

Public Notices

Advertisement for Bids

The owner, Concordia Parish School Board, will receive Sealed Bids for a Gymnasium HVAC Renovation at Ferriday High School, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, Vidalia High School, Vidalia Jr. High School and Vidalia Upper Elementary School. Referenced sealed bids will be received at the Central Administrative Office Building, 4358 Highway 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, until 2:00 p.m., CST, on April 9, 2020. Any proposal received after the posted closing time will be returned unopened. Bids may also be submitted electronically by visiting www.centralbidding.com.

The bids will be opened and read aloud in public at the regular scheduled meeting of the Concordia Parish School Board on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Referenced bid opening is to be held at the system's administrative office building, room 124.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held in the Board Room at the office of Concordia Parish School Board, 4358 Highway 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, on March 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. All general contractors and subcontractors are urged to attend this meeting and to visit the Project Sites.

Contract Document Bid Sets remain the property of the Architect and may be obtained in person from the **Architect Waycaster & Associates Architect, 112 Main Street, Suite A, Natchez, MS 39120, or requested by mail at P.O. Box 824, Natchez, MS 39121, email at Johnny@WaycasterArch.com or requesting by telephone: 601-442-3649.**

Bid Set Deposits are \$100.00 per set. Sets remain the property of the Architect with deposit(s) refundable to general contractors submitting bona fid bids, one half of deposit amount is refundable to all others, provided documents are returned in good condition. Bid sets shall be returned to the Architect's office by ALL unsuccessful bidders within 10 working days of bid date so they can be issued to successful bidder for construction use.

Bid preparation and submittal will be in accordance with Section 00 21 13 Instructions to Bidders bound in the Project Manual. Bid Bond Security/Guarantee in the amount of 5% of total bid will be required in Contracts exceeding \$25,000. 100% Performance and Payment Bond will be required. Licensing and other certification of qualifications will be required as specified in the contract documents. Where applicable, the foregoing certificate number must be indicated on the exterior of the sealed bid envelope before it will be opened. ** All bid submitted must comply with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (LA RS 38:2211-2296).

Bids may be withheld by the Owner for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of the bids for the purpose of bid review and investigation of the bidder's qualifications, prior to award of the contract.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding procedure without obligation to or notification of any bidders.

Waycaster & Associate Architect

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PUBLIC NOTICE FROM Concordia Parish Police Jury Request for Statements of Qualifications for Professional Engineering & Construction Administration Services

Concordia Parish Police Jury (CPPJ) is hereby soliciting submittals of Statements of Qualifications from firms interested in providing **Professional Engineering and Construction Administration Services.** The Parish wishes to contract with a firm to assist with engineering technical support, construction field inspection, and any other engineering related services required by the Parish to recover assessed damages from the Mississippi River Floods of 2019. Statements of Qualifications shall be received up to 4 PM ON APRIL 27, 2020. No Statements of Qualifications will be accepted after the deadline.

Interested firms are instructed to submit a request for the entire packet by emailing CPPJ's Secretary/Treasurer, Sandi Burley, at sburley@conppj.org.

Statements of Qualifications are to be submitted in accordance with the instructions outlined in the full packet.

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PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING March 9, 2020 6:00 P.M.

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session con-

vened. There were present the following members:

Vice-President:	Adam Probst
Members:	Genesia Allen , Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Scottie Whittington, Gary Neal, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams
Absent:	Joseph Parker, Sr.
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Ms. Allen

A public hearing was opened to discuss adopting a 5 ton load limit and no parking on shoulders of Lee Tyler Road. There were no public comments. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Immediately following the public hearing, Mr. Probst called the regular meeting to order.

1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Yearby to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

4) A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 established a 5 ton load limit and no parking on shoulders of Lee Tyler Road. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for Ordinance 2020-01)

5) A discussion was held regarding the damages caused to parish roads and ditches when vehicles park on the existing shoulders. The shoulders of most of the parish roads are not wide enough to park on without rutting the ditches and damaging the sides of the roads. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Yearby to advertise for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance of no parking on shoulders of all parish roads. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion of culvert issues around the parish ensued. Issues stem from homes and areas where culverts are too small to allow for proper drainage. The current ordinances require that a culvert permit must be obtained prior to installing. This has not been monitored or maintained for many years. Discussion on the minimum requirements were held. Tony Guillory stated that he was always told and then conveyed that a culvert must be a minimum 15 inches wide and at least 20 feet long. Mr. Guillory also stated that in some cases the culvert should be smaller. A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Adams to advertise for a public hearing to update the culvert permit ordinance to set a minimum 15-inch width by 20-foot-long culvert guideline for proper culvert permitting. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.

Brushy Bayou – Much is being accomplished. Waiting on the test results from the soil boring for the borrow pit and Luke Martin Bridge. JKS is updating the comments on the DOTD drawings and manual. All should be completed by March 20, 2020.

Courtroom – Scheduled to be complete by March 20, 2020 to accommodate trial starting on March 23rd. Benches have been installed and chairs will arrive on March 16th.

Washington Heights – Lift station is in process of being erected on site. If weather cooperates, should take three more weeks to complete. A change order was requested to upgrade the hog wire fence in the bid packet to a chain link fence that is more feasible. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the change order in the amount of \$13,340.00 under the scope and funding of the grants. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was also held about the status of the ditches after the pipe runs had been made that need to be corrected before the contractor completes the job.

Vidalia Canal – Mr. Edwards discussed meeting with Mr. Bill Beasley and Mr. Parker on drainage solutions. Mr. Yearby reported a beaver dam was blocking the canal off of Hwy 84.

8) Ordinance violations of the Parish were next discussed. Each Juror was asked to bring forward any issues in their district. A motion was made by Yearby seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Mr. Yearby brought forth issues with the lot on Freeman Road belonging to Ms. Odell Bowman. The issue has been discussed in prior meetings of the ordinance violations where the lot is overgrown and an old trailer needs to be removed. A letter will be sent to Ms. Bowman notifying her of the ordinance violations and the opportunity to correct the violations before further action is taken by the parish.

Mr. Edwards brought forth to cite the lots at the entrance of Washington Heights belonging to the Washington's for grass and lot cleanup.

9) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's Report, Ms. Burley announced that a date will be set for anyone needing to complete their Ethics and Sexual Harassment training. A calendar of events listing upcoming meetings was distributed. A date of April 21, 2020 was set for the Finance Committee to meet for the first quarter financial review. She also discussed the status of the DR4622 grant for road repairs.

10) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses:
- Hush Puppy LLC – Lee Anne Lipsey, 10095 Hwy 129, Monterey – Dog Grooming/Boarding
- Worker Wholesale Pump and Supply LLC – Linda Metcalf, Monterey – Wholesale Oilfield Pumps and Equipment
- Bo Strahan Lawn Service – 4945 Hwy 568, Ferriday – Mowing Service

11) Superintendent's materials and work orders were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
610 – 97 yards on Serio Blvd, 35 yards on Thomas, 8 yards on Gooden, 7 yards on Margaret, 30 yards on East, 7 yards on Ron, 30 yards on Haphazard, 45 yards on Doty.
Maintenance Gravel – 15 yards on Herbert Crouch, 15 yards on Bodark, 30 yards on Island Road, 15 yards on Tanner, 15 yards on Sunrise, 15 yards on Cynthia Bayou, 15 yards on Evans
Pitrun – 45 yards on Herbert Crouch, 35 yards on Bodark, 30 yards on general shoulder repair of roads

12) Work orders of the Parish were next reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:
Bachus – drainage problems and culvert cleanout needed on Loomis Lane
Yearby – will address with the Sewer District to clean up sewer lagoon in Concordia Park
Allen – Doty Road – around pumping station needs to be cleaned up, will notify Sewer District
Neal – ditches on Cowan Street need cleaning
Edwards – potholes and road work needed on Country Club Road, Bob Rife, and Wildsville Road
Adams – discussed tree in bayou at Worker Bayou. Will send land owner letter to remove the tree causing a hazard in the water.

13) Mr. Probst then asked for any correspondence from the audience. There was none.

14) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Whittington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'.

There was absent: Alderman Tron McCoy.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; Town Manager Bill Murray; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Alderman Gardner.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes from the regular meeting of February 11, 2020, and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2020, were both approved. The motion for approval in globo was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month of January, 2020. As customary, she explained the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She reviewed the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, and reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through January 31, 2020. She then specifically reported on the amounts in the various fund balances and reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. There being no comments or questions, the Mayor commented on the report and thanked Mrs. Moak for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The first application was Rene Remon, Project Manager for Total Urgent Care, LLC, for "Total Urgent Care" at 4014 Carter Street, it being noted that no sign application is being made at this time and there being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The next application was by David Allan Morrow for "SMDB Grocery & Boat Supply, LLC", at 801 Carter Street. It being noted that no sign application is being made at this time, and there being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted.

Agenda Item No. 3 was the consideration of outdoor sign applications. The first application was by Glenn Wisner, db/a Southern Signs, Inc. to replace the signs on the hotel at 100 Front Street, Vidalia, to read "CLARION SUITES", in accordance with the pictures attached to the application. There being no comments or questions, motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The next application was by Southern Signs, Inc. for lighted signs to replace the wall sign and the pylon sign to indicate "Security Finance", in accordance with the sketches and pictures shown attached to the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by all present, the application was granted.

Agenda Item No. 4 was a beer and liquor license application (DOLLAR GENERAL). The application was by DG Louisiana, LLC, (by attorneys) for DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #3191 at 1641 Carter Street, as per the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present, the application was granted.

Agenda Item No. 5 was a presentation by Air Med Care Network on renewal of Town membership for 2020. The Mayor explained that it was time to renew the Town's membership and the need for action by the Board, and turned the floor over to Ms. Patricia Lozon, Membership Sales Manager, who made the presentation. She explained, in some detail, the terms and features of the membership program and the costs thereof. Following several questions from the audience and Board members, she concluded her presentation and the Mayor thanked her.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on renewal of Town membership in Air Med Care Network for 2020. The Mayor briefly explained the program in his words and opened the floor for public comments. There being no public comments, he closed the public comments section and opened the matter for discussion and vote by the Board. Following a brief discussion, a motion to renew the membership in accordance with the documents presented at the meeting was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present.

Agenda Item No. 7 was an update on streets/sewer projects & river-related issues. The Mayor then discussed the ongoing street projects singling out several streets to discuss, and reminded everyone that a couple of the sewer projects are almost ready to be concluded but that the water levels are still causing problems. With regard to the streets, he said he has not been happy with the progress, but that FEMA has indicated that they will be paying for some of the projects. He went on to report on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he talked with various members of the Corps of Engineers and the Town is being proactive on the seepage problems and the pumping problems.

It being noted that there were no additional agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present. The meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone /s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in emergency session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 3:00 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'.

There was absent: Alderman Tron McCoy.

There were also present: Town Clerk, Jay LaSyone and Town Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Mayor gave the invocation.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in emergency session, as the governing authority of said municipality and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

The Mayor began by advising that, prior to going to the formal agenda to discuss and vote on the Resolutions declaring a public health emergency, he was going to bring the citizens up to date on some of the measures, such as restaurant and other business closings; limitations on the size of gatherings, etc.; that are being required by State law and by Proclamations by the Governor and by the President of the Concordia Parish Police Jury. Following his presentation, the Mayor proceeded to address Agenda Item No. 1.

Agenda Item No. 1 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town of Vidalia declaring a public health emergency due to COVID-19. There being no comments or discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, that the Resolution, as presented at the meeting, to declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, which affects life, health, property and public peace. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Gardner, and Alderwoman Dore'.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town granting Mayor Craft emergency powers for Town operations in responding to COVID-19. There being no comments or discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the Resolution, as presented at the meeting, to grant Mayor Craft emergency powers for Town operations in responding to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Gardner, and Alderwoman Dore'.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Following the foregoing, Alderwoman Dore' asked to be heard and, on being recognized, asked for a clarification of the nature of the curfew that will be going into effect for the hours from 10:00 P.M. through 5:00 A.M., daily. The Mayor clarified the issues brought up and thanked Alderwoman Dore' for her concerns.

Thereupon, there being no further business, on motion of Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone /s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Dore' and seconded by Alderman Betts:

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the Worldwide Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic and the threat is of such a nature as to warrant immediate Emergency Action to minimize the effects and loss of life; and the threat will continue until there is no longer a need to maintain these specific emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that it does hereby declare that, under the authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana, a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which affects life, health, property and public peace; and that all emergency operations plans be activated and that the Town's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director, Tim Vanier, 318-719-2010, or HYPERLINK "mailto:oeconpar@gmail.com" oeconpar@gmail.com, be designated as the point of contact for all emergency operations.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the March 17, 2020, emergency meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst and Alderwoman Dore'.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 17th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Jay LaSyone /s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Dore' and seconded by Alderman Gardner:

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION AND MAYOR AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and beginning March 17, 2020, and continuing until further notice, the Town of Vidalia has declared a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that Mayor Buz Craft is hereby authorized to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to direct and perform any acts necessary, and sign any and all documents necessary, to deal with the emergency described herein.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the March 17, 2020, emergency meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst and Alderwoman Dore'.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 17th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Jay LaSyone /s/ Buz Craft
JAY LASYONE, CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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