 Elliott Avenue, Calvin, La. 71410. Mrs. Tyler states that the Calvin Library is very small and doesn't have much parking. The Town Hall is bigger, has more parking. A Polling Place survey has been completed and it complies with all requirements. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to appoint the Joyce Sewerage District-1 Board, as follows; Mr. Ricky Vines, Mrs. Arlene Vines, Mrs. Tammy Procell, Mr. David Procell and Mr. Mike Hudson. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried. The Jury thanks each member of the Board for their willingness to serve on the Board.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to use House Bill 461 \$200,000 in appropriations for general maintenance in the Road Fund, such as rock and culverts. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. 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 2026-2027 funding for select roadways: Eugene Garrett, Frank White, 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. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried. Mrs. Tyler notes that bids are to be opened on Lum Fox Road tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. here in the Jury meeting room.

(Resolution #017 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Vice President Deionne Carpenter now present at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts 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 2026-2027. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #018 of 2025 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Notice of Intent by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt an Ordinance changing the polling place location of Precincts 02/3, 07/1 & 07/2A (currently located at 1607 Maple Street, Old Kindergarten School, Winnfield, La. 71483) to 119 W. Main Street, Room 3, Downstairs of the Winn Parish Courthouse, Winnfield, La. 71483. Second by Mr. Phillip Evans. Mrs. Tyler states that the Winn Parish School Board has sold the Old Kindergarten therefore a new polling place is required. The meeting room located at the Courthouse has passed the polling place survey and meets all requirements. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Additional Announcements & Comments:

President McLaren reads an email from Mrs. Sissy Pace, Parish Manager and Secretary/Treasurer of Grant Parish that it is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Mr. Arnold Murrell. He was 84 years old and has been a Juror for 21 years. President McLaren asks that everyone keep his family and work family in their prayers.

President McLaren states that he would like to the Jury to pass a Solar Ordinance. Mrs. Tyler has some samples and he and legal counsel agree it should be as simple as possible.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Author Robinson, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER