

La. Tech basketball has new slogan

There is a quote of the day to every practice for the Louisiana Tech men's basketball team.

And the quote for every first practice under head coach Eric Konkol has been, "Begin with the end in mind."

And so that is how the 2019-20 Bulldogs began Thursday afternoon inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court.

The squad got after it for an intense two-plus hours on a day that has been

circled on the calendar.

"It is one of those days that you always look forward to, knowing that we could really get after it and have more time together," said Konkol who enters his fifth season at the helm. "We have a lot of things to work on from an execution standpoint, but I was pleased with our intensity level. I was pleased with the effort of the group and am looking forward to getting better tomorrow."

The quote itself comes from Dr.

Stephen Covey who wrote about the habits of highly effective people. One of those habits talks about beginning with the end in mind. For coach Konkol and the Bulldogs, that is about knowing that the team is on a journey.

"Today was the first step of that journey," said Konkol. "It is also about knowing what our goals are. Most importantly, we want to become the best version of ourselves and get better every day by putting ourselves in the position

to be successful. We always want to begin our first practice with the end in mind."

So much of the summer is spent on drills, skill development, strength and conditioning. Now, with the season about 40 days away, come the opportunities to install, learn and experiment.

"There are certain things that we have done all summer and we are now wanting to see those things done at a high level," said Konkol. "So much has been

about physical fitness. We need to practice in order to get into game shape. Thankfully, we have time do that before the season gets here."

This will be coach Konkol's most experienced team by far, made up of 11 upperclassmen including four seniors – Derric Jean, Mubarak Muhammad, DaQuan Bracey and Oliver Powell.

Fans will get their first opportunity to see the Bulldogs in action on Nov. 2 when they play host to the LSU Tigers.

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CONCORDIA

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

UNITED MISSISSIPPI BANK

VS SUIT NUMBER: 52388-B

LUCAS HAYMAN JENNINGS, ROXANNE OWENS JENNINGS, AND DONALD

WAYNE OWENS

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

LOT NO. FIFTY-FIVE (55) AND FIFTY-SIX (56) OF UNIT 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTION 16 AND 21, T6N-R8E, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS DESCRIBED ON 'PLAT PREPARED BY JORDAN, KAISER AND SESSIONS IN JULY 1960, ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN CONCORDIA PARISH, CLERK'S OFFICE, VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, AS DOCUMENT NO. 173931 IN PLAT ENVELOPE1A, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

The Property or its address is commonly known as 811 ELLARD ROAD, JONESVILLE, LA 71343.

DATE OF SALE: **NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

KENNETH HEDRICK, SHERIFF
s/sBY Lacy Darcey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise OCTOBER 2,2019
Advertise NOVEMBER 6,2019

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVECAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DA YS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN AP- PRAISER FOR YOU.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CONCORDIA

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

CONCORDIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

VS SUIT NUMBER: 51860

ALI MOHAMED ABDULLA

WRIT OF: WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

Lot Six (6) of Block Seven (7) of Woodland Subdivision Unit No. Two (2), to the Town of Ferriday, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, as shown by plat recorded in Book L-7, page 386 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon.

SUBJECT TO the restrictive covenants recorded in COB E-7, p. 435, as amended by Act recorded book G-7, p.106.

DATE OF SALE: **October 9, 2019**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

KENNETH HEDRICK, SHERIFF
BY:s/sLaci Darcey
(Depury Sheriff)

Advertise August 28, 2019
Advertise October 2, 2019

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PARISH OF CONCORDIA

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

CONCORDIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

VS SUIT NUMBER: 51942

BLAKE ALAN TAUNTON AND TIFFANY NICOLE TAUNTON

WRIT OF: WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS

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SEE "EXHIBIT A"

LOT NO. TWENTY (20) of MURRAY ADDITION "B" to the TOWN OF VIDALIA in CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, as shown on map or plat made by Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions, Registered Civil Engineers, in October 1977, a copy of which is filed for record under Register No. 137427, and recorded in Plat Cabin- et I, Env. 250-B (now Plat cabinet 2, Env 72), of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, to which recorded plat reference is here made for a more particular description. Together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

Bearing Municipal address of 1018 Guillory Street, Vidalia LA 71373.

SUBJECT TO:

- 1. Restrictive Covenants for said subdivision recorded in COB 109, PAGE 223;**
- 2. Oil, gas and mineral reservation by prior vendors recorded in COB 109, page 305;**
- 3. 7.5' utility and drainage easement along rear lot line as per plat.**

DATE OF SALE: **November 13, 2019**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE:Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

KENNETH HEDRICK, SHERIFF
s/sLacy Darcey

Advertise October 2, 2019
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BID NOTICE

City of Vidalia (herein referred to as the "Owner")

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CITY OF VIDALIA
wastewater collection system improvements**

Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Vidalia, and delivered to the Town Hall located at 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd., Vidalia, LA 71373, no later than **2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, October 17, 2019**. Proposals shall be designated as "Sealed Bid" City of Vidalia – Wastewater Collection System Improvements.

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must display his contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. **The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the City of Vidalia.**

Each bona fide bidder **must** be registered with the Engineer and obtain Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Bidding documents **must** be obtained from the office of the Engineer located at 6885 Highway 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334. A deposit of **\$ 100.00** for each printed set is required. The deposit, less actual cost of production (\$75.00), will be refunded to each document holder of record who returns a complete set of Bidding Documents in good condition within 10 days after opening of Bids. A fee of \$25.00 for each digital set is required.

In accordance with RS 38:2212(3)(b) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

For contractor information, this project is classified as municipal and public works construction.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Bid will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing addressed to **Bryant Hammett & Associates, L.L.C.** at 6885 Hwy. 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334 or emailed to kcapdepon@bha-engineers.com and to be given consideration, must be received at least ten days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. **No communication after this date.**

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

All awarded contractors will be required to attend a monthly meeting, with mandatory attendance from the Project Engineer, Resident Inspector and Contractor, or their authorized representatives, at the beginning of the month to review quantities for pay estimates, process change orders, review work performed during month and to discuss any problems which may have arisen.

Please notify the City of Vidalia at (318) 336-5206 seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

City of Vidalia
Buz Craft, Mayor

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9/25/19
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BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Concordia Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Riverland Medical Center ("Riverland") until 10:00 A.M. October 18, 2019, for the following system(s):

3D Diagnostic Mammography System.
("the Equipment")
Bid information can be obtained from:

Joe Coughran
Purchasing Manager
Riverland Medical Center
Phone: (318) 757-6551 ext. 334
E-mail: purchasing@riverlandmedical.com.
Hand-deliver bids to 1700 E.E. Wallace Blvd., Ferriday, Louisiana 71334, or mail by U.S. Mail to Riverland Medical Center, Attn: Joe Coughran, Purchasing Director, P.O. Box 111, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334.

Bidders have the option to submit bids electronically. To submit a bid electronically, bidders must register at Central Bidding by visiting <https://www.centralbidding.com>. For technical questions relating to the electronic bidding process please contact Central Bidding at (225)810-4814. Fees to submit electronically may apply. Payments of fees are the responsibility of the bidder.

Bids will be will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:30 A.M., October 18, 2019, at Riverland Medical Center, Administrative Conference Room, 1700 E.E. Wallace Blvd., Ferriday, Louisiana 71334. Riverland reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause or as otherwise prescribed by applicable law.

Absent a rejection of all bids, Riverland will award the contract for the Equipment to the lowest responsive responsible bidder.

Concordia Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Riverland Medical Center
By: Samuel Ellard
CEO

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BID NOTICE

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Digital General Radiology; Slice Computed Tomography (CT); and Multi-Purpose Radiographic / Fluoroscopy (RF) System. ("the Equipment").
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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 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, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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 of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2019, were approved. Motion for approval was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month of July, 2019. Mrs. Moak noted that the 2019 fiscal year has ended and that the information has been sent to the Auditors. She also reported that the Town now has Cyber Security Insurance. She then explained the fund balances for each of the funds, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She also reviewed the several 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 July 31, 2019. Following her presentation, there being no questions or comments, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The first application was by Marie Johnson-Calhoun for Vital Infuse of the Miss-Lou, LLC, at 214 Wallace Circle. There was no application for a sign. Ms. Johnson-Calhoun spoke on behalf of the application. After answering several questions, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The second application was by Karen Sanders for Tiger Tracks Driving Academy, Inc. at 2201 Murray Drive. There was no sign application. It was noted that this is a driver's education program to be held at the High School Library. Following a short discussion, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted.

Agenda Item No. 3 was consideration of outdoor sign applications. There was only one application, by Derrick Means, representing Vidalia Mills, at 1 King Timhoe Drive, for a sign at the front entrance to the plant. Mr. Means spoke on behalf of the application and showed the sign and its dimensions were included with the application. Following that, he gave an update on the progress and number of employees at the plant. Following Mr. Means' presentation, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, to grant the application.

Agenda Item No. 4 was a discussion of potential cost to the Town related to maintaining the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. The Mayor gave a short **history of the project and then introduced Mr. Doug McCallister, representing Point Man International Ministries** of the Miss-Lou, who spoke to the Board about the project and the means to finance the construction and placement of the wall. There was an extended discussion at which Mr. McCallister indicated that the wall is being placed at 270 Front Street, across the levee, and indicated who will be responsible for maintenance of the wall for such items as adding and updating names; damages to the wall because of things such as vandalism or other such damages. He also discussed the responsibility for the manufacture and placement of the wall, including landscaping, lighting, etc. He further discussed the responsibilities once the placement of the wall and landscaping and lighting have been done; and for routine maintenance, such as cleaning the wall and keeping any lighting working. Following his presentation, it was the consensus of the Board that Mr.McCallister and the Town Attorney will meet and discuss the changes to the current draft of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, so that it may be put in final form and signed.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board approval and signatures on liaison agreement to comply with required emergency response procedures for the town's gas system. The Mayor spoke of the need for this agreement and then gave the floor to Mr. Brian Allred who reported to the Board on the various reasons for the signing of the agreement. Following his presentation, there being no questions or comments, the Mayor and Board signed the agreement as presented to the Board prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board approval of Audit Questionnaire to comply with Louisiana Legislative Auditor requirements. The Mayor explained the need for approval of the Audit questionnaire. After a short discussion, Alderman Gardner offered a resolution for approval of the Audit questionnaire, the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Dore', and unanimously carried by those present. (A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 7 was the opening and approval of bids on sale of surplus Town vehicle (2004 Ford Taurus). The Mayor announced that there was only one bid by Lynn's Enterprise of \$377.00. On motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, the bid was accepted.

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Agenda Item No. 8 was the opening and approval of bids on new Town grapple truck. The Mayor proceeded to open the bids and announced them as follows: By Empire Truck Sales in the amount of \$140,849.00; By Waters International in the amount of \$142,607.86; By Scott Truck, LLC, in the amount of \$138,177.00; and By Scott Truck, LLC, for \$144,122.00. The Mayor noted that all bids included a TAC MAC loader and some contained alternate bids. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Dore, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present that the bids be taken under advisement for comparison with the published specifications and that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting those specifications; and that, thereafter, the Mayor proceed to notify the successful bidder and proceed with the purchase of the grapple truck.

Agenda Item No. 9 was a discussion of proposed projects for surplus hydroelectric royalties. The Mayor began by explaining the procedure for deciding which projects are to be undertaken. The Mayor and Board generally discussed the project suggestions resulting from the public hearings of August 27, 2019, and September 3, 2019, and briefly discussed those suggestions which had been included in the packet for the meeting. As a result of the discussions, the consensus was that no action would be taken at this meeting and that the Board will get a list of their suggestions and put a cost on them and will meet, two at a time, to come up with a list to present to the Mayor who would then research the cost issues. The Mayor noting that there was nothing else on the agenda, asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Dore, and unanimously carried by those present, and the meeting was adjourned.

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

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (For Audit Engagements of Governments) and authorizing Mayor Buz Craft to sign all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (For Audit Engagements of Governments) is a required part of the Financial Audit of Louisiana State and Local Government Agencies and the completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body and the completed and signed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be given to the Auditor at the beginning of the audit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, convened in regular session on September 10, 2019, agreed that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, as properly completed, should be adopted; and that it is necessary to authorize Mayor Buz Craft to sign all documents necessary to implement said adoption:

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Vidalia hereby adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (For Audit Engagements of Governments) as presented at this meeting; and hereby authorizes Mayor Buz Craft to sign all documents necessary to implement said adoption; said Resolution to become effective immediately.

The above Resolution was presented for adoption at the September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, 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 on this 10th day of September, 2019, to be effective immediately.

/s/ Jay LaSyone	s/sBuz Craft, Mayor
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EMERGENCY ORDER CEO 19-01

The Concordia Parish Police Jury desires to relocate and/or rename polling location(s) due to availability of facilities or facility name changes.

WHEREAS, by the Concordia Parish Police Jury pursuant to the "Voting Precinct and Polling Place Handbook", for purposes of the October and November 2019 election, the following changes shall be adopted:

Precinct 5-4: Relocate polling precinct from the Wildsville Substation to Sonny's Food Mart located at 15119 Hwy 84, Jonesville, LA 71343. The relocation is based on the inaccessible condition of the Wildsville Substation.

Precinct 5-6: The owners of the polling place have changed for "Paul's Grocery". A revised polling place lease agreement has been executed with the new owners.

WHEREAS, should any section of provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared unconstitutional or invalid.

WHEREAS, all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith or incompatible with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby replaced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by this Emergency Order, the following changes to the above listed precincts be claimed adopted.

This declared on the 30th of August, 2019 in the Parish of Concordia, Vidalia, Louisiana.	/s/ Jimmy Wilkinson, President	/s/ Sandi T. Burley, Secretary, Treasurer
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CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 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, Adam Probst, and Joseph Parker, Sr
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Whest Shirley and Tommy Tiffee
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Probst
Invocation, pledge, and roll call of members	

2) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2019 as mailed. Motion carried.

3) Mr. Wilkinson introduced Ms. Jane Netteville, candidate for State Representative. Ms. Netteville detailed her history as serving eight years on the Tensas Parish Police Jury and currently serving on the executive board where she has been a member of the North Delta Planning and Development for twelve years. Ms. Netteville grew up in Clayton and currently owns and runs two businesses in Tensas Parish. She is passionate about bringing more jobs to the area, increasing economic development, stabilizing infrastructure, bettering our neighborhoods, and bringing more retirees to the community who have sought out our area due to the low crime rates and a variety of recreational activities. Mr. Wilkinson thanked her for her time.

4) Mr. Wilkinson introduced Mr. Glen McGlothlin, candidate for State Representative. Mr. McGlothlin spoke of how he grew up in Concordia Parish and the poverty status of our community. He described many projects that had been promoted to come; only to go somewhere else. He stated we need to be realistic about what companies we plan to bring to the community to ensure they have longevity and want to stay. He wants to help small businesses that have been here for years continue to grow. He is passionate about helping the elderly, retirees, and veterans who he doesn't want to see in poverty. Mr. McGlothlin served as Mayor of Ferriday for sixteen years in which he learned a lot about how government can help the communities both as rebuilding neighborhoods and promoting economic development. Mr. Wilkinson thanked him for his time.

5) The Hospital Board and staff were invited to attend to discuss the de-

cisions made to temporary close the surgery unit of the hospital which affected staff losing their jobs. Mr. Parker opened discussion by describing the history of the decisions the Jurors were asked to make when deciding whether to build a new hospital. Mr. Parker stated he had received numerous calls from residents about the new hospital. He also read the description found on the hospital website on what the new hospital was offering. Many of the calls were about the new surgical unit and asked the board to be present at the meeting for clarification. He was now hearing changes and cut outs were being made at the new hospital.

Mr. Wilkinson asked Mr. Jim Graves, Hospital Board President, to come forward on behalf of the hospital. Mr. Wilkinson began by stating that the Jurors had received no notification from the hospital board on the name change or the closing of the surgical center. Mr. Graves responded by stating they were suspending surgeries due to losing on average of \$50,000 per month over last ten months. The hospital needs at least 50 surgeries per month to break even. Currently they are averaging 25.

Mr. Graves went on to describe recruiting efforts to get a family practice physician and surgeon. Mr. Wilkinson asked who was responsible for hiring to which Mr. Graves responded Administration. Mr. Graves also stated he never saw a future without having a surgery center. The financials were presented at the hospital board meeting in August in which to make the decision to suspend the surgical center.

Mr. Wilkinson asked why the hospital wasn't getting the referrals they needed from marketing efforts or doctors. That information had been gathered to show many of Concordia patients were being sent to Winnsboro or Rayville for treatment. Mr. Graves stated they just lost a urologist and a new one is waiting on the opening of the new hospital before transitioning.

Mr. Jernigan asked if efforts had been made to talk to the staff about the department losing money and why hasn't administration done more. He referenced an article that had been published in the Catahoula News Booster of a new doctor coming to Jena and at Hartner in Olla who have fifteen different doctors in their network with only 1300 people in the area. Mr. Graves stated they couldn't pay the doctors when they were losing money. The doctors are expected to build their group of patients to be able to practice on their own.

Mr. Wilkinson asked how many doctors were on staff. Mr. Graves stated one, but they were trying to get up to three. Mr. Jernigan asked if they had talked with neighboring hospitals about networking with doctors to provide services at the hospital. Mr. Graves stated they had talked to area hospitals but all talks fell through.

Mr. Parker asked Mr. Graves if the new surgical suite will be completed in the new hospital. Mr. Graves responded yes; it has to be; it was presented to the USDA to receive funding. Mr. Wilkinson added that the people of the parish want surgeries, they pay tax dollars to have services provided locally. Mr. Graves stated the new hospital will have it and the current surgical staff can apply for other positions in the current hospital.

Mr. Jernigan stated he supported the new hospital and four years later they still only have one doctor on staff and diminished services.

Mr. Graves announced that they will sign an agreement to use the old hospital as an opioid and substance abuse clinic. Renovations will start on the old hospital in the near future. The new clinic will bring about 100 jobs with an initial year payroll estimated at \$1.8 million. Mr. Jernigan asked if the building will be leased or sold. Mr. Graves responded that they had put the building out for RFP several times and there were no takers. The state approved the creation of a real estate company. The real estate company will be composed of both the hospital and opioid clinic staff. The hospital can be donated to the real estate company and the financial supporters of the clinic can be apart of the real estate company.

Mr. Wilkinson stated he was in favor of repurposing the building for an opioid clinic but blamed management for not getting more doctors and more patients to keep the surgery center open. Mr. Wilkinson requested a list of five doctors who have been interviewed over the last 90 days. Mr. Graves stated the recruiters would have that information but he would get that to him. Mr. Wilkinson stated that neither the recruiters nor the hospital administration have done an efficient job of communicating to their staff for them to understand what is going on.

Mr. Wilkinson then opened the discussion to the audience. Ms. Debby Brocato spoke first by asking what doctor was going to run the opioid clinic. Mr. Graves stated the doctors would come from out of town and would also be using a telemed system.

Ms. Brocato also asked what doctors were currently on staff at the hospital. Mr. Sam Ellard responded by listing Dr. Moak, Dr. Ingram, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Dulam.

Mr. Rusty Smith, a CRNA, spoke next. He is one of the employees effected by the suspending of the surgical unit. Mr. Smith stated that there is a failure to communicate. He travels to other area hospitals for work and sees that Concordia Parish residents are being sent to these hospitals for basic procedures that could be done locally. He stated he had spoken to the administrators of hospitals in Winnsboro, Rayville, Columbia, and Alexandria. There are four surgeons and four family practitioners in Winnsboro, two surgeons and four family practitioners in Rayville, and one surgeon and two-family practitioners in Columbia.

Mr. Smith continued to state that the status quo is in hiring surgeons and doctors and if we are not keeping up with the status quo then we are not going to get anybody to come. The staff has done their job in helping out at the hospital.

Mr. Barry Maxwell spoke next. He stated that Dr. Crase was terminated in 2017. Approximately 800 procedures were being performed per year. Mr. Maxwell further stated that his contract was renewed for four years, but one year after renewal he was asked to go out on his own. Mr. Maxwell asked what was being done to recruit. Mr. Graves responded by stating that Dr. Crase was not terminated. He went out on his own after establishing his own setup. Mr. Maxwell in turn asked what has been done since he left. Mr. Graves stated that we will see more doctors after the new hospital is open.

Mr. Glen McGlothlin spoke next by stating that we are all here to solve a problem. If we make the problem bigger it will never get solved. He reminisced a time when the hospital was in disrepair and Dr Greg worked to have a new surgical center renovated. He asked everyone to help solve the problems instead of arguing about them.

Mr. Wilkinson responded that lack of communication is the biggest problem to fix.

Dr. Bill Colvin addressed Mr. Graves regarding Dr. Crase. Dr. Colvin stated that Dr. Crase was offered a fee and one year later this was cut out by the hospital so he had to find another job elsewhere. Dr. Colvin went on to address the issues of relying on Drs. Tillman and Dr. Flatman to make referrals to the hospital when they have vested interests in River Park Medical Center and Meritt Health in Natchez. A surgeon has to have referrals. Dr. Moak and Dr. Lee are no longer making referrals and Dr. Ingram and sporadically Dr. Lee are the only doctors admitting patients. He went on further to explain that 1.5 doctors are making referrals and the hospital is wondering why patient referrals are down. Mr. Graves responded by stating that most of the patients are cardiac and those have to be transferred out to other hospitals.

Mr. Sam Ellard, Administrator, addressed the audience next. Mr. Ellard stated that he preaches primary care. If you don't have that, you don't have much. He has been with the hospital for ten months and just received approval from the board to move forward with a contract with a new recruiting firm.

Ms. Brocato asked if the hospital board was helping with recruiting. Mr. Ellards responded, yes; there is a process to finding primary care physicians. The needs also impact surgeries, labs, and radiology.

Ms. Diane Martin spoke next. She has been employed by the hospital since 1993. She stated the main problem is referrals. She has talked with Mr. Ellard about getting a surgeon. The surgery unit cannot meet the needs of emergency surgeries needed since Dr. Flatman only comes once a week.

Mr. Wilkinson closed the general discussion by addressing that the communication presented at the meeting was excellent. He asked the board to please reconsider suspending the surgical center, as he was pointing the finger at management, not staff, for the issues.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to ratify the purchase orders and bank statements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Next discussed was establishing a Grant Committee. Ms. Burley explained that the notice of funding opportunities for several grants have been released. There is no committee to discuss the scopes and needs in which to apply for. Mr. Wilkinson asked the Jurors to please get with Ms. Burley if you are interested in serving on the board.

8) A formal response was received from Assistant DA Joey Boothe on right of ways to the Black Lake properties owned by the parish. Mr. Boothe stated he could find no description that extended Pete Davis Road to the property. Ms. Burley had discussed this finding with each of the bidders prior to meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss. The bidders were made aware that the tracts were enclosed with no access to a public road in the bid packet provided a review of the lease agreement to be executed. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker to award the Black Lake Leases as follows: Tract 1 (water portion) – John McCrory - \$170,000 per year; Tract II (land portion) – Creighton Ward - \$4435.40 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Changes to the location of the polling place for the Wildsville 5A district were needed. The original location of the old substation was no longer adequate.

Sonny's Food Mart had agreed to be a polling place. Also, the ownership of the polling location of Paul's Grocery in Monterey had changed as well. Ordinance 2019-03 was presented to modify the polling location in Wildsville and the ownership of Paul's Grocery. A motion was made by Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously to approve the changes. (See addendum for Ordinance 2019-03.)

10) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held August 26, 2019.

11) A request and hold harmless letter had been received from Delta Charter to grade the parking lot. A motion was made Mr. Jernigan seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously.

12) Resolution 19-022 was presented. The resolution is needed to submit a request for concurrence for the audiovisual equipment needed for the courtroom. The original proposal has already been reviewed at the state level to make sure the requests fit the guidelines of the project. A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Cook and carried unanimously to approve the proposal and submit the resolution for state approval.

13) Projects of the Parish were once again discussed.
Brushy Bayou: A meeting was held August 27, 2019 with the Fifth Levee District to review and revise the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Mr. Wilkinson expanded on the meeting stating the Parish relieved some of the concerns the FLD had about the project and their responsibilities. The CEA expands on creating a reserve for fund for future major maintenance and repairs that may be needed during the life of the structure. We are waiting on insurance requirements from FEMA/GOHSEP office to amend the CEA in which to execute. This is needed for USACE to approve the 408 permit and continue to work on the process to approve the 404 permit. Mr. Lipsey with the DA's office has completed the right of ways and easements and they are ready for execution.

Courtroom Renovations: Bids were opened and Wilmar Construction has been awarded the bid based on approval by the State. The "Request for Concurrence" to award the bid has been submitted to the FP&C department of the Division of Administration for a review and approval. Once this step is complete a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued. This should take about thirty days. The goal is to start by October 1st. The project should be completed within 120 days. A pre-construction meeting is schedule for Friday, September 27, 2019. Washington Heights: Bid opening was held on August 13th. The bids came in slightly higher than the allocated funds. The Parish has 45 days to award the bid. Ms. Burley has reached out to the Delta Regional Authority on the status of a grant that would help offset the funds needed in which to award the bid. Per DRA, the Parish would know more by the end of September if a grant was awarded to the help with the project. The Parish must have the funds for the project before awarding the bid. JABAR who was the lowest responsible bidder has been contacted of the possibility of needing more than 45 days to award the bid while we wait for the grant award status from DRA.

Vidalia Canal: Mr. Guillory updated the Jurors that much of the canal behind the ball park to Concordia Extension has been cleaned out.

14) Ordinance violations of the parish were next discussed. Mr. Jernigan stated that one of his lots has been cleaned up on Luttrell Road. There were two lots belonging to Ms. Renata Fair and the Burns estate that had not been cleaned. Mr. Jernigan asked Mr. Guillory to place these lots on a work order. Mr. Wilkinson also had properties that he wanted letters re-sent to prior violators whose properties once again needed to be cut. Mr. Dunbar stated that he had made a motion for two lots on Freeman Road to be cut. He felt that employees were still being used to resolve issues of other districts and felt the work could be done by the barn staff as well. Mr. Jernigan stated that during prior discussion a bulldozer or track hoe would be needed to clean the two lots on Freeman Road. Discussion ensued about what was able to be done by the barn and what was required to clean the lots. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to allow the Superintendent to take a look at the lots on Freeman Road to see if they could be cleaned by the barn staff and equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

15) Under the Secretary/Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley reminded the Jurors of the Region VIII meeting to be held at Ferriday Hall on September 19th. Registration will start at 5 pm with the event starting at 6 pm.

16) A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Jernigan to approve the following work orders:
Pitrun – 10 yards on Poole Road; 5 yards on Bob Rife Road; 14 yards on Ferguson
Maintenance Gravel – 7 yards on Boyette; 14 yards on Luttrell
Discussed culvert needed for Washington Height area with an approximate cost of \$7500.

Mr. Wilkinson had discussed with Mr. Guillory about opening up Friday and Saturday work for track hoes and other work needed. Mr. Guillory stated a few had signed up. Mr. Wilkinson also requested the ditch at 556 Belle Grove be cut due to a water leak that has now been fixed but the grass has grown too high. He also requested the public boat launch at Old River be graded as well.

Mr. Guillory discussed that an employee had been operating the heavy equipment for the last few weeks and he recommended that the employee be placed in the heavy equipment position. A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to promote Mr. Barry Williams to heavy operator and pay him for the two weeks retroactively at the heavy equipment operator pay. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Probst to have the Superintendent get the applications to Mr. Dunbar on the Personnel Committee and review the applications. Motion carried unanimously. A meeting was set with the Personnel Committee to review the applications on Tuesday at 3:30.

17) Work orders conducted since the previous meeting were distributed for review. No action was taken by the Jurors.

18) Under correspondence, Ms. Catherine Cartwright asked why District 2 voting had been moved from the courthouse to the old school board office approximately six years ago. Her concern stemmed from her volunteering to take the elderly to the polling site and the location was farthest from her area in the district. Mr. Wilkinson stated that we would get with the Registrar of Voters to provide an answer on why the location for the district was changed.

Mr. Darrell Curry also addressed the Jurors regarding the Superintendent's work requests. He asked why the parish would put pitrun on asphalt roads. Mr. Guillory stated this was a temporary fix while the roads were faced with seepage water issues. The barn staff has a cold mix that will be put out to fix the road properly.

Distributed to the Jurors as mail correspondence were: Hospital Board – 7/23 minutes; Sewer District – 6/18 and 7/16 minutes.

16) There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Jernigan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 4:00 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, Jimmy Jernigan, Adam Probst, Whest Shirley and Joseph Parker, Sr
Absent:	Jerry Beatty, Willie Dunbar and Tommy Tiffee
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Jernigan
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Parker

• Invocation, pledge, and roll call of members

• New hires for the barn were discussed. Mr. Guillory had interviewed candidates for laborer, light equipment, and heavy equipment operators. He conducted skills text for the heavy equipment operators. He discussed the training some needed to be able to fully complete the tasks but were knowledgeable about the equipment. His recommendations to the Jurors were as follows:
Cecil Thompson, Laborer
Calvin Smith, Light Equipment Operator
Allen Wiley, Heavy Equipment Operator

A motion was made by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the applications and positions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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