

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
MAY 18, 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, May 18, 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 and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Darrell Franks.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Chris Nevils.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Kyle Potts.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

President McLaren would like to move the business item considering the requests for opioid funds into the guest section of the agenda since several people are here on this matter. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. No objection by any Juror. All Jurors vote yes. Motion carried.

No additions or deletions.

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

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the minutes of April 20, 2026-Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. 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. Gavin Snowden, Operator is present to give a road update. A road maintenance report is in each Jurors packet. Mr. Snowden states that he swapped a grader operator and all graders are operating. They have been installing the new culverts on Mars Hill Church Road, however the culvert order was shorted but those should be in on Wednesday.

GUESTS:

Mrs. Ashley Files, CEO of Winn Parish Medical Center is present along with Jaqua James, medical professional on the Opioid campaign. Mrs. Files refers to the letter she has previously sent to the Jury requesting \$15,000 for Narcan procurement. Funding for the Opioid Abatement Fund would allow their hospital to reduce the incidence of opioid overdose deaths through distribution of overdose reversal medication (Narcan) to at risk patients upon discharge from the Emergency Department and hospital facility free of charge and reduce harms associated with opioid misuse through enhancement of community education and prevention efforts. Mrs. James says that this funding will help as they have other projects at the hospital to combat opioid abuse. Statistics from the Rapides Foundation show that 16 or 17 % of Winn Parish residents have used opioids

either illegally or legally. From past reports, if people are given a prescription of Narcan, only about 4% will get it filled. Their hope that by being able to give it to the patient or a family member, that it will cut down on opioid deaths. She notes that the medication will be stored and locked and they will keep records of distribution. She adds that 39 patients came into the ER in 2023 for overdoses and 3 of them died. Mrs. Files adds that the only distribution center in Winn Parish is the Health Unit but they are only open during regular hours. Mrs. James distributes a summary on Opioid Abatement for the Jury to review. Further discussion was had. Sheriff McAllister addresses the Jury about the opioid deaths in the Parish. President McLaren thanks each for the work that they do and states that this matter is taken under advisement.

Mr. Chris Bowman, District Defender, Office of the Public Defender 8th Judicial District is present and addresses Jury. Mr. Bowman states that he appeared before the Jury last month about his request and reiterates the need for additional funding for his office. President McLaren thanks Mr. Bowman for coming again and states that this matter is taken under advisement.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 60,083.01
Road Fund	\$ 73,989.51
Health Unit	\$ 1,476.44
Sales Tax	\$ 8,025.71
Library	\$ 1,110.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$294,686.78</u>
Grand Total	\$439,371.45

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: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to declare Jaden Garrett, grader operator as permanent with benefits. Second by Mr. Author Robinson. It is noted that this is at the request of Mr. Perry Holmes, the Road Superintendent. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion 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: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Ordinance #001 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of there minutes)

Motion by Mr. Phillip Evans to remove Ellis Williams Road from the Parish road system. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Mr. Evans states that the sole owner of this property has requested the road be removed so he can put up a gate. No objections have been received. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stanley Garrett to adopt a Resolution to assist the Village of Calvin with pot hole patching 6th Street and Front Ave. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #007 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt a Resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana on Tuesday November 3, 2026 to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein. Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Chief Dustin Parker is present and states that this tax is a renewal tax of 12.4 mills. Discussion was had by Mr. Parker and the Jury about the new

lower rating the Fire Department has received from the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana. It is now a Class 5 where formerly it was a Class 6 so hopefully everyone should receive a decrease in their residential and commercial properties. Chief Parker thanks his crew for their hard work in getting this Class reduced. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #008 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Motion by Mr. Author Robinson to adopt a Resolution authorizing the 2026 Ad Valorem millage rates as follows:

General Alimony.....	3.95
Road #2.....	5.16
Road #1.....	1.94
Library.....	3.03
Library.....	5.06
Health Unit.....	3.24

Second by Mr. Kyle Potts. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

(Resolution #009 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes)

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mr. Kyle Potts states that he would like to get everyone’s thoughts on getting sports betting here in Winn Parish. He states Winn is 1 of 7 Parishes in the State that does not have it. He adds that the Jury is losing revenues. He notes people are driving to Grant and Natchitoches Parishes to place their bets on their phone. Discussion was had by the Jury.

Sheriff McAllister states that he would like to give an animal control update. He adds that they are in the final stages with the kennels. He says in about a week a septic system will be put in to dispose of the waste and getting ready to pour a slab. He states that there will be an app created where people can go on to adopt a pet. Sheriff McAllister appreciates the help he receives from the Jury.

Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer notes that there is Mass Casualty Incident training on Thursday May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Louisiana Technical College. That is open for anyone to attend.

She states that the Library Board has approved to close Calvin Branch beginning Thursday May 21 and ending August 11th, 2026. Mrs. Jan Collins is resigning as Branch Manager. This closure will allow for a new Manager to be trained and for some cleaning and repairs to be made.

Mrs. Tyler states that the bid opening on Capital Outlay project Eugene Garrett Road is Thursday May 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. here in the Jury room.

She states that Mr. Mitchell Miles has submitted his resignation as Constable for Ward 11 effective May 31, 2026. It is noted that the Jury has 20 days to appoint a new Constable.

Mrs. Tyler also provides a Police Jury Legislative Report to each Juror.

On motion of Mr. Kyle Potts and second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER