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were asked for their input.

Pierce explained that along with members of the town’s administrative staff, representatives of the Winnsboro business community, who included Wade Walley, representing downtown businesses; Sam Sheppard representing Winnsboro Main Street and economic development; and Terry Shirley representing the airport and other business entities; have been serving on a committee organizing the proposed festival.

Plans for the festival, which include a logo designed by local artist Kelly Kiper Burns, began surfacing soon after Wallace took office with the mayor announcing her administration wanted to bring a festival back to Winnsboro since the Franklin Parish Catfish Festival board decided to end the event which was a staple for some 30 years

and brought thousands of visitors to the town and parish.

The mayor had previously led efforts to reduce the peddler license fees required to hold the festival which members of the current council agreed to. The fees were brought down from \$250 to \$75. The fees had been raised late in the administration of former Mayor John Dumas and were cited as one of the reasons the Catfish Festival was brought to an end.

Posts on the town’s Facebook Page beginning in the late summer and early fall had presented information about the planned new festival. According to Pierce, by the Feb. 14 meeting checks had been received from 19 sponsors, amounting to about 10 percent of the expected revenue to put a festival on.

But during a recent Town Council meeting, Council Mem-

ber Rex McCarthy questioned the validity of the mayor’s ability to put the festival on without the council’s formal approval, particularly related to expenses which might be incurred by the town.

During the special meeting last week, City Attorney Tab Singer presented Resolution No. 23-0203 which had been drawn up for the council’s consideration. The proposed resolution referenced the discontinuation of the Catfish Festival and the economic impact the new festival could have on the town and parish and would have given the town and Wallace the authority to execute agreements “with entertainers, grant providers, vendors and other festival suppliers on behalf of the Town of Winnsboro.”

But an item not mentioned in the resolution – that of how

much the festival would cost the town – was the area council members voting against adopting the resolution expressed concern over.

Wallace, however, said her intention all along was for the festival to be self-supporting.

A budget outlined for the council by Cal Pierce, budget manager for the town, included an expected \$40,000 from admission fees, about \$3,000 from vendors, a Louisiana Office of Tourism Grant in the amount of \$18,660 restricted to marketing and advertising, and \$35,000 from contest entry fees and t-shirt sales, with total expected revenue listed at \$135,160. Anticipated expenses, which included such things as artists fees for entertainment, \$20,000, and marketing, \$18,660, totaled \$66,910, leaving an expected net profit of \$68,250 if all goes

as planned.

Wallace has said the revenue from the festival is to be used for beautification projects within the town.

McCarthy, along with other members of the council who voted against the resolution, said the town’s financial position, not the festival itself, was a chief concern.

During the meeting, McCarthy and Johnson questioned the money which would have to be put up front for advertising and other expenses.

“On these expenses, how many of them actually have to be paid before the festival comes?” Johnson asked.

The budget manager responded that money on hand from that already collected would be used with additional funding coming in to also be used to cover the expenses.

Wallace responded that music acts had agreed to perform with the understanding they would not be paid in advance.

After the meeting, Martinez said he was not against the festival, but expressed concerns that necessary funding was not in the town’s budget.

“Things are kind of tough for us right now,” Martinez said.

“Right now, I just don’t think we’ve got the money to put forth. Right now is not a good time,” Johnson said.”

The Town Council went on to address other items on the agenda for the special called meeting which included introduction of two ordinances related to budget amendments – one for the town’s FY 2022-23 budget and the other for the police department budget. The amendment to the police budget was added to the agenda during the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF FRANKLIN

WE, the Jury Commission in and for the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana, met on the 28th, day of September, 2022, having been subpoenaed by ANITA WYGAL, CLERK OF COURT and MEMBER OF THE JURY COMMISSION, for the purpose of drawing from the General Venire one hundred and fifty (150) names possessing the qualifications prescribed by law and in accordance with the Orders of this Court, dated September 21, 2022 and September 26, 2022 to serve as Petit Jurors for March 6, 2023, at 9:30 A.M., said list place in an envelope and placed in the Jury Box and Labeled “PETIT JURY VENIRE”; said names drawn as follows, to wit:

NAME	ADDRESS
FRANKLIN PARISH PETIT JURY – MARCH 6, 2023	
BRANDY NICOLE WINBORNE	PO BOX 451, WISNER, LA, 71378-0451
CHRISTOPHER JAMES ALFRED	252 HIRAM RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5273
GERALD L ALBRITTON	409 HIGHWAY 3210, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5531
HELEN V ANDERSON	207 LIVE OAK LN, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7743
SANDRA F ANDERSON	443 OGDEN CEMETERY LP, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7743
JOHN WAYNE ARNOLD	1854 HWY 132, DELHI, LA 71232-7157
M CATKINS	2008 ROLAND ST #D, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-3100
JAMES W AYMOND	PO BOX 37, WISNER, LA 71378-0037
ZACHARY NATHAN BATTERTON	1267 LOFLIN RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7716
JOLYNN BLANSON	123 SHEPHERD ST, WISNER, LA 71378
TERRICK MARTRELL BOLEY	270 LINCOLN ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7184
JESSICA LYNNE BOX	603 MULLICAN RD, BASKIN, LA 71219-9271
SONYA M BRASS	PO BOX 906, WISNER, LA 71378-0906
LATOYA DANIELLE BROOKS	2205 PINECREST ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-3538
IRA J BROWNING	539 CURTIS TRAXLER RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5610
RITA G BROWNING	539 CURTIS TRAXLER RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5610
DANIEL MARK BRYAN	710 COMPANY FARM RD, BASKIN, LA 71219
NANCY H BURRIS	2930 HWY 865, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-4992
JANIE SMITH BUSH	824 KENNON DR, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-3427
RICHARD BUSH	823 KENNON DR, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-3428
ADAM WADE CARRINGTON	2451 MAULD RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5788
JANICE G CARROLL	PO BOX 637, GILBERT, LA 71336-0637
DOROTHY M CARTER	220 E MCKEE RD, WISNER, LA 71378-4616
LASHEKA UBANDY CARTER	7039 PRAIRIE RD #2, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-2962
SONNI DEAN WISE CARTER	1197 HWY 867, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-6116
SAQUONTRANEA DELYSAN CHISLEY	708 CARTER ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-2246
KATRINA L COLEMAN	326 HWY 866, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5560
DEBBIE PARKIN COOPER	PO BOX 143, FT NECESSITY, LA 71243-0143
ALICE CRUISE	8644 HWY 17, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5426
GERALD K CURRINGTON	3605 RIVER RD, GILBERT, LA 71336-4707
JORY DON DAVIS	270 GERALD PARKER RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5120
STEPHEN G DEAN	345 CLEVE SMITH RD, BASKIN, LA 71219-9555
JOSHUA BRACE DELAUGHTER	8440 HWY 128, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-4914
ALBERT ANDREW DEVILLE II	1017 YOUNG ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-2215
NOAH DUBOIS EDWARDS	696 OAK GROVE CHURCH RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-6662
NOBLE E ELLINGTON	4272 FRONT ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-4139
JACQUELINE R ELLIS	155 4TH ST, GILBERT, LA 71336-3421
YOLANDA WATSON ELLIS	PO BOX 1314, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-1314
PEGGY PEZELL	283 BARTON RD, WISNER, LA 71378-4502
ALICE M FERRIS	1839 HWY 578, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-6931
DEBRA A FRANKLIN	9136 HWY 4, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-4950
TERRICA SHONTAY GARDNER	138 ALMA ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7100
SADIE GILBERT	1759 HWY 618, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-4635
ZACHARY RANE GILLERPIE	180 PONDEROSA RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5684
JACQUELIN C GILMORE	132 DOVE LN, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-0382
GARY D GIROD	PO BOX 493, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-0493
KAYLA MARIE GUIMBELLOT	353 GILL RD, BASKIN, LA 71219-8502
ROSS HOLDAN GUIMBELLOT	2595 MAULD RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5679
DIANNA M HARING	110 OTWELL LN, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7658
DEMELIUS T HICKS	129 ALMA ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-7101
MARTHA CRIFF HIGGS	1312 OAKLEY RD, GILBERT, LA 71336-4200
HELEN M HILL	189 ADCOCK RD, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-5109
ANTONIO TERELL HILLMAN	174 CALHOUN RD, WISNER, LA 71378-4813
KATHERINE ANN HINDMAN	PO BOX 566, GILBERT, LA 71336
NELLIE FLORINE HITE	290 OLD NAVY 1593, GILBERT, LA 71336
SAMUEL CHASE HOGGATT III	956 HWY 875, WISNER, LA 71378-4832
JESSE B HOLDER	303 2ND ST, WINNSBORO, LA 71295-3201
AUBREY L HUFF	PO BOX 124, CROWVILLE, LA 71296-0124
LENZY L HUITTO	829 HWY 858, DELHI, LA 71232-7249

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. 2/8,2/15,2/22

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), on January 12, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES AND USE TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to continue to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the “Tax”) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law (an estimated \$3,065,080 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for an additional period of ten (10) years, commencing July 1, 2023, with the proceeds of the Tax, after payment of reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, to be dedicated and used as follows: one-third (1/3) of the net proceeds being dedicated to the construction, maintenance and operation of the blacktop roads within the Parish and two-thirds (2/3) of the net proceeds being dedicated to the construction, operation and maintenance of roads and bridges within the Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Franklin, which polls will open at seven o’clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o’clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$48,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse, 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023, at FIVE O’CLOCK (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Winnsboro, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ James H. Harris, President
/s/ Sam Wiggins, Secretary-Treasurer
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FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The Franklin Parish Police Jury will be accepting quotes beginning February 15, 2023 and ending at 4:30 PM on March 1, 2023 for the mowing of 3 parish parks. Interested persons must provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000 and worker’s compensation. A quote package can be obtained at the Police Jury Office, 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL – HLS 23RS-426)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by R.S. 47:1907.1, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 10, 2023, a bill relative to authorizing assessors in this state to increase their annual salary compensation in an amount not to exceed ten percent during each term of office; and to provide for related matters.

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Regular Meeting Of the Franklin Parish Police Jury

February 9, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.
Franklin Parish Police Jury Room
6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295

The Franklin Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295 with the following present: Vice President Leodis Norman, Chaplain Gary Peters, Juror Keiona Wesby, Juror Howie Robinson, and Juror Ricky Campbell. President James Harris and Juror David DeBlieux were unable to attend.

Vice President Norman called the meeting to order, followed by roll call. Chaplain Peters led the assembly in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The motion to approve the agenda was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 regular meeting was offered by Peters, seconded by Wesby and passed.

Mrs. Carol Pinnel-Alison provided the jury with the monthly LSU Ag Center Update, including information about the recent livestock show in Delhi, Power Up Breakfast registration for children 9 – 12 years of age to be held at the Franklin Parish Library Learning Center on Feb. 27th, Parish Cookery Contest of which 3 students qualified for the regionals which were held at River of Life Church and all 3 placed at the regional level. Agriculturally speaking, it is wet around the region now, crop spraying has begun and prices are hanging in there. Hopeful the natural gas prices will stay down so fertilizer prices can do better than last year. Franklin Parish grows twice the amount of corn planted acres more than any other parish in the state so nitrogen prices are very important for Franklin Parish.

Mr. Ryan Russell of Adcock Rd. was in attendance to speak with the jury concerning a culvert request. Mr. Russell has a culvert that is the only access to his residence. The culvert either needs to be cleaned out or replaced with a larger one because the water is going over the culvert and has washed away the dirt work and gravel he has paid for, per Mr. Russell. In discussion, the jury deemed the culvert that is in the canal now to be impeding parish drainage and that it needs to be taken out and replaced. Campbell offered the motion to have the parish remove and replace the culvert. Peters seconded with all voting in agreement.

Vice President Norman reminded the jury and all in attendance that the Road and Bridge Sales Tax Renewal will be on the April Election Ballot. Robinson asked if an advertisement could be placed in the Franklin Sun letting the voters know that this is a renewal and what the revenue will be used for. An ad can be placed and the jury all agreed that an ad should be ran.

ADA Kramer was asked to provide an update regarding adjudicated properties within municipalities that have been adjudicated to the Parish and not the municipality of which they are located. Kramer is drafting letters and necessary documents for Gilbert, Wisner and Winnsboro to have the land that is in the name of the Franklin Parish Police Jury donated to the particular municipality.

The motion to approve the signing of the professional service contracts with McManus for the Capital Outlay projects pending OFP&C’s approval was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and was unanimously passed. Those projects are Riley Rd., Big Creek at Looney Canal, Dr. Rogers and L.D. Knox Rd.

Peters offered the motion to approve to provide following in-kind match for the Capital Outlay projects. Wesby seconded with all voting in agreement.

Riley Rd. 2023	\$168,055 (work)	\$33,612 (cash)
Riley Rd. 2024	\$277,778 (work)	\$55,555 (cash)
Big Creek Rd.	\$202,292 (work)	\$47,708 (cash)
Dr. Rogers Rd.	\$208,333 (work)	\$41,667 (cash)
L.D. Knox Rd.	\$451,388 (work)	\$100,279 (cash)

Ms. Cinnamon Gooding provided the jury with the monthly McManus update. Abe Lincoln/Horace White Sewer System: A smoke test is being ordered from the LA Rural Water Association in order to locate any leaks in the system. If needed a camera will be ran through the system to locate leaks. There is no schedule for this to begin at this time. There is a mechanism that will be installed at each lift station that will send a signal to an online computer system that will notify if pumps are not running. This should eliminate the need for an individual to do daily checks on the system. Also, will be working to get the pumps above ground which will make it easier to maintain. Looking to bid for the sewer improvements in April/May 2023. Ms. Gooding also provided a Franklin Parish Police Jury FY 2023 Road Improvement Process Chip Sealing procedure guide print out to assist with the preparation and construction of the roads in line to be chip sealed this year.

The motion to approve the Parish Flood Plain Manager to attend the FLMA Conference in March was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and was passed.

Campbell offered the motion to approve holding a public hearing to approve precinct districts 27 and 27A of Franklin Parish. Peters seconded with all voting in agreement.

Peters offered the motion to approve signing the second settlement of the National Opioid Settlement. Wesby seconded. The motion passed.

Campbell offered the motion to approve a 5% rate of pay increase for the 3 health unit employees paid by the jury. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

Peters offered the motion to notify the Workforce Development Board of its interest in participating in its CDL Training Program. Wesby seconded. The motion passed.

The motion to approve Mr. D. Johnson as an inhouse employee to be wastewater

certified to maintain the Abe Lincoln/Horace White Sewer System was offered by Robinson, seconded by Wesby and passed.

The motion to allow Mr. K. Pierce as an on call contract employee after May 1, 2023 at his current rate of pay was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

Wesby offered the motion to approve advertising for a bush hog operator; Robinson seconded, the motion passed.

The motion to approve Mr. D. Johnson as a full-time employee and a rate of pay increase of \$1 was offered by Robinson, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve hosting a Civil Law Training to be conducted by the Assistant Attorney General was offered by Peters, seconded by Campbell and passed.

Campbell offered the motion to approve advertising for park mowing quotes. Wesby seconded with all voting in agreement.

The motion to approve the installation of one rail car for the repairs needed for the Bush Rd. bridge was offered by Peters, seconded by Campbell and passed.

Campbell offered the motion to approve entering into a contract with Enterprise Fleet. Wesby seconded with all voting in agreement.

The motion to approve the BC/BS renewal quote with the jury absorbing the 2.3% increase of \$840.96 per month was offered by Peters, seconded by Campbell and passed.

The motion to approve the Guardian renewal quote was offered by Peters, seconded by Campbell and was passed. There was no change in the premium from 2022.

The motion to approve holding a public hearing to amend the parish Subdivision Ordinance by removing the hard surfacing requirement was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve holding a public hearing to amend the Road Standard Ordinance by removing the hard surfacing requirement was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve holding a public hearing to amend the Floodplain Ordinance by reinstating the 2 ft. above BFE requirement was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve holding a public hearing for the consideration of adopting a Livestock Burial Ordinance was offered by Peters, seconded by Wesby and passed.

The motion to approve the use of a rail car to replace the washed out culvert in Pine Bayou (Thornhill Project) was offered by Campbell, seconded by Robinson and passed.

The motion to approve placing a notice to the public about the upcoming road improvement schedule was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The motion to approve placing Children at Play sings near 854 Robert Ferrington Rd. and Berry Ln. was offered by Campbell, seconded by Peters and passed.

The Superintendent provided the jury with the monthly Superintendent’s Report, including the Monthly Work Schedule, Monthly Drainage Reports, Capital Improvement 3-year Plan and an update on the chemical spraying licensing. Campbell offered the motion to approve the Superintendent’s Report as presented. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

The Treasurer provided the jury with the monthly Treasurer’s Report, including the Profit and Loss vs Actual for all accounts. Campbell offered the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Peters seconded with all voting in agreement.

The jury was provided information about the OPAO Luncheon at convention.

With there being no further business to discuss, Campbell offered the motion to adjourn. Peters seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Karah Lochbrunner – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

James H. Harris – President

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NOTICE

THE VILLAGE OF GILBERT MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE GILBERT CITY HALL. THOSE PRESENT WERE AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR MIKE STEPHENS, CLERK OUIDA SEWELL, ASSISTANT CLERK MELANIE KEYES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN SUSAN BRITT, RANDY LLOYD, BARBARA EZELL,

POLICE CHIEF ALVIE VICK, FIRE CHIEF BILL MCLEMORE AND CITIZENS. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mike Stephens called the meeting to order.

PRAYER:

Mayor Mike Stephens led in opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ouida Sewell led in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES:

Discussion was held. Motion made by Susan Britt, seconded by Barbara Ezell to accept the minutes from last month as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS/BUDGET TO ACTUAL:

Discussion was held. Motion made by Barbara Ezell, seconded by Susan Britt to accept the financial documents as presented. Motion carried.

PAY MONTHLY BILLS:

Discussion was held. Motion made by Susan Britt seconded by Barbara Ezell to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Bill McLemore gave monthly report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: