

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 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. Stanley Garrett, Mr. Phillip Evans, Mr. Author Robinson, Mr. Darrell Franks and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: None.

Legal Counsel: None.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:02 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. 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 March 16, 2026-Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. 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. President McLaren offers condolences to Juror Phillip Evans and the Bobby Evans for their loss.

Mr. Gavin Snowden, Operator is present to give a road update. A road maintenance report is in each Jurors packet. Mr. Snowden states that he is still training the new backhoe operator, the road crew is still working on RAC project, all graders are still running and new culverts should be going in on Mars Hill Church Road next week.

GUESTS:

Mr. Chris Bowman, District Defender, Office of the Public Defender 8th Judicial District is present and addresses Jury. Mr. Bowman states that he has taken Mr. Herman Castete's position. He states that his office has 253 open cases and about 85-90% of the cases are drug related. He adds that the drug epidemic is raging in Winn Parish. He states that he has 6 full time employees which consists of 3 attorneys and 3 full time employees and 1 part time staff member. Mr. Bowman is requesting opioid funds to supplement attorneys and staff salaries. Discussion was had by the Jury and Mr. Bowman. The Jury takes the matter under advisement and requests Mr. Bowman to follow up his request with a letter.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 86,786.44
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Road Fund	\$154,356.05
Health Unit	\$ 0.00
Sales Tax	\$ 72,856.96
Library	\$ 0.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$1,086,754.94</u>
Grand Total	\$1,400,754.39

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. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion of Intent by Mr. Phillip Evans to adopt an Ordinance to reduce the Speed Limit on Couley Point to 15 MPH. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion of Intent by Mr. Darrell Franks to remove Ellis Williams Road from the Parish road system. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. Mr. Franks states that the owner of this property has requested the road be removed so he can put up a gate. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to renew the contract extension between DRC Emergency Services and the Winn Parish Police Jury for debris removal and disposal services for a period of 1 year. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt a Resolution to request the Attorney General Opinion regarding inmate costs. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Discussion was had. Vote taken: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #006 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Additional Announcements & Comments:

President McLaren states that a real estate agent has contacted him about 4 lots across the street from the Courthouse next to the Juries parking lot. The owner is asking \$140,000. He asks the Jury to be thinking on it.

Mrs. Tyler announces dates of events for the Jurors to keep in mind. She states that there was an Industrial Board meeting today and as of now the pellet mill is still on go. She reminds the Jurors that Litter pickup and beautification day is Thursday April 23, 2026. The Parish Barn will be opened until 7:00 p.m. to receive litter. She also reminds the Jury that this Saturday April 25, 2026 is the Forest Festival. The Jury will have a booth so she asks all Jurors to participate.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Kyle Potts, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER