

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
MARCH 16, 2026**

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, February 16, 2026 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, Mrs. Deionne Carpenter-Vice President, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Author Robinson, Mr. Darrell Franks and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Stanley Garrett.

Legal Counsel: None.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Author Robinson. Pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

None.

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

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt the minutes of February 17, 2026-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.

Sheriff Joshua McAllister is present addresses the Jury. He thanks the Jury for their check of \$10,000 for animal control. He notes that he has 8 to 10 dogs at the animal shelter at this time. He adds that they still have the litter patrol. The Jury thanks Sheriff for everything he does for the Parish.

Mr. Perry Holmes, Road Superintendent to give a road update. A road maintenance report is in each Jurors packet. Mr. Holmes states that he would like to thank the road crew that worked tirelessly on the bridges that were down so they could be reopened, especially on the Harrisonburg Bridge. He notes that they are 10 metrics of federal law that have to be met and all were completed. He states he is sending a couple employees to a bridge class in April. He adds that he has received a letter from Stephanie Doolittle, head of all bridge maintenance in the State of Louisiana stating that Winn Parish is in full compliance. Mr. Holmes asks for everyone's patience as the new grader operators are in training and learning. He notes we are still in need of a truck driver. On fema work, he states that we have about 6 more roads to go and 4 more roads on the RAC project to complete those projects. Starting next month, Mr. Holmes will let Mr. Snowden give road updates. President McLaren thanks the road crew for all the work on bridges and fema and also the ladies in the office for the job they do on the paperwork.

Mr. Paul Hodnett, Assistant Road Superintendent is present to give his road update. Mr. Hodnett states that the pot hole patching has been working the last few weeks in Wheeling, the Lake area and Brewton's Mill. The side boom is working every day. We still need to hire tractor drivers.

GUESTS:

Ms. Arnetra King, Customer Service Manager and Mr. Seth Schilling, Regional Customer Service Manager with Entergy are present to give an update on Winter Storm Fern. They present a slide presentation to the Jury. They look at what worked, what didn't work and what they can do better. Questions and answers were had between the audience, Mr. Schilling and Ms. King. The Jury thanks them for coming.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 73,596.30
Road Fund	\$371,075.55
Health Unit	\$ 6,477.74
Sales Tax	\$134,841.71
Library	\$ 0.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$711,610.86</u>
Grand Total	\$1,297,602.39

Report includes budget to actual comparisons in all major funds. It is noted the General Fund is showing a deficit for this month due to waiting on reimbursement from Fema on the Hazard Mitigation Grant. 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. Kyle Potts to remove part of Pray Higgs Rd from the Winn Parish Road System at the property fence line of John Walker's property. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer states that the Motion of Intent was passed last month, was put in paper and she has received no objections or comments. Landowners are in agreement and the garbage truck knows where to pick up the cans. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to engage CPA Shanna Jones to assist in the audit report for the year 2025. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Winn Parish Police Jury and La. Department of Veterans Affairs for the year 2026. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to enter into a Lease Agreement between the Winn Parish Police Jury and Brentin Chandler Enterprises, Inc. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Discussion was had. President McLaren states that this property will be to house the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department will become a reinstatement office. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mrs. Tyler announces dates of events for the Jurors to keep in mind. She is asking for donations for a gift basket giveaway on Saturday March 21st at the Hog Dog Trials. She notes that the Parish Litter pickup day will be Thursday April 23rd. The Forest Festival is Saturday April 25th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. She needs each Juror to help with this event as we are setting up a table at the Festival with giveaways. Each Juror is to pick out a shirt color, give size of a t-shirt and sign up with Michelle on what hours you can work. Legislative Day is Tuesday April 28th and Wednesday April 29th in Baton Rouge. Please let Michelle know if you plan on attending. Naco is Thursday, July 17th through Monday July 20th in New Orleans and to please let Michelle know if you plan on attending as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr. Author Robinson and second by Mr. Darrell Franks, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER