

LSU tennis team falls to Pepperdine at Regional

No 7-seeded LSU suffered a 4-3 loss to Pepperdine in the NCAA Regional Final, going down in the round of 32 of the NCAA Tournament at the LSU Tennis Complex.

LSU concluded its season with an impressive 26-7 record, while Pepperdine moves to 19-9.

“We got off to a good start in doubles, winning on courts one and two,” said head coach Danny Bryan. “We certainly didn’t play our best in the first set on a lot of courts, which got us behind. However, I felt we made a comeback and gained momentum in a lot of the second sets. It was un-

fortunate that Andrej [Loncarevic] got hurt – he’s been so solid for us all year. Same thing with Matias [Ponce de Leon], as he’s won so many big matches. Olaf [Pieczkowski] stepped up so much and played extremely well, so we still had a shot.”

When reflecting on the match and the season, Bryan said, “Going in, we knew it was going to be a close match. We knew it was going to be the difference of a couple of points here and there, and we didn’t play our best. It is tough to process it right now, but it was an amazing season.”

Doubles play opened on court two

with a matchup between Erik Arutiunian and Ponce de Leon versus Lasse Poertner and Gustavo Almeida. The freshman-senior pair surged from the start, opening with a break at their first opportunity to take a 2-0 lead. The Waves couldn’t find their footing on serve as the Tigers moved forward with authority, taking three more games to complete the five-game stretch. Poertner and Almeida got a game on the board at 5-1, but it wasn’t enough to halt Arutiunian and Ponce de Leon’s momentum. With a 6-1 win, the duo pushed their win streak to six to wrap up their season

together, hitting the 20-win mark with a 20-6 record.

At the third spot, Enzo Kohlmann and Pieczkowski began in a tight battle against Maxi Homberg and Aleksa Pisaric. The Tigers held on in the opening stages by keeping the score level at 1-1 and again at 2-2. From there, the Waves took consecutive games to forge ahead 4-2. Kohlmann and Pieczkowski responded with a break of their own to get back on serve, 4-3. At a 4-4 stalemate, the set appeared to be going the distance; however, with a 5-4 lead, Homberg and Pisaric landed the decisive blow with the fi-

nal break to win, 6-4. The top court featured a ranked showdown between No. 15 Sasa Markovic and Loncarevic versus No. 49 Edward Winter and David Fix. The match was tense from the outset, each team advancing through the opening stages with commanding serves. At 3-3, the sophomore pair logged the key break to go ahead 4-3, before building a two-game cushion at 5-3. The Waves earned another service game to close the gap at 5-4, but it ultimately wasn’t enough. The Tigers served it out at 6-4, earning their 14th win, seventh over a ranked opponent, to wrap up their season.

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

CONCORDIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

VS SUIT NUMBER: 56113

WILLIAM CLAY NATIONS & JENNIFER O’NEIL NATIONS

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:

SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION OF LOT “B” BEING A PORTION OF DEER PARK PLANTATION SITUATED IN SECTION 60, TSN-R9E, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot No. 69 if the South Deer Park Hunting and Fishing Camp Sites per map recorded in Conveyance Book M-7, Page 306 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana and run S 08° 06’ E for 79.38 feet and S 13° 37’ E for 73.17 feet to the Northwest corner and point of beginning for within described Lot B; thence from said point of beginning run S 77° 34’ E for 452 feet, more or less, to the bed of the Mississippi River; thence southerly 120 feet, more or less, to the old bed of the Mississippi River; thence N 71° 30’ W for 460 feet, more or less, to aforementioned projection of the easterly line of gravel road; thence N 13° 37’ W for 73.17 feet on the projection of the easterly line of gravel road to the point of beginning, containing 0.92 acres, more or less, being a portion Deer Park Plantation situated in Section 60, T5N- R9E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

SUBJECT TO:

A Predial Servitude of Passage granted by Wayne Palmer McMurry and Joan Springer McMurry in favor of Rennie Palmer McMurry and Lynn Craig McMurry and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot No. 69 of the South Deer Park Hunting and Fishing Camp Sites per map recorded in Conveyance Book M-7, Page 306 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana and run S 08° 06’ E for 79.38 feet on a projection of the easterly line of a gravel road serving said South Deer Park Hunting and Fishing Camp Sites to the northwest corner of Lot “A” and Lot “B” to the south line of Deer Park Plantation; thence N 71° 30’ W for 47.23 feet on said line to the west line of within described 40 foot roadway easement; thence N 13° 37’ W for 122.83 feet and N 08° 06’ W for 80.05 feet on the west line of said easement; thence N 79° 38’ E for 40 feet to the point of beginning of within described 40 foot wide easement.

And SUBJECT TO:

All existing mineral servitudes, royalty rights, mineral rights, and all servitudes and easements of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether existing by conventions, usage or operation of law, particularly including (but not limited to) all those riparian servitudes and easements imposed by law upon estates bordering navigable streams, whether heretofore or hereafter exercised; and less and except all public road rights-of-way and highway rights-of-way including the hereinabove description.

DATE OF SALE: **May 13, 2026**

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

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: Mickie Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise April 15, 2026

Advertise May 6, 2026

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

WHEREABOUTS

“Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of Cora Lee Bailey Marsaw or anyone purporting to be an heir of Cora Lee Bailey Marsaw, please contact Derrick D. Carson, P.O. Box 1106, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334, Phone (318) 757-0200.”

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Vidalia, Louisiana
Concordia Parish Airport
AIP Project No. 3-22-0061-024-2026

Sealed bids will be received until **4:30 pm local time on May 27, 2026**, and then publicly opened and read at the Concordia Parish Police Jury Office, 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, Louisiana, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to complete:

Schedule I
Construct 65’ x 65’ Hangar with Bi-Fold Door

Copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected at:

ACE Consulting and Design, LLC; 1060 E. County Line Road; Suite 3A-290; Ridgeland, MS 39157

Concordia Parish Airport Authority, 359 National Guard Road; Vidalia, LA 71373

A complete set of bid documents may be obtained from the office of ACE Consulting and Design, LLC; 1060 E. County Line Road; Suite 3A-290.; Ridgeland, MS 39157, by e-mail mcorkern@ace-c-d.com or by phone 601-882-5533 for a fee of \$75.00 which is refundable per Louisiana Public Bid Law. An electronic pdf copy of bid documents can be obtained at no cost.

Pre-Bid Meeting. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on May 15, 2026 at 10:30 am. This meeting will be held at the Concordia Parish Airport Terminal located at 359 National Guard Road, Vidalia, LA 71373.

Contract Work Items: This project will involve, but not be limited to, the following work items: Construct the foundation for a 65’ x 65’ hangar, erection of said hangar, electrical components necessary to provide power and light for the hangar

and operate the bi-fold doors.

Contract Time

The owner has established a contract performance time of 120 calendar days from the date of the Notice-to-Proceed. All project work shall be substantially completed within the stated timeframe. This project is subject to liquidated damages as prescribed within the project manual.

Bid Security

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to Concordia Parish Airport Authority

Bonding Requirements

The successful bidder will be required to furnish separate performance and payment bonds each in the amount equal to 100% of the contract price at the time of contract execution.

Award of Contract

All proposals submitted in accordance with the instructions presented herein may be held by the Concordia Parish Police Airport Authority for a period not to exceed 45 days from the date of the bid opening. The owner shall then award said contract to the lowest responsible bidder or reject all bids.

Award of contract will be based on the sum of the base bid and any alternates accepted, submitted from those bidders that are confirmed as being responsive and responsible. The right is reserved, as Concordia Parish Police Jury may require, award contract to the lowest responsible bidder or reject all bids.

Award of contract is contingent upon the owner receiving sufficient Federal funding assistance under the Airport Improvement Program.

State Provisions

All procedures shall meet the statutes stipulated in the Public Bid Law, Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes as amended through 2008 regular session, October 2008, inclusively.

Federal Provisions

This project is subject to the following Federal provisions, statutes and regulations;

[Equal Employment Opportunity - Executive Order 11246 and 41 CFR Part 60](#)

[Goals for Minority and Female Participation – Executive Order 11246 and 41 CFR Part 60.](#)

[Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities – 41 CFR Part 60:](#)

[Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – 49 CFR Part 29.](#)

[Foreign Trade Restriction – 49 CFR Part 30](#)
[Buy American Certificate – Aviation Safety and Capacity Act of 1990:](#)

Additional Provisions

Modification to the project documents may only be made by written addendum by the Owner or Owner’s authorized Representative.

The proposal must be made on the forms provided within the bound project manual. Bidders must supply all required information prior to the time of bid opening.

Submittal of Proposals

Additional information and instruction for submittal of a proposal are provided within the Instructions-to-Bidders. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and addressed to:

Carl Sayers, President
Concordia Parish Airport Authority
4001 Carter Street, Room 1
Vidalia, Louisiana 71373

The upper left hand corner of the sealed envelope must identify the following information:

CONTRACT PROPOSAL
Bid of _____
for Construction at [Concordia Parish Airport](#).
FAA Project No. [3-22-0061-024-2026](#)
To be opened at: [4:30 pm local time May 27, 2026](#)

4/29; 5/6,13 \$91.50

SKIPPER WHEREABOUTS

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VILLAGE OF RIDGECREST

DATE: **Thursday May 7, 2026**

TIME: **6:00 PM**

PLACE: **Ridgecrest Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**

The Village of Ridgecrest will hold a special meeting to discuss the future of Ridgecrest. Come and have your voice heard.

Thank you,

Conne Adair, Mayor

In accordance with the American Disability Act, if you need additional assistance, please contact the Village of Ridgecrest at (318) 757-4497.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is given, that the Concordia Parish Police Jury will receive sealed bids up to **4:00 PM** local time, Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Concordia Parish Police Jury Office, Parish Courthouse 4001 Carter Street Room 1, Vidalia, LA 71373 for the purchase of a 2000 gallon distributor truck with a 12’ folding spray bar, washdown system, loading hose, hose through, back up camera, freightliner M2 chassis.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and to make award as it might elect.

To be published: **April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th, and May 6th, 2026.**

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**TOWN OF JONESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
104 LILLY STREET**

JONESVILLE LA 71343

APRIL 14, 2026

MINUTES

On April 14, 2026, @ 6:00 P.M. a regular meeting was held in the meeting room, at 104 Lilly Street, Jonesville LA 71343. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hollins. Roll was called by Anlynnne Gardner, Town Clerk. The Council Members present were June Gayden, Dexter Jefferson, Angela Carter and Catina Branch. Also, present were Town Attorney Joey Boothe and via phone call Dona Manuel, CPA for the town. Absent council member was Shalonda Branch.

The Invocation was given by Council Member June Gayden, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Catina Branch.

Mayor Hollins called for any person(s) to identify themselves and the agenda item(s) in which they wish to comment on in accordance with Act 850 of 2010. Ms. Tamiko Hines was identified and asked to be added to the agenda, Mayor Hollins, added Ms. Hines to the recognition and visitor under item #8.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Dexter Jefferson to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2026, regular meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member June Gayden to approve the monthly bills. Motion was carried.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Cody Roland of Pan American Engineering gave the monthly engineering report for the town.
- Amy Deville, Catahoula Veteran’s Network introduced herself and the network mission, vision for the veterans of Catahoula and surrounding areas to Mayor Hollins and the Council Members.
- Angela Patten, Four Paws Private Park requested consideration by Council Members on this dog park in a residential area.
- Tamiko Hines requested that Council make sure that ordinances were in place for dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash. There is an overwhelming problem with dogs in the area.
- Canaan Cotton, JCP Management, the Third-party management for water and sewer department for the Town of Jonesville gave the monthly report.
- Dona Manuel, Dona Manuel CPA gave the monthly financial report for the Town of Jonesville.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Dexter Jefferson to adopt a resolution to execute all agreements and documents with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development- Office of Multimodal Commerce on pertaining to Jonesville Municipal Airport. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member June Gayden to revisit a tabled motion for a resolution on the sale of the CMI building belonging to the Town of Jonesville. On a motion by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Angela Carter to table this resolution until all council members have had a chance to review the resolution and discuss the matter at hand. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Angela Carter and seconded by Council Member Catina Branch to receive and accept the lowest bid for the project entitled Rehabilitation of Gohegan Pump Station. Lowest bid awarded to Mitchell Contracts. Motion carried.

Council Members:(District report and concerns)

- June Gayden- Limbs, proper process for someone to report out of a Council Members district to another Council Member.
- Dexter Jefferson-Soybean Festival will soon have a layout, Soybean Festival next meeting April 21st at the Mexican Restaurant.
- Angela Carter- Fire hydrant by Leon Butcher home.
- Catina Branch- limbs, ordinances on yards

Town Attorney –

- April 24th Friday After Five by MainStreet Committee
- April 25th- Heritage Festival in Harrisonburg

Mayor Hollins-

- Received a report from Fire Chief, Mike Bennett- new fire station has been fully funded for Catahoula Parish.
- Town of Jonesville will partner with Louisiana Park Rangers on April 25th for the Love Da Boot – Clean-up Day for Jonesville
- May 11, 2026, Farm Bureau will sponsor an event for children
- Hometown Waste has garbage trucks down.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Angela Carter for adjournment. Motion was carried.

ATTEST:

LORIA HOLLINS, MAYOR

ANLYNNNE GARDNER, TOWN CLERK

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**Concordia Parish School Board
Educational Policy Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Central Office**

Members Present

- Angela Hayes
- Dorothy Parker
- William Marsalis, Sr

Also Present

- Toyua Bachus, Superintendent
- Rhonda Moore, Human Resources Director

Personnel Updates

Mrs. Rhonda Moore provided updates regarding personnel matters, including resignations, terminations, and employee leave requests currently being processed by the district.

JROTC Program Discussion

Superintendent Bachus discussed the potential implementation of a JROTC program within the district. She explained that the application process would require the district to enter into a contractual agreement, which will ultimately require approval by the Concordia Parish School Board before moving forward.

Vidalia Junior High Project Committee Update

The Superintendent shared that the Vidalia Junior High (VJH) Project Committee recently met to review progress and discuss updates related to the project.

Following the update, Mr. William Marsalis, Sr. requested that a community update regarding the project be placed on an upcoming board meeting agenda so that the public can remain informed about the status of the project.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement – City of Vidalia

Superintendent Bachus also informed the committee that the district has reached out to the City of Vidalia regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) connected to the project.

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Mr. Marsalis stated that he would personally meet with the Mayor of Vidalia to obtain

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Concordia Parish School Board Finance Committee Meeting

March 9, 2026
3:30 PM

Central Administration Building Conference Room
4894 Highway 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana

Members Present

- Tom O'Neal
- Patricia Sessions
- Vanessa Houck
- Fred Butcher
- Lisette Foreman

Staff Present

- Representatives from the Concordia Parish School Board Business Department

1. Review of Financial Statements – February 2026

The Business Department presented the financial statements for the month of February 2026. Committee members reviewed revenues, expenditures, and the district's overall financial status for the reporting period. Questions and discussion were held regarding various budget categories and financial trends.

2. Update on School Audit Program

The Business Department provided an update on the district's school audit program. The committee discussed procedures currently in place to ensure fiscal accountability and compliance with district financial policies.

3. Appraisal Update – Central Administration Facility

An update was provided regarding the appraisal process for the Central Administration facility. The committee discussed the status of the appraisal and potential implications for future district planning.

4. Update on Recent Ferriday High School Issue

The Business Department provided an update regarding a recent issue involving Ferriday High School. Committee members discussed the matter and any financial considerations related to the issue.

5. Other Items

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The committee discussed other items that may come before the Finance Committee and/or other School Board Committees in the future.

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Concordia Parish School Board Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026
5:00 PM

Central Office, 4894 Hwy 84, Vidalia, LA

Present

- Tom O'Neal
- Derrick Carson
- Toyua Bachus, Superintendent
- James White
- Nathan Cloessner
- Mr. Brant Jones, Bryant Hammett & Associates

It should be noted that Mr. Wayne Wilson attempted to join the meeting virtually; however, the meeting link was not functioning and he was unable to connect.

Work Order Report

Mr. James White presented the monthly work order report. The report indicated 42 work orders had been submitted, with 9 still pending completion at the time of the meeting. The committee reviewed the report and discussed ongoing maintenance needs across district facilities.

Football Field and Drainage Updates

Mr. Brant Jones of Bryant Hammett & Associates provided an update regarding the football field projects currently underway. He also discussed drainage concerns affecting certain areas and shared possible solutions and next steps with the committee.

Monterey Lighting Concerns

Mr. Nathan Cloessner discussed lighting issues in Monterey. He also shared information regarding a partnership with the local Recreation Board to address and improve lighting conditions in the area.

Vidalia Junior High (VJH) Project Update

Superintendent Bachus provided an update on the Vidalia Junior High Project Committee. She shared that the district is currently gathering information necessary to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for painting. Additionally, a list of items to be addressed with an architect has been compiled as part of the ongoing planning process.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Concordia Parish Police Jury shall hold a public hearing on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Concordia Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, located at 4001 Carter Street Room 2 Vidalia, La 71373, for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed revision to Ordinance No. 2023-11-27. The proposed revision amends the existing 5-ton load limit ordinance to include additional parish roads, specifically East Road, East Cottdondale Road, and West Cottdondale Road, along with previously designated roads.

Please publish in the 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20 paper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Vidalia High School Gymnasium, 2201 Murray Dr, Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board President Fred Butcher. Following the prayer and pledge, President Butcher declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business. He noted that comment cards were available on the table with the agendas. He explained that if anyone wanted to make a comment regarding an action item on the agenda, they should fill out a comment card and bring to the table where the board members were seated and they would be acknowledged when the item they were interested in came up.

Board members present were Mrs. Lisette Forman, Mr. Fred Butcher, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Mrs. Vanessa Houck, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mr. Nathan Cloessner, and Mr. Wayne Wilson. Mr. Derrick Carson joined the meeting at 6:09 P.M.

Mrs. Parker then recognized the Sidney A. Murray, Jr., Citizenship Awards for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades:

Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
CPA. Tyrann Bethley	Kensley Cage	Emma Barahona	Lydia Rushing
FLE Damion Chester	Jhaila Day	Laurynn King	Messiah Riley
MHS Harrison Harp	Hunter Wiley	Luka Burley	Jackson Loomis
VLE Lyle Seymour	Penelope Kenney	Emilie Jenkins	Simieone Theodile Jr

It was moved by Mr. Carson and seconded by Mrs. Parker to add an item to the agenda. Item D was proposed, "To Consider the Lease or Purchase of a Building for the Central Office." A roll call vote was requested.

Mrs. Parker	Yea
Mr. Marsalis	Yea
Mrs. Houck	Yea
Mr. Carson	Yea
Mrs. Hayes	Yea
Mr. Wilson	Yea
Mr. Cloessner	Yea
Mrs. Forman	Yea
Mr. Butcher	Yea

The motion passed unanimously with 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

The committee reports were given next.

The Educational Policy report was given by Mrs. Parker. From this report, Mr. Butcher asked for a motion to add the Cooperative Endeavor

Agreement between the school district and the Town of Vidalia to the agenda. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman to add Item E "Tentatively Authorize Superintendent Bachus and Mr. O'Neal to execute the CEA regarding the Vidalia Junior High project." A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Parker	Yea
Mr. Marsalis	Yea
Mrs. Houck	Yea
Mr. Carson	Yea
Mrs. Hayes	Yea
Mr. Wilson	Yea
Mr. Cloessner	Yea
Mrs. Forman	Yea
Mr. Butcher	Yea

The motion passed unanimously with 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

Mr. Marsalis asked about the ongoing upkeep of the softball field at the Vidalia Junior High. Mr. Butcher requested that Superintendent Bachus confirm who owns the softball field. The Educational Policy report was completed.

- The Finance Committee report was given by Mrs. Houck, and

- The Building & Grounds Committee report was given by Mr. Carson.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular February 12, 2026, meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the invoices in the amount of \$5,364,529 for the month of February 2026 as presented by Mr. O'Neal, in the absence of Mrs. Patricia Sessions.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the Personnel Report. The report was available in the board members' folders, and Mrs. Moore noted that there were no changes since the committee meeting on Monday.

Concordia Parish School Board Regular Meeting Educational Policy Committee Personnel Announcements March 11, 2026

Resignations:

Aaron Henderson, 12 Month Janitor, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective February 19, 2026.

Sherry Smith, School Counselor, Ferriday High School, effective April 1, 2026.

Leaves:

Rachel Armfield, Teacher, Monterey High School, FMLA / extended medical leave, returned effective February 24, 2026.

Quantrelle Green, Teacher, Ferriday High School, FMLA, effective January 28, 2026 through March 13, 2026.

Crystal Cage, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, maternity leave, effective March 23, 2026 through May 22, 2026.

Linda Henderson, 10 Month Janitor, Ferriday Upper Elementary, FMLA, effective January 14, 2026 through April 22, 2026.

Appointments:

Doris Davis, Accounts Payable Bookkeeper, Central Administration Business Office, effective March 9, 2026.

Heather Simpson, Accounts Payable Bookkeeper Assistant, Central Administration Business Office, effective March 2, 2026.

Nickio Marshall, Payroll Bookkeeper, Central Administration Business Office, effective March 23, 2026.

Kimberly Lyles, Social Worker, Special Populations, effective March 9, 2026.

Ciara Strauder, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Upper Elementary, effective March 9, 2026.

Retirements:

Ronda Bradford, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective February 24, 2026.

Joseph Smith, Principal, Ferriday High School, effective April 1, 2026.

Terminations:

Catasha Brown, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, effective February 16, 2026.

Mrs. Butcher presented the next item, asking the board to consider investigating the potential for establishing a Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Program in Concordia Parish. He noted that it is a long process of approximately 12-18 months. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to authorize Superintendent Bachus to draft a letter to Senator John Kennedy and Senator Bill Cassidy asking for their assistance or guidance to help us get the program up and going.

In Superintendent Bachus' absence, Mr. Butcher gave an update on the Vidalia Junior High School project in which the Town of Vidalia offered to turn the tennis courts at the school into basketball courts. Mr. Butcher explained that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was received today from the Town of Vidalia, and our attorneys have not had time to look over it yet.

In further discussion of the improvements needed at Vidalia Junior High School, Mr. Marsalis noted that the two main items were painting and more room. Mr. Butcher also stated that the bathrooms need work. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to authorize the superintendent to hire an architect to look at this project as well as to make up a committee with her, the principal and other school staff and hold a town hall for the community to go over the project of renovating VJH. Mr. Butcher suggested making a list of priorities and to put the items in phases to complete.

During discussion of the central office building, Mr. Carson stated that the committee previously formed of Mr. Butcher, Mrs. Parker, and Mr. Carson, have been trying to decide what to do about a permanent central office building. We've considered several options:

The considerations are as follows:

- Because we are still leasing the Weeks building, is there a possibility of purchasing it? The recently completed appraisal was received this week on that building.

- The building we're currently in may be an option if it's still available,
- There is land across the street from the Weeks building we could purchase,

- The police jury, while they cannot sell us a building, may be interested in leasing us room in the old courthouse. The president of the police jury called Mr. Carson today and asked if we'd like to come by and look at their facility,
- The old Concordia Bank building in Ferriday is also being considered.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Marsalis to have the committee look at all the sites, meet and decide on the two best options and present those to the board within 30 days in a special meeting. Hopefully, for the regular meeting following that special meeting there will be a recommendation. The motion unanimously carried.

The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement received this morning from the Town of Vidalia will be emailed to the board members, Superintendent Bachus, and our attorney, Jon Guice for his review. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mr. Carson and unanimously carried that the board give authority to Superintendent Bachus and Mr. O'Neal to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pending approval of our attorney.

Announcements:

- Mr. Butcher commended Superintendent Bachus and her staff for the very successful Honors Banquet yesterday. The décor was very nice, there were about 350 people there, the food was great, the entertainment was great, and the students were dressed like professional people and their parents were there. It was a very nice event, a job well done.

- Mr. Butcher thanked Mrs. Jowers, principal of Vidalia High School, and her staff for setting up the gym for tonight's meeting in such a great environment that is so conducive to our meeting.

- Mr. Marsalis asked to let the record show that we are all proud of our Ferriday team for making it to the state basketball championships which will be played tomorrow in Lake Charles. We're hoping they bring back a trophy.

- Mr. Butcher asked that everyone keep Superintendent Bachus in your prayers. She was in an accident yesterday, but she is doing fine. It's hard to keep her from coming in to work as she stays on the go all the time so let's keep her in our prayers.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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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, APRIL 14, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Alderman Triand "Tron" McCoy, Tommy Probst and Brent Smith.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Chief Financial Officer; Russell Purvis representative of Smith, Taliaferro & Purvis Law Firm., Municipal Attorney; Jay LaSoyne, Chief Administrative Officer; and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation 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 town meeting of March 10, 2026, were approved with no changes. The motion for the approval of the minutes was made by Alderman Mccoy, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had any comments on current agenda items. Elizabeth Smith spoke in reference to the Challenger League which was a part of Agenda Item #15 – Mayor's Reports. Ms. Smith gave an update on the Challenger League, wanting reassurance that the funds that had been approved by the Board were still available for her to proceed with that particular project. Mr. Craig Sanders spoke on Agenda Item #14 in reference to the Golf Cart Ordinance. Before taking his seat and understanding that this was only an Introduction for the Ordinance, Mr. Sanders asked particular questions in regards to the Ordinance. Being no other comments, the Mayor proceeded to the formal agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for February 2026 by Debra Moak, CPA, and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Moak began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. Following that, the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed in detail, including a report on the positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds. She then reported on which revenues are under budget and which are over budget at this time. She then brought the Aldermen up to date on several items of interest, which items included: cash in the bank; investments; total assets and liabilities and combined revenues and expenses revenue. Before concluding, Ms. Moak stated that the audit has been submitted to the Legislative Auditors, with the preliminary audit indicating that there were no findings. Silas Simmons will be at next month's meeting to give a report on the Financial Audit. Following that, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for the great work she does for the Town.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Occupational Licenses. There being one application, Alderman McCoy made the motion to approve River Bridge Vending Service located at 917 Martin Luther King Ave. in Vidalia, La., which was seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of outdoor sign applications. There being only one sign application for DC AG LLC located at 406 Carter Street, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion on feral cats at the Vidalia Riverfront. Being present, Shelby Strong read a letter to the Board to address not only issues concerning the cats on the riverfront, but also a remedy for the situation. She stated that the group that has been formed wants to help with the TNR program that the Town has in place. She also stated that other local organizations are helping her with the initiative of the feral cats on the riverfront. After further discussion from the Mayor and the Board, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 5 was presentation on current millage issues for the Town of Vidalia. Concordia Parish Tax Assessor, Jeannie Archer gave a report on the Town's millage rate, stating that the Town has always kept a low rate which is 3.2.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion to set millage being levied on the 2026 tax roll on all properties subject to taxation by the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana. There being no discussion, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 7 was Board adoption of millage rate for 2025. There being no further discussion, Alderman Probst made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented at the meeting to adopt 3.2 mills as the millage rate for 2026. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried.

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

Agenda Item No. 8. Board discussion and vote of approval on a resolution to incorporate complete streets recommendations into Town of Vidalia Transportation Infrastructure. Ms. Gouge was present and gave a presentation before the Board stating that the resolution aligns with DOTD policy, creates shared expectations between local policy and DOTD. Approving the resolution improves competitiveness for DOTD funding while focusing on movement for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

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Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion and approval for AirMedCare Network municipal site membership for Town of Vidalia, La for April 2026 – April 2027. The Mayor asked that this item be tabled until the representative can attend the next meeting. A motion to table was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board discussion and vote on a resolution to award bid for Town of Vidalia Concordia Avenue subsurface improvements to T.L. Construction, LLC. Being no discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bid to T.L. Construction, LLC., who was the lowest bidder out of five. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried.

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Agenda Item No. 11 was Board discussion and vote on a resolution to award bid for Town water wells improvement project to Hope Enterprises, LLC. Mayor Craft stated that this project is required by the Department of Health and this resolution is following their requirements. He also stated that the Town is paying majority of the funds from the remaining ARPA funds which have to be spent by the end of the year. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

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Agenda Item No. 12 was Board discussion and vote to approve bids for two used dump trucks for the Street and Utility Departments. Scotts Trucks was the only bidder for both trucks. Scotts Trucks submitted a bid for \$59,100 and \$106,400. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the bids for both trucks. A motion to approve both bids for each truck was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 13 was Board discussion and vote of approval on Board of Aldermen travel to LMA 49th Annual Municipal Day and Crawfish Boil. During discussion, the Mayor stated that any Alderman attending needs to come to Town Hall the Friday before leaving to request any advanced funds. Alderman Gardner rebutted stating that Aldermen shouldn't have to send an email saying they want to be supplemented when it's already noted. The Mayor stated that request needed to be submitted for clarity and to follow the Towns Policy and Procedure Manual. Alderman Probst agreed with the Mayor stating that Agendas should be emailed to the Clerk and we should follow the policy and procedure manual; if meals are provided no pay should be given, if anyone has a food allergen, a doctors note should be provided and placed in their file. Before moving to the next agenda item, the Mayor stated that he would love for all Alderman to attend and should anyone wish to stay, they should get that information in before leaving.

Agenda Item No. 14 was an introduction of an ordinance amending chapter 40 – traffic and motor vehicles of the code of ordinances of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana providing for the allowance of golf carts to be permitted by the Town of Vidalia and allowed to be driven on streets within the Town of Vidalia corporate limits. The Mayor stated that this is only an introduction and discussion will occur at the next meeting in May.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 15 was Town of Vidalia project updates by Mayor Craft. The Mayor started his discussion with Economic Development stating that he is meeting with an industrial company regarding a new phase of development. Southern Tire has acquired six acres across from Walmart and will provide services for passenger vehicles and big trucks contributing to sales tax revenue. D.A. Biglane bids will be opened on Thursday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The Slough Project is awaiting fencing and the transmission line is near completion. The Miracle Challenger League was the next topic of discussion. The Mayor stated the placement of the field will be left up to the individuals over the project. The tree project has started back up and ongoing. The burn site is now in compliance with DEQ. The water plant's expansion is ongoing and still on target for August completion, with repurposing the old plant afterwards. The Resource Center has been renovated with

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stucco, new windows and other enhancements. MLK signage project is in the final design stages. Converting the tennis courts to basketball courts at the Vidalia Junior High School has started and near completion. Memorial Day Marker is an still an ongoing project and should be completed by the summer. Polk Park updates were given on the splash pad which will be tested later this week. More work is needed to be completed at the playground and Polk Park. Wildlife and Fisheries advised against riprap at the pond. All courts at the complex and the old ballpark have been resurfaced with adding two pickleball courts at the old ballpark. Before ending his report, Mayor Craft discussed the recent changes to the roofing laws in Louisiana, advising all roofers and homeowners that a roofing permit is now required. He also stated that the federal lawsuit against the Town, himself and the Aldermen was dismissed. The Mayor then asked the Aldermen for a motion to add two agenda items. A motion to add an agenda item to add \$2.2 million to the playground was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. A motion to approve the \$2.2 million was approved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. A motion to add an agenda item to add \$250,000 to the transmission line was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried. A motion to approve the \$250,00 was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. Being no other discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Agenda Item No. 16 was adjournment. The Mayor then asked for a motion to adjourn and the motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Piara Wilson _____ /s/ Buz Craft _____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SETTING MILLAGE BEING LEVIED ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA.

MILLAGE

General Alimony 3.2 mills

BE IT RESOLVED that the property administrative officials of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026 and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing Resolution was called for a vote on the adoption thereof, and the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith, and McCoy.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Piara Wilson _____ /s/ Buz Craft _____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Smith:

RESOLUTION

A resolution to incorporate complete streets recommendations into its planning and development practices such that public health and safety are at the forefront of investments in transportation infrastructure as outlined in the 2022 Recommendations for Complete Streets Implementation.

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana desires to ensure that all roadways and multi-modal pathways in town limits are designed to safely accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, by adopting this resolution will create a more livable community that is accessible to all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

The Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, hereby adopts the principles of Complete Streets in order to create a safe and living environment for all users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will work to ensure that all new and existing roads within the town limits will accommodate the safe and convenient travel of all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and goods movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will strive to create vibrant and attractive streets that support economic development, social interaction and a sense of place in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will work to ensure that the improvements identified in the implementation plan are incorporated into all town-funded transportation projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will work with local stakeholders, including businesses, community members and other governmental agencies to implement the Complete Streets recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will strive to achieve the principles of Complete Streets when planning, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the town's transportation network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia will promote the use of Complete Streets as a viable transportation option for all citizens.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia commits to the principles of Complete Streets and will work to create an environment that supports the safe and inviting streets for all users.

The following resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Alderman Betts	X			
Alderman Gardner	X			
Alderman McCoy	X			
Alderman Probst	X			
Alderman Smith	X			

And the resolution was adopted on this, the 14th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Piara Wilson _____ /s/ Buz Craft _____
MUNICIPAL CLERK MAYOR

ON A MOTION BY ALDERMAN PROBST, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GARDNER, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED TO WIT:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following Quotes were received on Friday, March 13, 2026, for Concordia Ave. Subsurface Improvements:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
T.L. Construction, LLC	\$130,080.00
Camo Construction Co., Inc.	\$207,832.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be awarded to T.L. Construction, LLC, Inc., in the amount of \$130,080.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all contracts, estimates and change orders between the Town of Vidalia and the contractor.

This Resolution adopted this 14th day of April 2026 with the vote recorded as follows:

Yeas: 5 Nays: NONE Absent: NONE

/s/ Buz Craft _____
MAYOR

/s/ Piara Wilson _____
CLERK

RESOLUTION – AWARD PROJECT

STATE PROJECT NO. 50-MU2-20-01 PARISH OF CONCORDIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia has received bids on April 2, 2026, on the Water Well improvements project; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Hammett & Associates LLC has recommended that the award of the contract be made to the lowest qualified bidder, Hope Enterprises, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia, in Regular session, assembled on this 14th day of April, 2026, acting pursuant to the recommendation of Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC, that the Base Bid of \$1,690,800.00 by Hope Enterprises, LLC, be accepted and makes an award, contingent on the concurrence of the Contract Award by the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control.

/s/ Piara Wilson _____
CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft _____
MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular meeting of the Town of Vidalia held on the 14th day of April, 2026, in which a quorum was present and voting, and that the resolution adopted is still in full force and effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Town of Vidalia on the 14th day of April, 2026.

CLERK /s/ Piara Wilson

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF CARTS TO BE PERMITTED BY THE TOWN OF VIDALIA AND ALLOWED TO BE DRIVEN ON STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VIDALIA CORPORATE LIMITS PER LA. R.S. 32:299.4 (G)

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality, that:

Section 1. This proposed Ordinance was previously introduced at the regular meeting of April 14, 2026; and

Section 2. After due notice of advertising of this proposed ordinance in the official journal on the 29th day of April, 2026, and public hearing held at the Mayor and Board's regular meeting on the 12th day of May, 2026, it is hereby ordained and adopted as an Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

WHEREAS, Vidalia, Louisiana is empowered to adopt amendments and revisions of its ordinances by Louisiana Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are desirous of exercising said power; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana that the following provisions shall apply:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

1. "DOTD" means the Department of Transportation and Development.

2. "Driver" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

3. "Cart" means a battery-operated or electricity-powered vehicle designed and manufactured for operation for sporting or recreational purposes with either a bench or bucket seat designed for and capable of carrying two or more persons, which meet the specifications outlined in this ordinance.

For purposes of this section only, cart will NOT include utility terrain vehicle as detailed in LA. R.S. 32:299.3.

Cart does not include four-wheelers or other vehicles that do not meet the specifications defined within this ordinance and specifically does not include any gas-powered vehicle.

4. "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for vehicular travel including bridges, causeways, tunnels and ferries; synonymous with the word "street".

5. "Local municipal authority" means every council, commission, or other board given authority by the constitution and laws of this state to govern the affairs of a municipality.

6. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled. "Motor vehicle" shall also include any "golf cart" as described above equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for vehicle safety as required in this ordinance.

7. "Municipality" means an incorporated village, town, or city created under the authority of the constitution or laws of this state.

8. "Operator" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a highway.

9. "Owner" means a person who holds legal title to a vehicle or who is entitled to possession of the vehicle.

10. "Police officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

11. "Private Road or driveway" means every way in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having permission from the owner.

12. "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the highway.

13. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved and used for vehicular traffic.

14. "Shoulder" means the portion of the highway contiguous with the roadway for stopped vehicles and emergency use.

15. "Sidewalk" means the portion of a highway between the curb lines and adjacent property lines intended for pedestrians.

16. "State maintained highway" means any highway maintained in the state highway system.

17. "Street" means the entire width between boundary lines of a way publicly maintained and open for vehicular travel.

18. "Traffic" means pedestrians, vehicles, and other conveyances while using a highway.

19. "Traffic control device" means all signs, signals, markings and devices used to regulate or guide traffic.

20. "Traffic control signal" means a traffic signal manually, electrically, or mechanically operated by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and proceed.

21. "Vehicle" means every device by which persons or property may be transported upon a public highway except devices moved by human power or used exclusively on rails.

SECTION 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This ordinance allows for the operation of carts on public streets, roads, pathways and designated highway crossings within the Town of Vidalia.

2. This ordinance pertains only to carts as defined herein and does not apply to lawn mowers, tractors, or other conveyance.

3. By adopting this ordinance, the Town of Vidalia is regulating such vehicles for public safety purposes. All operators and passengers operate carts at their own risk.

4. Operation of carts on streets or highways must comply with this ordinance and all applicable state laws.

5. The Town of Vidalia assumes no liability for operation of carts on public streets.

6. Carts are prohibited from operation of all state highways within the municipality except for the designated crossings in paragraph 15 of this section.

7. Before operating on town streets, the owner must purchase and maintain liability insurance in at least the minimum amount required by the State of Louisiana.

8. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Vidalia Police Department at the time of application and must be carried on the cart at all times.

9. Operators must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of Louisiana and must have the license in their possession while operating the cart.

10. Carts must be equipped with:

- Rearview mirror
- A reliable steering apparatus
- Red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear of the vehicle.
- Headlights and brake lights
- Brakes sufficient to stop the cart safely
- Safety belts for driver and passengers
- Safe tires

11. Cart operators must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, motor vehicles, bicycles and overtaking vehicles at all times.

12. All passengers must be properly seated while the cart is in motion.

13. Carts shall not be operated on city sidewalks unless designated by the Town Council.

14. Cart operators must comply with all state traffic laws and local ordinances.

15. The designated crossing on Carter Street shall be the four red lights located at:

- Azalea Street / Shopping Center
- Murray Drive and Nichols Street
- Cross Street / Mathews
- South Hickory / North Hickory.

SECTION 3. PERMIT, APPLICATION AND REVOCATION

1. All carts operated within the Town of Vidalia must display a valid "Permit of Operation" sticker issued by the Vidalia Police Department.

2. The non-refundable annual permit fee shall be set annually by the Vidalia Town Council.

3. The permit must be renewed annually.

4. The Chief of Police or designee may refuse to issue or revoke a permit if necessary to ensure public safety.

5. Application for a permit shall include:

- Applicant name, address, and phone number
- Date of birth
- Driver's license number and state of issuance
- Copy of driver's license
- Insurance carrier name and policy number
- Date of application
- Applicant signature acknowledging the ordinance

6. A permit may be revoked if:

- Material misrepresentation is made in the application
- Liability insurance lapses
- The operator cannot safely operate the cart
- The operator's driver's license is suspended or revoked

7. Revocation may be appealed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

8. Any person violating any section of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and court costs. Upon three convictions within one calendar year, the permit shall be revoked. All alleged offenses shall be tried in Vidalia City Court before the Town Magistrate. As per L.A. R.S. 32:299.4 (D), any golf cart operated upon a municipal street shall be registered with the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Public Safety and /corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, as an off-road vehicle and shall display a decal issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. The foregoing Ordinance was read and considered, section by section, and as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAINING:
ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the foregoing ordinance was declared to be duly adopted this _____ day of May, 2026, to be effective immediately.

PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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