

# Classifieds

## HELP WANTED

**FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER** is accepting applications for the following positions:

Certified Medical Assistant – Jonesville  
LPN – Jonesville  
Nurse Practitioner – Jonesville  
Phlebotomist – Jonesville  
Physician Assistant - Jonesville  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker - Tensas  
LPN - Tensas  
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant  
LPN - North Clinic  
Medical Technologist  
Occupational Therapist  
Phlebotomist - PRN  
Physical Therapist Assistant - PRN  
Physical Therapist - PRN  
Radiologic Technologist  
Registered Nurse  
Respiratory Therapist  
Speech Language Pathologist  
Please apply at [www.fmc-cares.com](http://www.fmc-cares.com)

(Full time, Part-time, PRN ) General/Vascular Sonographer position for our Radiology Dept. Must have RDMS, RCS, RVS certifications.  
Shalita R. Jones  
Director, Human Resources  
(o) 318-757-6551 ext. 644

### TRINITY MEDICAL

Full time RN position for the ER Department (Night Shift)  
Must have a current LA license  
UFN

**Plantation Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, LLC** is seeking an experienced and detail-oriented Housekeeping & Laundry Supervisor. This full-time, in-person position oversees daily housekeeping and laundry operations, including supervising staff, inspecting rooms and common areas, managing inventory, maintaining department budgets, and ensuring compliance with health and safety standards. Strong leadership and organizational skills required.  
Apply in person Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM at Plantation Manor, 6340 Hwy 4, Winnsboro, LA 71295, or contact Keith Ferrington, Administrator, at (318) 435-2225. Benefits include 401(k), Health Insurance, Dental & Vision Insurance, Life Insurance, and Paid Time Off.

### FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Franklin Parish Police Jury will accept employment applications or résumés between the dates of March 25, 2026, and April 8, 2026, for the following positions:

- Full-Time Shop Mechanic - Class A CDL Required – Experience Preferred
- Full-Time Shop Help

Employment applications may be obtained at the Franklin Parish Police Jury Office located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana,

Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.  
The Franklin Parish Police Jury is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any person in recruitment, examination, appointment, promotion, retention, discipline, or any other aspect of personnel administration because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, or because of age, sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, handicap or other non-merit

factors.  
Applications must be submitted during the time period advertised. If you have previously applied, please call and update your application. 318-435-9429

## FOR SALE

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 7752 Gilbert Street, Gilbert, LA 71336. 3BD/ 2BA Frontage on hwy 15. Call 318-

372-0526

## FOR RENT

**OFFICE FOR RENT:** 4268 B

Front Street, Winnsboro. \$750/month, utilities included. Call 318-481-9592

## Hospice TLC, Inc.

Hospice TLC, Inc. is looking for compassionate people to volunteer.

You can make a difference in someone’s life.

Please Call 318-435-9111 for information.  
Ask for *Debbie Harris, RN, Volunteer Coordinator*

## JL Fowler’s

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*We have all the equipment for your needs.*

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Roofing & Blown Insulation  
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## Magnolia Place Apartments

Currently accepting applications for 1 & 2 bedroom units. 62 years of age or older, handicapped/disabled, regardless of age.

To obtain an application or schedule an interview, please call 435-3323 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



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Provider & Employer



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We custom build water control structures  
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Now carrying Pine Bark Mulch mixed with Gin Trash



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Cell: 318-498-2600 Office: 318-412-8813



## WAYNE KING

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Winnsboro, LA 71295

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on August 5, 2025, by the Franklin Parish School Board (the “School Board” or “Governing Authority”), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish, qualified in and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, and the Constitution of the United States and by other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the following proposition, to wit:  
PROPOSITION  
(TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Franklin Parish School District of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of fifteen and fifty-one hundredths (15.51) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,930,883.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of renovating, improving, operating, repairing and/or supporting schools and school related facilities, equipment and programs, said millage to represent a thirteen hundredths of a mill (.13) decrease (due to reappraisal) over the 15.64 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on April 9, 2016?

The special election will be held at the following polling places situated in the Parish, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

| WARD/<br>PRECINCT | POLLING PLACE                   | LOCATION                         | ZIP   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 01                | FT NECESSITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 10630 HWY 563, FT NECESSITY      | 71243 |
| 02                | JIGGER APOSTOLIC HALL           | 7197 HWY 128, JIGGER             | 71249 |
| 03                | KING'S PENTECOSTAL CHURCH       | 6529 HWY 562, WISNER             | 71378 |
| 04                | WISNER TOWN HALL                | 9530 NATCHEZ ST, WISNER          | 71378 |
| 04A               | GILBERT COMMUNITY CENTER        | 154 HANNA ST, GILBERT            | 71336 |
| 04B               | WISNER TOWN HALL                | 9530 NATCHEZ ST, WISNER          | 71378 |
| 06                | GILBERT COMMUNITY CENTER        | 154 HANNA ST, GILBERT            | 71336 |
| 12                | FRANKLIN PARISH ROTC BUILDING   | 1600 GLOVER ST, WINNSBORO        | 71295 |
| 13                | NEW HOPE MASONIC LODGE          | 2195 HWY 135, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 13A               | NEW HOPE MASONIC LODGE          | 2195 HWY 135, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 14                | WOODMEN OF THE WORLD HALL       | 261 TAYLOR AVE, WINNSBORO        | 71295 |
| 16                | WINNSBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY     | 1702 HATFIELD ST, WINNSBORO      | 71295 |
| 18                | HORACE G. WHITE LEARNING CENTER | 5915 HWY 4, WINNSBORO            | 71295 |
| 19                | WARD #3 COMMUNITY CENTER        | 2051 HWY 578, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 20                | HORACE G. WHITE LEARNING CENTER | 5915 HWY 4, WINNSBORO            | 71295 |
| 21                | WARD #3 COMMUNITY CENTER        | 2051 HWY 578, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 22                | VFW HALL                        | 2108 LOOP RD, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 24                | WINNSBORO LOWER ELEM SCHOOL     | 1310 WARREN ST, WINNSBORO        | 71295 |
| 27                | FRANKLIN PARISH COURTHOUSE      | 6560 MAIN ST, WINNSBORO          | 71295 |
| 30                | BASKIN COMMUNITY CENTER         | 1860 HWY 857, BASKIN             | 71219 |
| 31                | GULLEDGE-RICHARDSON COMM CTR    | 154 FOOTBALL FIELD RD, CROWVILLE | 71295 |
| 32                | NORTH CENTRAL FIRE STATION      | 1772 HWY 859, DELHI              | 71232 |
| 33                | FRIENDSHIP FIRE STATION         | 4918 HWY 132, BASKIN             | 71219 |

The polling places set forth above and situated in the Parish, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82). In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be \$3,100.00.  
The special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Parish, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the School Board will meet on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Franklin Parish School Board, 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro, LA, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the Parish are entitled to vote at the special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.  
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Winnsboro, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of August, 2025.

By: s/Dr. Jacqueline Johnson  
Name: Dr. Jacqueline Johnson  
President

ATTEST:

By: s/John Gullatt  
Name: John Gullatt  
Secretary-Treasurer  
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25  
Cost: \$70.5

### NEW CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of Clayton is advertising for a certified building contractor to build a newly constructed metal building with the following specifications:

- Building Dimension: 36'W x 55'L x 12'H
- Roof Style: Vertical
- Guage: 14
- Concrete slab to accommodate building
- Wind/Snow rating: 140 MPH + PSF Certified
- Distance on Center: 4 feet
- Deadline to respond: Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 12 NOON.
- Bids must be sealed and addressed to Tangelia Johnson.

If interested, please call 318.757.8540 or visit 31457 Highway 15, Clayton, Louisiana 71326 or email us at [townofclayton@gmail.com](mailto:townofclayton@gmail.com).

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), on November 13, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 5  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), continue to levy an 11.17 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,390,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of construction, maintenance and operation of, and the purchase of equipment for, the drainage system in the Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 5  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), continue to levy a 4.07 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$506,700 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Parish Courthouse?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 5  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), be authorized to continue to levy an 8.14 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,013,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and purchasing Parish equipment?

PROPOSITION NO. 4 OF 5  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), be authorized to continue to levy a 4.27 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$531,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of the purchasing, operating and maintaining of road equipment and for the purpose of salary adjustments for employees of the Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 5 OF 5  
(SALES TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), be authorized to continue to levy and collect a sales and use tax of 1/2% (the “Tax”) in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$1,700,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years from and after December 1, 2028, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of solid waste collection and disposal, with four percent (4%) of the annual proceeds of the Tax (and the proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax currently being levied) to be available to the Franklin Police Jury for its costs of administering the Tax, commencing the date this proposition is approved by the voters?

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

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commission

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ers-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$13,500.

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

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse, 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, at 5:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.  
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25  
Cost: \$81.00

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on November 12, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 15 mills tax (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$117,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment of and for the District, including purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

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

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$400.

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

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Friendship Fire Station, 4918 Hwy. 132, Baskin, Louisiana, on MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.  
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25  
Cost: \$51.00

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on November 12, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 10 mills tax (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$215,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment for the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

The said special election will be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS  
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22(PART)  
24(PART)  
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The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$2,600.

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

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Fire District Five Training Center, 115 Herlevic Lane, Winnsboro, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 at 6:30 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.  
3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25  
Cost: \$81.00

#### FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY WILL ACCEPT BIDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026, IN THE POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM, COURTHOUSE BUILDING, 6558 MAIN STREET, WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA, ON THE FOLLOWING:

PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW WHEEL LOADER  
PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW STEEL WHEEL ROLLER

BID SPECIFICATIONS AND BID FORMS MAY BE EMAILED, FAXED, MAILED, OR PICKED UP AT THE POLICE JURY OFFICE, 6558 MAIN STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING, WINNSBORO, LA. BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCLUDING ANY HOLIDAYS. 318-435-9429  
PLEASE REQUEST AN EMAIL COPY AT PURCHASING@FPPJ.ORG

ALL BIDS RECEIVED MUST BE MARKED AS SEALED BID AND RECEIVED BY 10:00 AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026, TO BE ELIGIBLE.  
3/18 & 3/25  
Cost: \$18.00

#### Public Notice

The Franklin Parish Police Jury is requesting bids for roadside vegetation spraying in 2026. Please contact the Police Jury Office by phone at 318-435-9429 to receive an emailed copy of the bid documents or pick up at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295. Bids are due on April 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., marked SEALED.  
3/25/26  
Cost: \$6.00

#### Regular Meeting

Of the  
Franklin Parish Police Jury  
February 12, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Franklin Parish Police Jury Room  
6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295

The Franklin Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295 with the following present: President James Harris, Vice President Bryson Hendry, Chaplain Willie Thomas, Juror Elbert Wallace, Juror Howie Robinson, and Juror David DeBlieux. Juror Leodis Norman was unable to attend.

President Harris called the meeting to order, followed by roll call. Chaplain Thomas led the assembly in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Thomas offered the motion to approve the agenda. Hendry seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

President Harris called for a motion to open the public hearing for the consideration of an ordinance to expand the Franklin Parish Hospital District. Hendry offered the motion to open the public hearing. Robinson seconded. The public hearing was opened.

There were no public comments received neither written nor via voice. Thomas offered the motion to close the public hearing. Hendy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There has been no action by the Richland Parish Jury, so an ordinance can't be drafted. Hendry offered the motion to postpone any action on the matter until a decision has been made on where and if the Richland Parish Jury will allow the Franklin Hospital District to extend its lines into Richland Parish. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

Robinson offered the motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, regular meeting. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Hannah Craddock provided the jury with the monthly LSU Ag Center update, including the Franklin 4-H Newsletter and information about upcoming 4-H events and activities.

Hendry offered the motion to approve holding a public hearing for the consideration of taking Beatrice Ezell Lane in to the parish road system. Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Angela Osborne was on the agenda to speak to the jury regarding housing. However, she was not present so the agenda item was skipped.

McManus provided the jury with the monthly update of all the projects his firm is currently working on.

Hendry offered the motion accept the only bid received from Apeck Construction to include Alt. 1 contingent on Apeck and all entities requiring approval, approve the proposed plan. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

The motion to approve the request by Kenneth McManus to clear the brush, briars, and other growths (small saplings) along the ease top edge of Hurricane Creek (strip being approximately 10 ft. wide x 450 ft. long), with grass to be left to combat erosion; was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry and unanimously passed.

Due to not having quotes to review, Hendry offered the motion to table a decision concerning the hook up of a generator to the oil tanks at the Public Works Facility. Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

Due to not having quotes to review, Hendry offered the motion to table a decision concerning to hook up of a generator and pouring of a concrete slab for a generator to the Public Works Facility. Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

The motion to approve the purchase of sheet metal in the amount of \$5,000.00 (1/2 a sheet will be used to make replacement blades for this year and the other half will be used to make replacement blades next year), was offered by Wallace, seconded by Thomas and passed. Each set of blades will \$250.00. There are currently two employees that have the ability to weld the blades on the equipment.

Thomas offered the motion to approve the rental of a mini excavator in the summer and to schedule both the Loop Road and Colonel Drive projects to be completed.

The motion to table a decision concerning the equipment leases up for replacement was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry, and passed.

Hendry offered the motion to approve the Franklin Parish 2026 Criminal Court Fund reimbursement request of \$60,000.00. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

The motion to deny the Clerk of Court request for assistance in the amount of \$3,600.00 to pay for server installation was offered by Hendry, seconded by DeBlieux, and passed. This decision was based on the fact that the funds would have to come from the General Fund budget and the uncertainty of the amount of Juvenile Expense, which has soared astronomically the past two years.

The motion to approve the LA Blue Cross/Blue Shield renewal was offered by Hendry, seconded by Thomas and passed.

Due the required inspections by State for reroofing of structures, Thomas offered the motion to implement a \$25.00 permitting fee. Hendry seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

The motion to approve the Franklin Parish School Board request for a bus turnaround at 180 Garball Rd. was offered by Hendry, seconded by DeBlieux and passed.

The motion to approve the advertisement for park mowing quotes was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry and passed.

Thomas offered the motion to approve Mr. Delvin Davis request to hold the 5th annual Car Show at the Nolan Norman Park on June 20, 2026, pending all necessary paperwork is received and Mr. Davis follows the same protocols as last year. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

Wallace offered the motion to approve applying for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant and requesting the assistance of McManus with the application process. Hendry seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Hendry offered the motion to approve advertising for a full-time receptionist for the Franklin Parish Health Unit. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed. The motion to send Ms. Melissa Washington to the upcoming LA Floodplain Management Association Convention in April was offered by Robinson, seconded by Hendry and unanimously passed.

No action was taken on agenda item 27- Mr. Henry Rose – full-time bush hog operator, due to Mr. Rose declining the position.

The motion to hire Mr. Clarence Wade Williams as a seasonal bush hog operator was offered by Robinson, seconded by Hendry and passed.

Hendry offered the motion to approve re-advertising for full-time shop mechanic, full-time side-mount trencher/ditcher operator, and full-time bush hog operator. Robinson seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Wallace offered the motion to approve the 2026 regular maintenance list as stated. Thomas seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Superintendent Temple provided the jury with the monthly Superintendent's Report. Drainage is back digging ditches on Bush Road; there are several culverts

that need to be done and Mr. Temple feels that the ditching and culverts should be complete in 2 weeks. From there the crew will be moving on to Reagan Loop. Road crew is getting geared up for Rodger Miller Road and Robinson Dairy Road. While the road crew is in the area, they will work regular maintenance on Canal Road and Porter Road. Speed humps have been installed on Mock Street. Grader operators have been instructed to start rolling the shoulders of the roads that hold water the worst. Superintendent advised he would go out and show the grader operators the best way it needs to be done to get the water off of the road. Shop has two of the trucks installed with new pull bars and ready for chip n seal. One more truck needs to have the pull bars installed, waiting on a rainy day to do that. Superintendent feels the shop can have it done in one day. Bomag and rock spreader will be worked on. Mr. Temple advised that he has instructed the shop to get the bush hogs in and ready to go. Unit 199 needs to have the hydraulic pump replaced, estimated cost \$4,600 per John Deer. Jury asked that superintendent get some other quotes for the hydraulic pump replacement since the equipment is not under warranty. Robinson offered the motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. Hendry seconded. The motion passed.

Hendry offered the motion to approve the Capital Improvement 3-year Plan as provided. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

Treasurer Wiggins provided the jury with the monthly Treasurer's Report including the Profit and Loss vs Actual budgets for all police jury accounts and asked the jury to approve the Clerk of Court's budget to reflect a carryover of \$1,092.63 from 2025 to 2026. Thomas offered the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requested carryover of \$1,092.63 for the Clerk of Court's budget. Robinson seconded. The motion passed.

There were not letters of interest.

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

Karah Curtis – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer  
James H. Harris – President  
3/25  
Cost: \$111.00

#### Notice to Public:

The wait list and application process for Franklin Parish Sec 8 HCV and EHV holders is closed effective March 25, 2026 until further notice.  
3/25  
Cost: \$6.00

#### VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND TOWN MEETING MARCH 12TH, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Sicily Island met in regular session on Thursday March 12th,2026, at the Sicily Island Town Hall, 308 Newman Street, at 5:30p.m.

Present: Mayor Walter Krause, Alderwoman Linda Kerry Alderwoman Emma Hilliard, Town Clerk Ramona Dunbar, Asst. Chief Billy Fletcher, Officer Charles Shaw and Town Attorney Thomas Enright, Jr.

Absent: Fire Chief Ryan Wall, Police Chief Paul Jackson, and Utility Supervisor James A. Goode.

Guests: Dorothy C. Oliver, and Harold Cowan.

There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by Mayor Krause.

Invocation was given by Alderwoman Hilliard followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Kerry.

Motion to adopt agenda as presented was made by Alderwoman Kerry, seconded by Alderman Hilliard.

Motion to adopt minutes as presented was made by Alderwoman Hilliard, seconded by Alderman Krause.

Utility Report: Bank statements were provided to mayor and board. Board Members, Dorothy Oliver and Harold Cowan of Maitland Water, came to discuss the accidental use of their water during an emergency repair. Mr. Cowan said that Maitland and Sicily Island need to have better communication between one another, in situations like this, and that if something occurred, we could contact Asst. Chief Billy Fletcher, Tony Fletch-er or Steve Fletcher. The town clerk, Ramona Dunbar, notified the Board and council that the bill that was sent by Maitland Water was paid in full. The board and mayor requested that the utility supervisor, Arte Goode, be present at next town meeting.

Police Report: Discussed the monthly police report for the month of March 2026. Asst. Chief Fletcher notified the mayor and board of the complaints given by residents about the young people on scooters on the Hwy.

Fire Report: The Village of Sicily Island assisted with 2 grass fires that occurred on the Rock Road.

Citizen's Participation: None

Event Committee: Discussed the upcoming Village of Sicily Island Easter Egg Hunt that will be held Saturday, April 4th, 2026.

Old Business: Motion made by Alderwoman Hilliard and seconded by Alderwoman Kerry to allocate \$2000.00 from the public safety fund for the beautification fund, all was in favor. The mayor and the board decided to leave the remaining funds in the public safety fund account for emergencies.

New Business: Motion made by Alderman Krause and seconded by Alderwoman Kerry to Adopt the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) resolution. Alderwoman Kerry asked the clerks to ask other clerks about their Emergency Preparedness Plan as they attend the Lamsa Conference, being held March 18th-20th.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. on motion by Alderwoman Kerry, seconded by Alderman Krause, all in favor.

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#### Town of Wisner

Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Wisner met in regular session on March 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Wisner Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Marc McCarty; Aldermen Roger Hilliard, Jo Caldwell, Cheryl Jones, Nettie B. Brown, and Melissa Major.

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Mayor Marc McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge: The invocation was given by Nettie B. Brown, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Hilliard.

Approval of Minutes: Roger Hilliard made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2026 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Jo Caldwell and carried.

Approval of Financial Reports: Jo Caldwell made a motion to approve the financial reports and ex-penditures. The motion was seconded by Nettie B. Brown and carried.

Departmental Reports:  
Fire Department: Report presented by Fire Chief Travis McFarland. There were a few grass fires re-ported, and the current fire rating is at Level 4.

Police Department: Chief of Police Billy Beach reported that during the month of February, the de-partment assisted the Fire Department, EMS, and the Sheriff's Office with local calls.

Water Department: Supervisor Randell Griggs reported routine operations, including reading water meters, repairing leaks, preparing mowing equipment for the season, and ensuring all sewer pumps are functioning properly.

#### New Business:

Following discussion, Nettie B. Brown made a motion to adopt the MWPP Resolution between the Town of Wisner and Cenla Environmental. The motion was seconded by Roger Hilliard and carried.

Executive Session: Roger Hilliard made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter executive session, seconded by Cheryl Jones. Motion carried. After discussion, Roger Hilliard made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Melissa Major. Nettie B. Brown then made a motion to re-convene the regular council meeting, seconded by Melissa Major. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Roger Hilliard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Melissa Major and carried.

Marc McCarty  
Mayor  
Harriet Luckett  
Town Clerk

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# Legislation eases path for charter schools

By Kaitlin Maness / news@ouachitacitizen.com

Two local lawmakers have filed legislation for the regular legislative session aimed at improving the voting process for converting pre-existing schools, like Neville High School, into charter schools.

State Sen. Stewart Cathey and Rep. Michael Echols co-authored Senate Bill 65 and House Bill 83, respectively, to revise the rules for voting on charter school conversions and create a uniform process for all Louisiana schools to follow. Echols described the legislation as being “basic election integrity.”

“They clean up the rules around school conversion votes, plain and simple,” said Echols, R-Monroe. “Right now, the process can be inconsistent and confusing. These bills make it uniform across the state.”

If approved, the bills would require a charter school conversion vote to capture a simple majority of the pre-existing school’s faculty and staff. Under the bills, faculty and staff eligible for voting on the conversion would include those who were certified and had been employed by or as-

signed to the pre-existing school since the first of October that immediately preceded the election.

“For faculty and staff, the bill better defines who is eligible to vote by focusing on those currently working in the school, rather than relying on an outdated snapshot in time,” said Cathey, R-Monroe. “This ensures that the people actually serving students at the time of the vote are the ones participating. It also protects against stacking a vote with any late hires by setting a cut-off date by which the staff member must be employed.”

The legislation also would mandate that a charter school conversion election could be repeated but no more than once each school year, as well as remove the requirement for elections to be held only at the pre-existing school.

Currently, a charter school conversion election requires a 50-percent of parents/guardians of students enrolled at the pre-existing school to vote favorably to succeed. If approved, the bills would eliminate the 50-percent rule and require a simple majority of parents/guardians who cast votes in the election for the charter school conversion to be ap-

proved, instead.

“For parents, it sets a clear standard: the outcome is based on the majority of those who show up and vote,” Echols said. “No more treating silence like a ‘no.’ It also requires secret ballots and directs BESE (state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education) to put real guardrails in place so the process is consistent and trustworthy. Bottom line: same authority, better process.”

Cathey explained he and Echols co-authored SB 65 and HB 83 after a lack of participation from parents and guardians in charter school conversion elections caused confusion and concern.

“The bills were driven by real-world confusion and inconsistencies in how current law has been interpreted and applied,” Cathey said. “Louisiana law already allows parents and teachers to decide whether a school should convert to a charter school, but

the process for conducting and counting those votes has not always been clear.”

“In at least one instance, non-participation by parents was effectively treated as a vote to oppose, which raised concerns about whether the outcome truly reflected the will of the school community and those engaged in the process,” Cathey continued. “SB 65 and HB 83 address those ambiguities by establishing clearer rules so that future conversion votes are conducted consistently, transparently and in a way that reflects actual participation.”

Last April, a vote to convert Neville High School into a Type-2 charter school failed after only 30 percent of parents/guardians of Neville High School students cast ballots. The Monroe City School Board denied a second application in January to convert Neville to a Type-3 charter school without taking another

vote from the school’s faculty or staff, or parents/guardians of students enrolled there.

Echols noted the legislation was not co-authored to make charter school conversions easier to approve but to bring charter school conversion voting rules in line with other election requirements.

“If you don’t vote, you don’t get counted—that’s how it works everywhere else,” Echols said.

“These bills apply that same standard here, with added transparency and accountability. At the end of the day, it’s about trusting local school communities and making sure the system respects their voice when they choose to use it.”

SB 65 and HB 83 have been referred to the Senate and House committees on education. Neither pieces of legislation have been scheduled for consideration yet.

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cotics division, as we have for the past 30 years,” Rigdon said. “We are always seeking information on illegal drug activity and working to arrest those individuals.”

According to Linder, drugs and violent crime “are intertwined,” and Rigdon said other crimes often result from offenders attempting to obtain money for drugs.

“Statistics show nationwide that anytime there is narcotics distribution, other crimes tend to increase,” Rigdon said. “Obvi-

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ously, these people are paying money for drugs, and they have to get that money somehow. How do they do that? They may break into someone’s house, break into a car or steal a TV or a gun.”

The sheriff said the narcotics division will continue pursuing those involved in illegal activity.

“If you see something, call us,” Linder said. “We will pursue these drug dealers to the end. We are making it as uncomfortable as possible for the bad guys.”

## ANGEL

since he was five years old. According to him, even at such a young age, he always wanted to help people.

“My mind was already made up,” he said. “I felt like this was the best way to do it.”

Winnsboro Police Chief Tyronne Coleman said this was not the first time family members have praised Blakely’s work.

“A couple of weeks ago, I got a call from a young lady,” Coleman said. “She wanted to recognize Trey because he did CPR on her aunt. She didn’t make it, but Trey worked on her hard.”

“Trey is one of our officers, when we have a problem or a crime, he is one of the ones you want to come out,” Coleman continued. “He is professional and takes pride in his job.”

Coleman said he is looking

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into a department-wide refresher CPR course.

“Everybody in our department gets first aid and CPR training when they go through the academy,” Coleman said. “We have been talking about sending some guys to get a refresher course.”

According to Coleman, his department handles many service calls involving the elderly.

After Jones was taken by ambulance, Blakely said he went to the hospital to check on her and was thankful she was recovering.

“Throughout that night, I was just thankful that she made it,” Blakely said.

As for Wiggins and the rest of Jones’ family, they are grateful for law enforcement officers like Blakely.

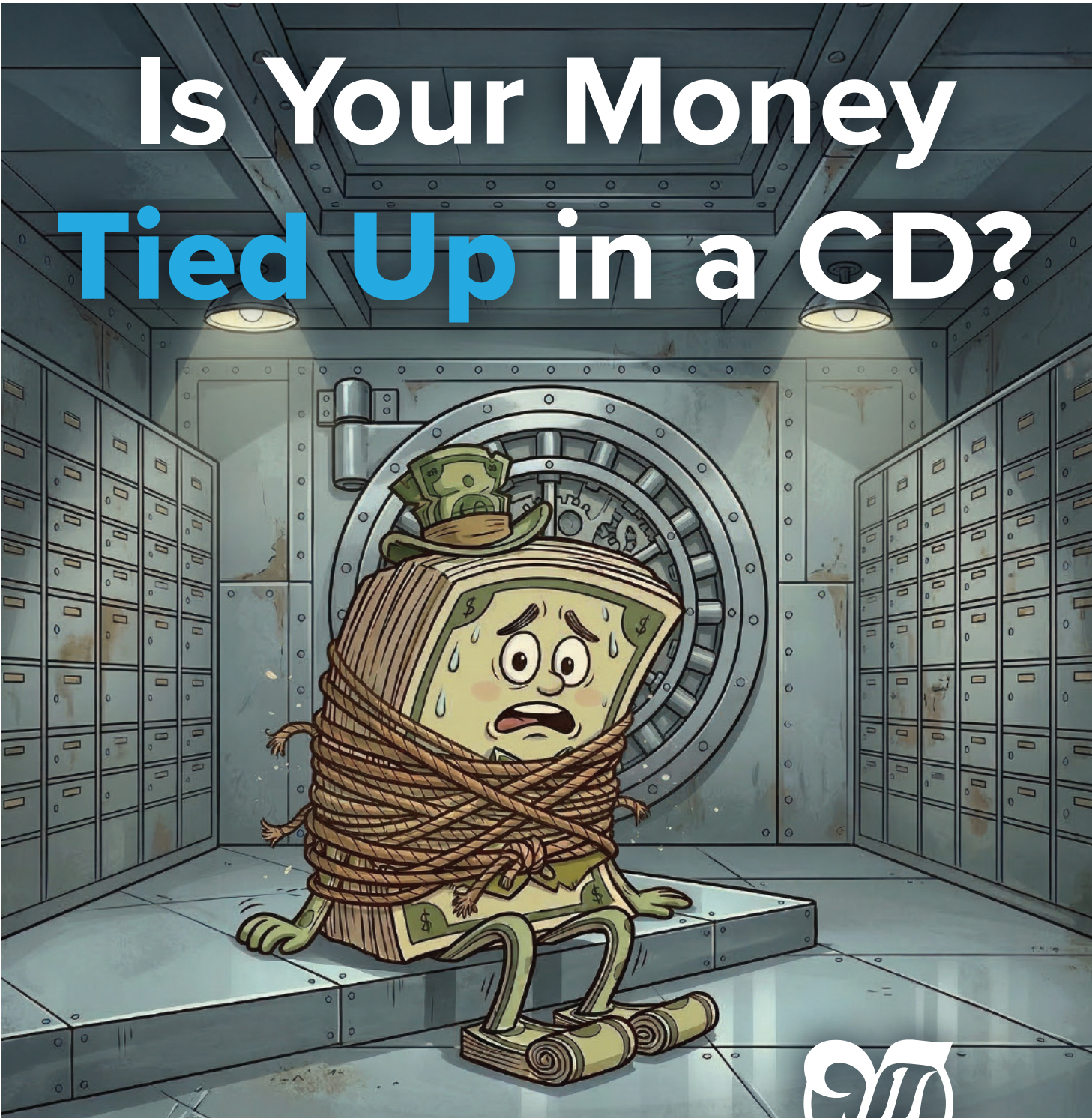
“Trey is proof that angels walk on Earth,” Wiggins said.

## TRAIL

According to the company’s bid. The project was fully funded through grants and private investment.

Heath McGuffee of Myer, Myer, LaCroix & Hixson served as the project’s lead engineer.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Franklin Parish Police Jury  
March 12, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Franklin Parish Police Jury Room  
6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295

The Franklin Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295 with the following present: President James Harris, Vice President Bryson Hendry, Chaplain Willie Thomas, Juror Elbert Wallace, Juror Howie Robinson, and Juror David DeBlieux.

President Harris called the meeting to order, followed by roll call. Chaplain Thomas led the assembly in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The motion to amend the agenda to include “Request for Emergency Watershed Protection Assis-tance” and approve the amended agenda was offered by Hendry, seconded by Thomas and passed.

Wallace offered the motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026, regular meeting.

President Harris asked for permission to skip down the agenda to item 9 “Re-quest to take in 1600 ft. of roadway off Hiram Road into the Parish Road System”. The jury obliged.

Mrs. Paula Touchet was in attendance to discuss her and Mr. Touchet’s request. Asst. Secre-tary/Treasurer Curtis, explained to Mrs. Touchet the policy for taking in a roadway into the Parish Road System as a Private Road. No action was taken by the jury at this time.

Mr. Richard Och, who requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the condi-tions of the parish roads, was not in attendance. The agenda item was skipped.

Mrs. Carol Pinnel-Alison provided the jury with the monthly LSU Ag Center up-date, including agri-cultural information and upcoming activities offered through

the various programs of the LSU Ag Center.

Mr. McManus provided his monthly update of the projects his firm is currently working on.

Robinson offered the motion to table agenda item 7 “Northeast Ambulance Service Sole Provider Contract”. Hendry seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Hendry offered the motion to approve holding a public hearing for the consid-eration of removing Gene Road and Kings Circle from the Parish Road System. Robinson seconded the motion. The mo-tion passed.

Hendry offered the motion to give the treasurer authority to obtain quotes for the connection of the generator at the Public Works Facility and accept the lowest quote received. Robinson se-conded the motion with all voting in agreement. A form was to be sent to requestors to be submit-ted with their quotes that was not provided.

DeBlieux offered the motion to deny all quotes received for the hook up for a generator for the oil tanks at the Public Works Facility. Robinson seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Robinson offered the motion to approve the advertisement for the purchase of a wheel loader and steel wheel loader with 36-month financing. Hendry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DeBlieux offered the motion to approve the rental of a water truck from Equip-ment Share in the amount of \$2,908.00 per month. Robinson seconded with all motion in agreement.

The motion to approve the cleaning out of concrete box culverts at Perryville Gas Storage Facility was offered by Hendry, seconded by Wallace and unanimously passed.

The motion to approve the rental of a skid steer for the cleaning out of the box culverts at Per-ryville Gas Storage Facility and another parish project was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry and passed.

The motion to approve the Village of Gilbert request to clean out a drainage ditch located on Mr. Kirby McLemore property was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry and passed.

The motion to approve advertising for bids for roadside spraying by drone was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson and unanimously passed. Jury asks that the bid specifications include a road list of about 200 miles of parish roads.

The motion to approve Resolution 848-Contract awards for emergency debris monitoring services and emergency debris removal, hauling, disposal, and right of way clearing services related to Win-ter Storm Fern (contract award for monitoring

being awarded to Volkert and contract for debris removal, hauling disposal, and right of way clearing services being awarded to JWTC-Louisiana LLC) was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson and passed.

Robinson offered the motion to “opt in” for new national opioid settlements from the six remnant defendants’ settlement was offered by Robinson, seconded by Norman and unanimously passed.

Motion to approve the only bid received for the mowing of the 3 parish parks from Ross Lawncare Services/Mr. Alex ross in the amount of \$989.00 per mowing was offered by Robinson, seconded by Wallace and passed.

Robinson offered the motion to approve Mr. DeShay Erskin as successfully com-pleting his 6-month probationary period and increasing rate of pay as recommend-ed by the Personnel Committee. Wal-lace seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Superintendent Temple provided the jury with the monthly Superintendent’s Report including in-formation on current and upcoming projects.

Hendry asked for a pending start date for the work on Bush Road. Mr. Temple advised that all mate-rials have been ordered but did not have a start date at this time. President Harris asked that the work be started March 23rd if at all possible. Hendry offered the motion to approve the Superin-tendent’s Report as presented. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

Robinson offered the motion to approve the Capital Improvement 3-year work schedule as pre-sented at the February regular meeting. Hendry seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Treasurer Wiggins provided the jury with the monthly Treasurer’s Report includ-ing the Profit and Loss vs Actual Budgets for all police jury accounts. Robinson of-fered the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Hendry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Robinson offered the motion to approve applying for the Emergency Watershed Protection Assis-tance. Wallace seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

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

Karah Curtis – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer  
James H. Harris – President  
3/25  
Cost: \$84.00