

Public Notices

**CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President:	Jimmy Wilkinson
Members:	Carey Cook, Willie Dunbar, Jimmy Jernigan, Joseph Parker, Sr., Adam Probst, Whest Shirley, and Tommy Tiffee
Absent:	Jerry Beatty
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Probst

A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2018 as mailed. Motion carried.

Mr. Tiffee arrives at 6:05 pm.

The meeting was open to the discussion of Farrar Road as a Parish road. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Shirley to continue to table this matter, as Farrar Road is a parish easement, not a pre-existing roadway and no further requests have been made by the area residents. Motion carried.

Next the Jurors discussed the renewal of the telephone service agreement with TEC. The contract is up for renewal in March for a three year renewal. Ms. Burley has discussed with both TEC and Jay Gamberi of Computer Consultants for the different options available. TEC is recommending staying with Cable One on a copper network and negotiating outside of the phone contract currently up for renewal. Mr. Gamberi is looking into a fiber optics plan with AT&T and upgrades to the phone system. Based on the verbal information received, comparing TEC/Cable One to the AT&T plan, the cost savings is estimated around \$350 a month by switching to the fiber. Due to no formal information received, no decisions were made.

A tabled discussion for a resolution to give Civic Source Power of Attorney to execute adjudicated property sales on behalf of the Parish was once again addressed. Mr. Austin Lipsey with the DA's office was asked to review the resolution and advise on proceedings for the next meeting.

Mr. Guy Murray with Bryant Hammett & Associates updated the Jurors on work and research that needs to be done to continue with the project to clean the Vidalia canal. Mr. Dunbar addressed the Jurors with an update of prior discussions to clean the canal from beginning to end. A recap of a meeting between Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Murray was given where the suggestion was made to go ahead and have all the land owners along the canal to give permission to allow the work to be done, giving the Parish more options to work if one area is too wet then other areas can be addressed.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the Parish has a fifty foot right away, but we need permission of the land owners to access the canal and to cast and spread the sludge on the land rather than the expense of hauling it off. Mr. Dunbar disclosed recent conversations he held with another parish in which he deliberated that the Parish did not have to get permission for a right of way. He stated he would get more information and present at the next meeting.

Mr. Dunbar expressed some prior issues perceived with work done in the past when Bryant Hammett & Associates was the Parish Engineer. His opinion was that Jordan Kaiser & Sessions, as the current Parish Engineers, should be doing the research on the project instead. Mr. Jernigan stated he had discussed with JKS about the easements and permissions of the land owners from prior projects and they did not have the information for the area Mr. Dunbar requested to be researched. A discussion further ensued after Mr. Dunbar made a motion to table the work to be done by Bryant Hammett & Associates until information from the DA's office could be received to determine if there is a conflict of interest with Mr. Murray doing the research for the canal with his part time role as OEP Director. Mr. Murray addressed Mr. Dunbar that he had studied the ethics and had supporting documentation that upheld his position as OEP Director did not conflict with his role as an employee with Bryant Hammett & Associates. Mr. Lipsey was asked to share his insight on the matter. Mr. Lipsey stated he had no information on hand in which to reference, but would provide the Attorney General's opinions that would support Mr. Murray's role as OEP Director did not conflict with his role as an employee with Bryant Hammett and Associates. Mr. Probst seconded the motion. A vote was held with the Jurors unanimously voting to table the decision for Mr. Murray to conduct research for the Parish until the DA's office could provide documentation on any Ethics issues.

The Parish received a letter from Ms. Kaylene Baker announcing her retirement as Executive Director of the Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program. Ms. Baker has been with the program for over 32 years. With her announcement she made a recommendation to the Jury for her replacement. After discussion of the HUD program and the letter from Ms. Baker, Mr. Parker made a motion to advertise for the open position. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried to advertise for the position.

At the January 22nd meeting, Mr. Dunbar inquired about having the Constables help serve ordinance violations in the Parish in an effort to have these directly served to the violator rather than thru serving through certified mail. After reading the minutes of the meeting in the Concordia Sentinel, Ms. Susan Rabb, Constable for District 3, sent a proposal to Jury to consider her services to deliver the notifications. The State allocated rate for this service is \$50 per attempted delivery. Ms. Rabb also addressed the Jury with solutions on getting these mailed through her as a Constable rather than the Police Jury for out of town notifications. Mr. Shirley discussed the cost of certify mailing these at \$7 versus having the notices served at \$50. Mr. Dunbar also discussed the issue of choosing one Constable over another for work served in other districts. Mr. Dunbar asked Ms. Burley to send a letter to the Constables to meet and discuss their services on February 26th at 3 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar seconded by Mr. Parker to table further decisions until after the meeting. Motion carried.

A request was received by the Village of Ridgecrest, along with a hold harmless letter, to dig out the back wash pond at the Ridgecrest Water Plant. A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the work to be done under the contingency that if work is performed on a non-work day for barn employees that the request will be billed to cover hauling equipment as well as the normal costs incurred for work. Motion carried.

A request was also received from the Concordia Parish School Board for road repairs for the Concordia Education Center at 160 Kindergarten Road, Ferriday, LA. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the work under the same contingency that if work is performed on a non-work day for barn employees that the request will be billed to cover hauling equipment as well as the normal costs incurred for work. Motion carried, with Mr. Shirley abstaining.

Discussion was open for Committee Reports. The Finance Committee discussed the higher rate of prisoner care and utilities paid for January and February. A request was made to get the prisoner housing list that is also given to the DA to review alongside the monthly bills.

Ms. Burley gave her Secretary/Treasurer's report updating the financial status. The postings have been completed for 2017 with no significant postings that would impact the current proposed budget. Mr. Bennett has begun advertising for bids for the ADA Lift Project. This bid process will also use online bidding submissions as well. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for February 27th at 11 am. The bids are scheduled for opening and reading into record on March 13th at 11 am.

The Courtroom Renovation project is progressing. A meeting was held to review the audiovisual requests made by the Judges' and DA's office. A final review of the design and layout is scheduled for Friday, February 16th at 9 am with Mr. Brocato, the Judges' office, Mr. Burget, and the Courthouse Committee.

The FEMA approved project – "Brushy Bayou Project" was recently awarded approval to proceed with the completion of Phase I and begin Phase II. The project requires the Parish to pay the costs upfront and submit for reimbursement. Initially, \$109,000 was approved by the Parish to front the costs. A separate bank account was established for such projects some time ago. In an effort to separate and track the costs of the project, Mr. Wilkinson explained that moving the approved funds to this account would allow for easier maintaining of the expenses and reimbursements required. An invoice was received also by Burns & Cooley for Phase I work in the amount of \$1980. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the transfer and payment to Burns & Cooley.

Mr. Hayden Kaiser with Jordan, Kaiser, & Sessions gave an up-

date on the Brushy Bayou Project. JKS is in the middle of Phase I. Currently the plans are with the office of Neil Schaffer to review. Once approved, the plans will be forwarded to Hamby for third party review then submitted to the Corp of Engineers to proceed with the project. Mr. Kaiser explained that the time frame to complete the review and submit to the Corp should take a few more weeks. There is no known time frame for completion once they are submitted to the Corp for approval.

Under a motion by Mr. Tiffee seconded by Mr. Shirley, the following occupational licenses were approved:

Ms. Lou Outfitters, Maecee Thornton, 125 Ashley Lane, Vidalia (New Business – Women's Sporting Apparel)

River Sales LLC, Joe Young, 466 Hart Young Road, Monterey (New Business – Deer Feeder Sales)

JRG Industrial Services LLC, Justin Goeggle, 458 Deacon Wayes Rd, Ferriday (New Business – Tuning Service for Commercial Vehicles and Construction Equipment

Motion carried.

The meeting was open to reporting ordinance violations. Given permissible time, no violations were brought forth.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the purchase order requisitions. Motion carried.

The following items were listed under the Superintendent's Work Requests:

Road repairs needed on Timberlane and Centennial (re-requested)

14 yards of wash rock on Emfinger Road

Stop Sign on Emfinger Road is torn down

Potholes on Country Club Road

7 yards gravel on Trading Post Road

7 yards gravel on Margaret Road

Dig ditch out on Sunset Lane

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffee seconded by Mr. Shirley to approve the above work requests. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkinson opened the meeting for correspondence. Distributed to the Jurors were minutes from meeting of Waterworks District #1; minutes and financials of Concordia Parish Sewer District #1; and agenda of Concordia Recreation District #3. Mr. Jernigan asked that a letter be sent to the DOTD to clean the culvert around 13111 Hwy 84 in Jonesville.

Mr. Kenneth and Amy Dewitt were present to address the Jurors of drainage issues in the area of their home located at 398 Moose Lodge Road. Mr. Wilkinson asked that the Superintendent inspect the area and address what needs to be done.

Ethics training renewals were also discussed. Mr. Tony Guillory has completed his Ethics Training class as a liaison to administer the training and certify completion. A date will be set to gather employees to complete their annual certification.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Dunbar to adjourn. Motion carried.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary Treasurer

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7:XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7:XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Lake St. John Water System is currently in violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids as set forth by the State [Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:XII)]and the Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR Part 141).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) set drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally occurring organic or inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals call disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA and LDHH set standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, in trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing HAAs in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

In December 1998, EPA set enforceable drinking water standards for TTHMs at 80 parts per billion (ppb) and for HAAs at 60 parts per billion (ppb) to reduce the risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. Compliance with the TTHMs and HAAs standard for public water sysems serving less than 10,000 individuals initially became effective and enforceable on January 1, 204. Compliance with the TTHMs standard is determined by cculating a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly TTHMs sample result. Compliance calculations performed for the fourth quarter of 2017 show that the system's current TTHMs LRAAs are 131 ppb at DBP01- 899 HWY 570 and 99 ppb at DBP02 – 5574 HWY 568. Thus, the system is currently in violation of the TTHMs standard.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. EPA and LDHH do not consider this violation to have any serious adverse health effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure; however, continued long-term exposure to TTHMs and HAAs levels above the standard (e.g., 20 years of exposure) has the potential to have serious adverse effects on human health.

This notice is being sent to you by North Lake St. John Water System, LA 1029014. If you have any questions about this notice please contact the water system directly at JCP Management, Inc. (318) 435-5999, P.O. Box 540, Gilbert, LA 71336.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AT 4:00 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 Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Tron McCoy and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'. There was absent: Alderman Tommy Probst. There were also present: City Clerk, Jay LaSyone; City Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr.; and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Pam Middleton. The meeting was opened by the Mayor and, noting 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 then advised those present that this emergency meeting is being held to consider passing resolutions to declare State of Emergency and to authorize the Mayor to respond to the emergency due to the potential flooding caused by the current rapid rise of the Mississippi River. He gave a brief description of the situation but noted that there is no eminent danger of flooding at this time.

The Mayor then called on Mr. Guy Murray, with Bryant Hammett & Associates, Engineers, to give the Board his suggestions for addressing the potential flooding situation. In addition, Mr. Lee Staggs with the Vidalia Utility Department was there and he and Mr. Murray answered questions from the Board. Following those discussions, a motion was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderwoman Dore', and carried unanimously, to declare that due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rise of the Mississippi River, a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia, which affects life, health, property and public peace. (A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

The Mayor then asked for a Resolution to authorize him to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to sign any acts of documents necessary to deal with the emergency situation. He noted that, at this time, the Town will only deal with protecting the water well outside the levee and will make decisions later as to what other steps may need to be taken and would keep the Board advised. A motion was then made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, to authorize Mayor Craft to respond to the emergency as he deemed appropriate and to perform all acts necessary to deal with the emergency, as discussed at this meeting. (A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

The Mayor then noted that there was no further business on the agenda, on motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, the emergency meeting was adjourned.

JAY LASYONE, ASST. CITY CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR
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The following resolution was offered by Alderman McCoy and seconded by Alderwoman Dore':

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rising of the Mississippi River, beginning February 22, 2018, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, declares 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, State of Louisiana, in 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, State of Louisiana, due to the potential flooding disaster which affects life, health, property and public peace.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the February 28, 2018, emergency meeting and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 28th day of February, 2018.

/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/DISASTER BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCYMAYOR AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rising of the Mississippi River, beginning February 22, 2018, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, declares 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, State of Louisiana, in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that the 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 February 28, 2018, emergency meeting and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 28th day of February, 2018.

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