

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 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. Darrell Franks and Mr. Kyle Potts.

There were absent: Mr. Author Robinson.

Legal Counsel: None.

President Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter asks for prayer for Brother Author Robinson, Juror and Mr. Donny Moon, 4-H County Agent for each of them to have a speedy recovery from their procedures. Pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Darrell Franks.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

Motion by Mr. Kyle Potts to add a Motion to the agenda to call a special election to fill the vacancies of Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 6, Parish of Winn and Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 10, Parish of Winn for the Fall of 2027, Gubernatorial election dates October 9, 2027 (Primary) and November 20, 2027 (General) with qualifying dates of August 3, 4 & 5, 2027. Second by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mrs. Deionne Carpenter to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2026-Regular Meeting and August 10, 2026-Special Called Meeting. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. 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. Joe Friday is present and addresses the Jury about a citation that he received from the Winn Parish Sheriff's Office for hauling loaded on a public road, namely Eugene Garrett Road. Mr. Friday says he wasn't loaded and was sitting in a driveway when the Sheriff's office came. Mr. Stanley Garrett states that there is No Thru Trucks sign on that road. Further discussion was had by Mr. Friday and the Jury. President McLaren states that the Jury will look into the matter. Mr. Friday wants his opinion noted and states that the Ordinance needs changing.

Mr. Gavin Snowden, Road Superintendent is present to give a road update. A road maintenance report is in each Jurors packet. Mr. Snowden states that all graders are running, they are still working on the bush hog tractor. He states it is very dry but all is going good. Further discussion was had. He notes that the graders will work in one District circle at a time instead of jumping around.

Mr. Paul Hodnett, Assistant Road Superintendent is present and addresses the Jury. He states that one grass cutter is being worked on. The other cutter has been working roads around Hwy 124 and 84 E. The side boom has been working in Joyce and the sewer ditch has been cleaned out.

GUESTS:

Mr. Austin Magee, Candidate for Congressional District 5 is present and introduces himself to the Jury. He states he is from Washington Parish. He notes that all the Parishes in this District have Forestry and Agriculture in common. He states he is a business owner. He states he can represent the average person and enjoys traveling these 24 Parishes. He states his cell phone number is 985-335-5499 and if anyone has any questions, to please reach out to him. He adds he would appreciate everyone’s vote.

Mr. Gabe Firment, District 22 State Representative and Candidate for Congressional District 5 is present and addresses the Jury. Mr. Firment addresses the Jury and tells about himself. He states he is a proven conservative leader, committed Christian, Gladiator Award Winner, accomplished Legislator, lifelong Republican and rural champion. Further discussion was had. He adds that he loves Winn Parish and will be there every time we need him.

Mr. Brandon Slayter, Adjutant of American Legion Everett S. Fick Post 9 is present and addresses the Jury. He gives some history on the American Legion. He states that the American Legion was founded in 1919 shortly after WWI. He states that in 1981, the local Chapter was deactivated. On March 31, 2026, Post 9 was reactivated. On behalf of the American Legion Everett S. Fick Post 9, he would like to express their sincere appreciation for allowing them the continued use of the downstairs meeting room in the Winn Parish Courthouse. Your support has been instrumental in helping their post rebuild, reorganize and strengthen their presence within the community. Having a reliable and accessible meeting space has allowed them to conduct official business, welcome new members and plan programs that serve the veterans and families of Winn Parish. As a post currently operating without a permanent facility, your willingness to accommodate them has made a meaningful difference. Your cooperation reflects a shared commitment to honoring our veterans and supporting the organizations that work on their behalf. They value this partnership and look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of our Parish and those who have served our nation.

BUSINESS:

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

General Fund	\$ 51,829.19
Road Fund	\$ 34,170.28
Health Unit	\$ 3,541.67
Sales Tax	\$ 92,459.40
Library	\$ 00.00
Weekly Invoices	<u>\$681,381.59</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$863,382.13</u>

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 generator project. The Road Fund is showing a deficit for this month due to waiting on reimbursement from RAC. 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 Mr. Kyle Potts to award the bid on Winn Parish Fairgrounds, RV Park and related work to Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$454,292.50. Second by Mr. Darrell Franks. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 1 abstained. Motion carried. President McLaren sends a special thanks out to Representative Jack McFarland for his support in this project.

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(Proclamation #001 of 2026 attached thereto and made a part of these minutes.)

Additional Announcements & Comments:

Mr. Stanley Garrett states that he has received complaints on the Oak Ridge Church Road. Due to Department of Transportation doing road work, traffic is being routed through Oak Ridge Church Road. The road has gotten tore he wants to know if anything can be done to fix it. Discussion was had by the Jury. President McLaren, along with the rest of the Jury, agree to look into what is needed and take the matter into consideration.

Mrs. Karen Tyler, Secretary/Treasurer states that construction has begun today on Mars Hill Church Road, Eugene Garrett Road and Lum Fox Road. She also notes each Juror has a copy of the Library Minutes dated July 27, 2026.

President McLaren states that Dr. Gaddis is inviting the Jurors to come to the Kiwanis meeting at Mama's Iron Skillet tomorrow. The Public Service Commission candidates will be there, Mike Francis and John Atkins. Mr. Murphy Chestnut will also be in attendance. Lunch is at noon and meeting is at 12:30 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Darrell Franks and second by Mr. Phillip Evans, President McLaren declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

MR. FRANK MCLAREN, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
KAREN TYLER-SECRETARY/TREASURER