

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of CALEB OREN ANDERSON, JR. and/or legatees/heirs of THE ESTATE OF CHARLES OREN ANDERSON JR, please contact the office of E. Micah Hoggatt, Hoggatt Law, LLC. 6658 Kinloch Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295. (318) 367-5252. 10/11, 10/18

NOTICE
Crowville Fire District
P.O. Box 297
Crowville, LA 71230

The Crowville Fire District is accepting bids for a fire apparatus pumper/tanker with the following specifications:
Used (2015 or newer) commercial chassis
New fire body
Dry storage on both driver and passenger side
6X6 drivetrain configuration
1500 gpm PTO driven pump
2500 gallon poly tank
Bid documents and detailed specifications may be requested by emailing skavalir1@gmail.com or firechiefcrowville@gmail.com or by mailing:

Crowville Fire District
Attn: Shelton Kavalir, Secretary-Treasurer
P.O. Box 297
Crowville, LA 71230
Please place one (1) original and three (3) hard copies of your bid response in a sealed envelope and clearly labeled on the envelope “Solicitation Number CFD-2023-002”. No faxed, emailed, or telephone statements will be accepted. All responses must be received by October 26, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Any bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Any questions or requests for clarification concerning this invitation to bid shall be directed in writing to Dylan Spicer, Fire Chief, at firechiefcrowville@gmail.com by October 20, 2023. Responses will be issued within two (2) business days. Bid opening and award to be at the Crowville Fire Station, 125 Highway 578, Winnsboro, Louisiana on October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
10/11, 10/18

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:
The Town of Winnsboro is now seeking to employ an individual for the following position:

- Superintendent
 - Must have High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma
 - Must have at minimum a Class 3 certification in Water Production, Treatment & Distribution
 - Must have experience in Water Systems Operations
 - Must have previous supervisory experience
 - Must have strong leadership, verbal, and written communication skills
 - Must be able to read and interpret maps
 - Must be comfortable with public speaking and working with the public
 - Experience writing DOTD, Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas
- Permits are desired
 - Class 3 certifications in Waste Water Collection and Treatment are desired

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Must be available 24/7 for emergencies

Benefits Include: Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance; Retirement Plan; Vacation Time, Sick Time, and more!

Apply in person at City Hall
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.
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NOTICE
FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Franklin Parish Police Jury will be accepting sealed bids from October 11, 2023 thru 10:00 AM October 26, 2023 for the purchase of the following equipment:

NEW GENERAL CHASSIS

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Franklin Parish Police Jury located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295, emailing samwiggins@fppj.org or 318-435-9429

Sealed bids MUST be marked SEALED BID and MAILED to:

Franklin Parish Police Jury
6558 Main Street
Winnsboro, LA 71295

Bids will be opened and read aloud on October 26, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in the Police Jury Conference Room located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295.

Publish: 10/11 & 10/18

Advertisement for Bids
Separate sealed Bids for the construction of Lift Station Repairs, Project No. 2308-53-EN will be received by the Franklin Parish Police Jury at the office located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295 until 10:00 A.M. (Local Time) November 14, 2023, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.
The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY
6558 MAIN STREET
WINNSBORO, LA 71295
318-435-9429
SERVCE GROUP UNLIMITED, LLC
116 SMELSER ROAD
MONROE, LA 71202
318-331-1171
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office, SERVICE GROUP UNLIMITED, LLC, located at 116 SMELSER ROAD, MONROE, LA 71202 upon payment of a \$250.00 deposit. The deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. A CD of the Plans and Specifications may also be obtained upon payment of \$25.00 which will be nonrefundable. The Contractor must pay shipping costs. Deposits on first set of documents furnished to prime bidders shall be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less the actual cost of reproduction, shall be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. In addition, in accordance with ACT 759, Prime Bidders shall obtain an original set of Electronic (Disk or Download) or Paper Bidding Documents from the Engineer (LA R.S. 38.2212.0.). The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Each bidder must have must have an active registration and Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to the beginning of construction. Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Owner no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening. IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL. Owner encourages minority owned businesses to submit bid proposals. The Contractor shall be licensed in: Municipal and Public Works Construction (LA R.S. 37) The pre-bid estimate is \$120,000.
FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY

James Harris, President
10/11, 10/18, 10/25
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF WINNSBORO
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of Water System Improvements will be received by the Town of Winnsboro, at the Office of the engineer, Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. located at 100 Engineer Place, Alexandria, LA until Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. local time and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received on the following contracts:

Contract 1 – Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation
Contract 2 – Water Main Replacement and Leak Repairs

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Town of Winnsboro c/o Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc., 100 Engineer Place, Alexandria, LA 71303

The Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer:

MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX & HIXSON, INC.
TELEPHONE (318) 448-0888
100 ENGINEER PLACE
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA 71303

Bidding documents on a USB flash drive may be obtained from the office of the Engineer at a cost per copy of \$40.00, which represents the cost of reproduction and handling, and is nonrefundable. Any requests for bid documents must be accompanied by payment in full. Prime Bidders must obtain Bidding Documents from the Engineer. Bids received from Contractors utilizing any other Bidding Document source will be returned unopened.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of 5 percent of bidder's maximum bid price and in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond. The successful bidder will be required to obtain a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount. All bonds shall be executed by such sureties as are named in U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570. A bond signed by an agent or attorney-in-fact must be accompanied by a certified copy of that individual's authority to bind the surety.

The contract is to be financed in whole or in part by bonds which are required to be sold after receipt of bids, or by federal or other funds which will not be readily available at the time bids are received. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2215D, Bidders may not withdraw their bid within one hundred twenty (120) days after the actual date of opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 38:2214B.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The deminimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

Date: October 13, 2023
Alice Wallace Mayor
10/18, 10/25, 11/01

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office for the following:

Vehicle(s)

Specifications and requirements may be obtained at the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office during normal business hours. The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and waives any information. For information contact David Rigdon, Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.
10/18, 10/25

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution that Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. ("NELPCO"), an electric distribution cooperative supplying retail electric service to approximately 11,924 customers in seven parishes in the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") an Application for Increase of Base Rates, for Interim Rates, and for the Establishment of an Emergency Reserve Fund to be effective upon LPSC approval. The Application was filed pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(3) of the Louisiana Constitution and applicable Louisiana statutes, including La. R.S. 45:1163.1, et seq. The seven parishes through which NELPCO's service area extends are: East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll.

Notice of NELPCO's Application filing will be published in the LPSC's Official Bulletin No. 1308. Notice will also be published in the state's official state journal and in the official journal of each parish within the geographical area served by NELPCO. The proposed rate change contained in the Application will affect all parishes served by NELPCO. The proposed rate change is sought primarily to recover the cost of service and due to increased operating costs. It is also sought to implement an Emergency Relief Fund and Interim Rate Relief.

NELPCO has not had a base rate increase since 1984. Despite no base rate increase in almost 40 years, NELPCO has consistently maintained some of the lowest electricity rates in Louisiana. At the same time, over the years, NELPCO has made significant investments in its distribution and transmission system, all without the need for a base rate increase. For example, NELPCO deployed an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System ("AMS") on a system-wide basis from roughly 2013 through 2015. The AMS system provides greater information to NELPCO and its customers regarding usage and assists greatly with communication of outages and other issues on the system. NELPCO also restored service and repaired its system after Winter Storm Uri in February 2021. Further, NELPCO embarked on its System Average Interruption Duration Index ("SAIDI") Improvement Plan, beginning in 2018, which involves steps designed to reduce outages as well as the duration of outages. As part of the SAIDI Improvement Plan, NELPCO has reconfigured its circuits to balance its load more evenly between its three phases and has also materially increased spending on contract right-of-way maintenance to reduce the duration of and/or prevent future outages. And in addition to its SAIDI Improvement Plan, NELPCO is currently engaged in a comprehensive and well-documented pole inspection and replacement/repair program with the assistance of a nationally-acclaimed contractor, Osmose.

NELPCO commissioned a Cost-of-Service Study which examines its costs to provide reliable electrical service, the revenues being earned to compensate NELPCO for such costs, and other relevant data. The Cost-of-Service Study is based on the test year of September 30, 2021 through September 30, 2022. As a result of the Cost-of-Service Study performed by NELPCO's consultant, it was determined that NELPCO's current capital structure is unsustainable and a rate increase is necessary for NELPCO to maintain financial stability, to continue providing reliable electric service, and to make needed investments in its system. NELPCO has experienced declining financial margins over the past several years resulting in insufficient revenues to cover costs and provide an adequate operating margin, combined with NELPCO's operating costs continuing to rise due to general inflationary pressures.

NELPCO's filing on September 29, 2023, with the LPSC includes detailed Cost-of-Service information and detailed changes in NELPCO's rate schedules. NELPCO's Application, including the proposed changes to its rate schedules, may be viewed in the Office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov) upon its publication in the LPSC's Official Bulletin No. 1308.
10/18

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF GILBERT
BE IT KNOWN THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 12, 2023, AND THE VILLAGE OF GILBERT OFFICIAL HALLOWEEN DATE AND HOURS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE # 278 WILL BE:
TUESDAY - OCTOBER 31, 2023
FROM 3:00p.m. TILL 6p.m.
FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER
10/18, 10/25

FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY
PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY WILL ACCEPT BIDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 10:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 8, 2023 IN THE POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM, COURTHOUSE BUILDING, WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA ON THE FOLLOWING:

PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE JURY OFFICE FOR BID SPECIFICATIONS

BULK DIESEL FUEL FOR OFF ROAD EQUIPMENT. Fuel must be available from 7:00AM through 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

GRAVEL, DIRT, OIL, ASPHALT, AND SOIL CEMENT

GRAVEL: {MAINTENANCE ROCK (GOOD GRADE 50% SIZE 1" TO 1 ½"), # 8 LIMESTONE, #57 LIMESTONE, PIT RUN – RED CLAY, DIRT, SAND, C-1, C-3, RIP RAP, 610 and 610 POWDER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE JURY OFFICE FOR BID SPECIFICATIONS

DIRT CONTRACTOR BIDS: SHALL INCLUDE PRICE PER CUBIC YARD OF DIRT AND DISTANCE TRANSPORTED. PRICE PER HOUR FOR EQUIPMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED.

OIL, GREASES: BRAND NAMES SHALL BE PROVIDED –

ASPHALT PRODUCTS: (HOT MIX, COLD MIX, CRS-2, CSS-1, SS-1, AEP, CRS-2P, MC-70, MC-30) BID PRICE TO INCLUDE MATERIAL PICKED UP AT SOURCE, PRICE DELIVERED TO ANY PARISH ROAD OR PARISH PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY. INCLUDE SEPARATE DOCUMENT FOR HOT MIX AND COLD MIX BID.

SOIL CEMENT: SHALL INCLUDE PRICE PER TON OR CUBIC YARD, FREIGHT, SPREADING, ENVIRONMENTAL, ETC. BID FORM NOT PROVIDED.

CULVERTS: MUST MEET OR EXCEED STATE SPECIFICATIONS AND BE OF #1 GRADE.
BLACK CORRUGATED CULVERTS MUST MEET AASHTO STANDARDS M-252 & M-294. PLASTIC CULVERTS ALSO

BRIDGE MATERIAL: MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE ACCESSIBILITY AND MEET OR EXCEED STATE SPECIFICATIONS BEING #1 GRADE.

MOSQUITO FOGGING PRODUCTS / SERVICES AND SUPPORT / TRAINING: SHALL INCLUDE CHEMICAL, PRICE PER GALLON AND PER CASE, OFFER SERVICE AND SUPPORT ON ULTRA-LOW VOLUME EQUIPMENT, MOSQUITO CERTIFICATION. SHALL BE CERTIFIED FOR NON-RESTRICTED USE AND NOT HAVE 100-FT AQUATIC SETBACK.

GRADER BLADES: ½" X 6" X 7" WITH 5/8" BOLT HOLES.

CARBIDE-TIPPED CUTTING TOOLS: 5/8" AND 3/4"

GARBAGE CARTS: PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS ARE PROVIDED.

BIDDER SHALL INDICATE METHOD OF CALCULATING AND JUSTIFY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN MATERIAL COST.

BID SPECIFICATIONS, DURATION OF BID 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 HOLIDAYS. 318-435-9429

ALL BIDS RECEIVED MUST BE MARKED AS SEALED BID AND RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. TO BE ELIGIBLE.

ALL BIDS AWARDED SHALL REQUIRE A SIGNED CONTRACT IN ADDITION TO THE SIGNED BID. THE FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. PLEASE CALL ROBERT GLADEN, PARISH PURCHASING AGENT AT 318-435-9446 WITH QUESTIONS.
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TOWN OF WINNSBORO
REGULAR SESSION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JACK HAMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER
810 ADAMS STREET
WINNSBORO, LA 71295
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Councilwoman Dorothy Swayzer
Pledge led by Mayor Alice Wallace

Roll Call
Aldermen present: Marteze Singleton, Dorothy Swayzer and Eddie Dunn
Absent: Rex McCarthy and Jerry Johnson

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Winnsboro, Louisiana, met in a rescheduled regular session on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Jack Hammons Community Center, 810 Adams Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana, with Mayor Alice Wallace presiding.

Approval of the Minutes for August's Meetings
Motion by Dorothy Swayzer, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to accept the minutes for August's monthly meetings.

Constance Thomas
Mrs. Julia Thomas appeared before the board with proposed changes to the request made in last month's meeting for the thoroughway being turned in to a street and named in honor of the late Chief of Police Lester Thomas, Jr. The new street will now be located off of highway 15, turning into Town Hall parking lot, going straight through to Warren Street. Motion by Dorothy Swayzer, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to make the proposed changes.

Resolution No. 23-0901: Compliance Questionnaire
Motion by Marteze Singleton, seconded by Dorothy Swayzer and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0901.

Resolution No. 23-0902: Act 397
Motion by Marteze Singleton, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to table this item until next month's meeting.

Resolution No. 23-0903: Procurement Policy
Motion by Eddie Dunn, seconded by Marteze Singleton and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0903.

Councilman Rex McCarthy entered the meeting at approximately 6:11 P.M.

Resolution No. 23-0904: Citizen Participation Policy
Motion by Jerry Johnson, seconded by Marteze Singleton and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0804.

Motion by Eddie Dunn, seconded by Rex McCarthy and unanimously approved to amend the agenda.
Motion by Eddie Dunn, seconded by Rex McCarthy and unanimously approved to add Resolution No. 23-0906 to the agenda.

Resolution No. 23-0906: LCDBG Public Facility Management Resolution.
Motion by Rex McCarthy, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0906.

Resolution No. 23-0905: Highway 15 water leak repairs – Heath McGuffee
Motion by Rex McCarthy, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0905 and pay from the Sales Tax Street Project Fund.

Police Chief's Monthly Report
Captain Jerry Davis gave a monthly activity report for the Town of Winnsboro's Police Department. Motion by Eddie Dunn, seconded by Rex McCarthy and unanimously approved to accept the report.

Fire Chief's Monthly Report
Interim Fire Chief Mikala Weems gave a monthly activity report for the months of July and August (but was called out as August and September during the public meeting) for the Town of Winnsboro's Fire Department. Motion by Rex McCarthy, seconded by Dorothy Swayzer and unanimously approved to accept the reports.

Public Works Monthly Report
Motion by Rex McCarthy, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to table this item until next month.

Monthly Financial Statements

HENDERSON

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1,249 votes, while Teats took in 1,076 votes.

“(The race) went really well,” Henderson said. “I got out and worked really hard. I had a lot of people helping and talking for me. I ran a good clean race. I didn’t talk about my opponents, and to my knowledge they didn’t talk about me. Everybody ran on their own merits.”

Henderson will now oversee the office’s transition into Cloud-based information.

“We will have an online portal and inside the office we will be accessing our software through the web as well,” Henderson said. “The average Joe will be able to get on the website and be able to view their assessments. They will see how much taxes they owe. They will see how much we have it assessed for, and estimate taxes if they have a project coming up.”

Henderson also said he has had a steady stream of well wishers visiting the assessor’s office.

“I have had a steady stream this morning of people,” Henderson said, Monday. “I spent hours Sunday responding to text messages and Facebook

telling everybody thank you and how much I appreciate them. I’d like to thank the people of Franklin Parish from the bottom of my heart from me and my family. Thank you very much.”

In Franklin Parish, 41.3 percent of voters cast their ballots in the assessor’s race.

Riser wins

Louisiana House District 20 Rep. Neil Riser will serve his district for another four years.

Riser garnered 57 percent or 7,732 votes to challenger Kevin Bates’ 5,788 votes, according to unofficial election results from the Secretary of State. Bates received 43 percent of the votes.

On Monday, Riser thanked voters and said he would continue to work closely with everyone.

“I just want to thank the voters in House District 20 for still believing in me and supporting me,” Riser said. “We are going to continue to work together. There are going to be new members, but we are going to continue to work closely together.”

According to Riser, he will continue to concentrate on the “main items” such as roads and

bridges and continuing education.

“I’m fully accessible,” Riser said. “Anyone that needs me just contact my office.”

In Franklin Parish, 42.9 percent of voters cast their ballots in the District 20 race.

Johnson, Davis in runoff

Incumbent C. Travis Johnson and Jamie Davis Jr. will face each other in a runoff for the state’s 21st Representative District.

Throughout their district, Johnson received 49 percent or 5,279 votes to Davis’ 44 percent or 4,755. Clark White Jr. collected seven percent of the votes or 777.

In Franklin Parish, Davis collected 48 percent of the votes to Johnson’s 22 percent and White’s 30 percent.

Johnson said he and his team will continue to run an “integrity-based and issue-based campaign.”

“In the new parishes, we are still getting to know those people,” Johnson said. “We are going to get to know those people a whole lot better.”

On Monday, Johnson attended the Winnsboro Town Council meeting.

According to Davis, he, him-

self, worked hard in Franklin Parish pushing his platform.

“Franklin Parish was one of the places that I knew there were no voices,” Davis said. “There was no state representative simply because the people had never voted for anyone in District 21. I knew that Franklin did not know the incumbent nor did they know me. I got out early and started to work. I met some people that liked the platform I have, and they helped me push my agenda forward. It showed in the results that came through the poll.”

In Franklin Parish, 32.4 percent of voters cast their ballots in the District 21 race.

Local races

In the election for District 1 Police Juror, incumbent Ricky Campbell and challenger Elbert Wallace will be in a runoff. Campbell received 49 percent or 457 votes to Wallace’s 32 percent or 296 votes.

Bryson Hendry beat incumbent Gary Peters 615 to 366 votes in the District 4 Police Juror race. Hendry received 63 percent of the votes.

Rochelle Kelly will face Willie Lee Thomas in a runoff for the District 5 Police Juror seat. Kelly received 42 percent or

281 votes to Thomas’s 41 percent or 275 votes.

William “Howie” Robinson Jr. will continue to be District 6 Police Juror, garnering 67 percent or 640 votes.

In the election for District 7 Police Juror, incumbent Leodis Norman collected 59 percent or 308 votes to challenger Shelton Bankston’s 41 percent or 214 votes.

In the District 2 Winnsboro Town Council seat, incumbent Dorothy Swayer will face Lois Powell Jordan in the runoff. Swayer was the lead vote getter with 91 votes to Jordan’s total of 88. Jordan is a former member of the Council.

Millage renewal passes

A Franklin Parish Police Jury 8.14 millage renewal passed. The millage received 59 percent of the votes or 3,050 voted in favor.

The five-year millage’s purpose is to maintain, operate and purchase equipment. It will raise an estimated \$924,400.

New tax proposition failed

A proposed 6.5 millage for Winnsboro’s parks, festivals and grant matches was narrowly defeated by voters, 419-417.

The 25-year tax was estimated to bring in about \$190,000

per year and would have been levied on all property subject to taxation in the town.

Constitutional amendments

All four Constitutional amendments were passed by qualified Louisiana voters.

The first amendment, which prohibited the use of private funds in the administration of elections, was passed by 73 percent of the votes (734,325).

Statewide turnout for the amendment was 34.1 percent.

The second amendment, which provided that the freedom of worship is a fundamental right worthy of the highest protection, passed by 79 percent of the votes (805,669).

Statewide turnout for the amendment was 34.2 percent.

The third amendment, which dedicated certain payments to be applied to the state retirement system unfunded accrued liability, passed by 56 percent (559,537).

Statewide turnout for the amendment was 33.5 percent.

The fourth amendment, which restricts ad valorem tax exemptions for certain non-profit organizations, passed by 66 percent (661,328).

Statewide turnout for the amendment was 33.7 percent.

COUNCIL

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resubmit in order to keep that money.”

First application approved was for a possible \$5.5 million municipal complex. The complex would be an approximately 9,000 square foot building and improvements to parking and utilities.

“This is consolidating the facility,” answered McGuffee to Town Council member Jerry Johnson’s question to the building’s purpose. “There are four or five separate buildings that (the town) is operating out of. It will do away with some of those older facilities that are having maintenance issues.”

Johnson questioned Mayor Alice Wallace about matching funds, but Wallace informed

the Council member about Sen. Katrina Jackson’s Bill 166 that would waive local matches for municipalities whose populations are less than 6,000. The bill was signed and became law June 13.

In her monthly update, Fire Department Chief Mikala Weems explained the need for a new complex.

“We are still dealing with significant health issues relating to the mold on the ceiling and air ducts,” Weems said. “This goes back to us needing a new municipal complex. Our building is infested with mold, causing our employees to have sinus issues as well as an occasional rash that we have to go to the doctor.”

A resubmitted Franklin Rubber capital outlay application worth approximately \$2.2 million along with the resubmitted marquee sign worth \$50,000 was approved unanimously.

At their December 2019 meeting, Town Council members gave their support to apply for capital outlay funds to repair fire-damaged equipment.

On Jan. 1, 2018, a fire destroyed the plant’s crumb line, a mechanism used to make road material out of rubber tire chips. Before the fire, the facility was shut down for two weeks.

Throughout its existence, the plant has suffered from numerous fires. It was said in the 2019 meeting, approximately \$2.2 million was required to

complete the grinding line operation, according to a breakdown Town Council members reviewed. The plant continues to be in operation.

A capital outlay application for a possible activity center to be located at W.O. Gwin Park was also approved by Town Council members. The application was for approximately \$4 million. The application was first applied for during former-Mayor Jackie Johnson’s administration in 2014.

The 20-acre park is located on Riser Road, and at one time, would have featured a football/soccer field, a pool, a splash pad, misted sitting areas and picnic grounds. The center would be primarily used for after-school

activities. The application submission was passed 3-1 with Johnson being the sole nay. A capital outlay application was resubmitted for “parks.”

Meanwhile, during Police Chief Tyrone Coleman’s monthly report, it was requested to approve a dismissal in the police department. Town Council member Marteze Singleton asked to table the matter until the police committee, Coleman and legal council could meet. Calls from The Sun to Coleman went unanswered Tuesday morning.

Before closing the meeting, Johnson questioned Wallace about whether a videographer was paid by the town to put a video on her personal Facebook page. “Last month at the meet-

ing, after it was over, several people called and asked why the recording was not on the Town of Winnsboro’s Facebook page,” Johnson said. “It was recorded on your Facebook, and I am blocked so I couldn’t see that. My question is if we are taking town money to pay this guy to record these meetings, wouldn’t it go on Winnsboro Facebook page and not a personal Facebook page?” Wallace answered: “The last meeting Mr. McDaniel was not paid for that meeting. Because there was something wrong (with the video), so he was not paid for that meeting. There was a portion that was taken out that I could use on my page, and I did. He was not paid by the Town of Winnsboro. Not one dime.”

GAME

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what happened that night that is 100 percent far from the truth, and you can have just one or two agitators come in looking to start trouble like you have at a lot of places,” Cobb said. “We can’t ignore the threats we have been tracking.”

From the incident, former Carroll Head Coach Brandon Landers on July 27 pled guilty to battery of a police officer and disturbing the peace by fighting in connection to the fight.

With Landers’ guilty plea, he had to pay \$600 total in fines and serve one year of probation.

On the same day, Assistant Coach Zemetress Randle pled guilty to simple battery, resisting arrest and participating in a riot. With Randle’s plea, he had to pay \$1,000 total in fines and serve one year of probation.

Former assistant football coach, Druzon Quillen, was sentenced to 45 days at Franklin Parish Detention Center.

The third Carroll High School coach implemented in the fight was found guilty of battery of a police officer on Aug. 3 in Fifth Judicial Court

He was found not guilty of inciting or participating in a riot and failure to disperse.

Landers, Randle and Quillen and five other Carroll coaches were suspended by LHSA for the remainder of the 2022 football season. Cobb said he doesn’t plan on attending the

event because he does not want to turn attention away from the game. “Our staff is going

in with a tactical entry in, and a tactical exit out,” Cobb said. “We are going to do everything

we can to provide safety for our fans, students, players and administration like we always

MEETING

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salary checks go out on Oct. 25.

Supt. John Gullatt had expressed his opinion that the pay should be given as a lump sum, rather than being split or delayed as is done in other districts in the state.

Gullatt also proposed that pre-k and some part-time positions be included as recipients of extra pay even though the positions were not included in the state-approved stipend.

Business Manager Ellie Lane said previously that the funding for the stipends for the extra

positions, about \$50,000, will come from the school district’s general fund.

Gullatt noted that the Head Start program is not included in the state-approved stipend because that program is federally funded.

The state required that the stipends be included as a line item in the salary schedules.

The agenda for the Oct. 10 regular meeting included consideration of proposed policy changes to reflect state requirements, but the board agreed to

put that matter on hold until attorneys for the school district can review the changes.

Also during the meeting the School Board approved the pupil progression plan. Bell informed the board that the pupil progression plan was unchanged from the previous plan.

In addition, the board approved the compliance questionnaire required by the Legislative Auditor. The questionnaire is a routine requirement related to annual audits.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Town Clerk Julia Jackson gave a monthly financial report for the month of August. Councilman Marteze Singleton asked questions about certain line items that appeared to be running high. Motion by Marteze Singleton, seconded by Eddie Dunn and unanimously approved to accept the monthly financial report.

Adjournment

There being no more business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Rex McCarthy, seconded by Marteze Singleton and unanimously approved that this meeting be adjourned.

Julia Jackson

Alice Wallace

Town Clerk

Mayor

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Town of Winnsboro

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the Wetlands.

This is to give notice that the Town of Winnsboro has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplains

and Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in a floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for street improvements under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Town of Winnsboro, located in Franklin Parish, proposes to utilize LCDBG and Local funding to construct street improvements. The proposed project will consist of the following construction activities: Mobilization, Temporary Signs, Barriades, and Erosion Control, Project Signs, Asphaltic Concrete Pavement, Milling Asphaltic Concrete Pavement, Soil Cement Base, Pavement Patching, Shoulders improvements, and address utility conflicts where applicable. The streets proposed for improvement are West Harper St., Pinecrest St., Womble St., Hatfield St., Peters St., Scott St., and Powers St.

The Town has reevaluated the alternatives to building in a floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternatives to the proposed action. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: (i) there are no historical or cultural deposits within the project, (ii) there are no man-made or natural hazards that will endanger the public, (iii) there are no activities that will adversely affect endangered species

and/or scenic streams/rivers, (iv) the floodplain and wetlands will not be adversely affected by any activity.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and wetlands. Those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about the wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Winnsboro at the following address on or before November 2, 2023: Alice Wallace, Mayor, Town of Winnsboro P.O. Box 250., Winnsboro, LA 71295-0250. The Town can be contacted by phone at 318-435-9087. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at Town Hall.

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