

Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Franklin Parish Police Jury  
May 9, 2024  
Franklin Parish Police Jury Room  
6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295

The Franklin Parish Police Jury met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 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, Juror Elbert Wallace, Juror Willie Thomas, Juror Bryson Hendry (5:31), Juror Howie Robinson, and Juror David DeBlieux. Vice President Leodis Norman was not in attendance.

President Harris called the meeting to order. Followed by roll call.  
Chaplain Wallace led the assembly in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.  
DeBlieux offered the motion to approve the agenda. Robinson seconded. The motion passed.  
President Harris asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the consideration of establishing a 4-way stop at the intersection of Old Columbia Road, Hayes Road, and Scriber Rd. Robinson motioned, Hendry seconded, motion passed. President Harris asked for any public comments, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer read aloud the mailed in comment from Mr. George Allen Price stating that he is in favor of the 4-way stop. Mr. Marvin Scriber, who attended the meeting, voiced his favor of the 4-way stop. With there being no other public comments, Harris asked for a motion to close the public hearing. DeBlieux motioned, Robinson seconded. The motion passed. DeBlieux offered the motion to approve establishing a 4-way stop at the intersection of Old Columbia Road, Hayes Road, and Scriber Road. Robinson seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.  
The motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024, regular meeting was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson, and passed.  
Mrs. Carol Pinnell-Allison brought Sabian Crawford to the meeting to tell the jury about his experiences being part of the 4-H Club/Shooting Sports. Sabian informed the jury that he has been part of the Shooting Sports for 3 years and has gone to the State Competition 3 times. Over the years he has won thirty-one medals. When he first started his high score was 285, now it is 381. The jury commended Sabian for his enthusiasm for Shoot Sports and his many accomplishments.  
Mr. Kenneth McManus advised the jury that he is awaiting the equipment for the Abe Lincoln/Horace White Sewer project. The survey for Looney Canal has been ordered. The survey will go from the highway to Big Creek Rd. The bids for Riley Road improvements have been re-advertised with the bid opening to be held on May 14th.  
President Harris asked the Personnel Committee for their nomination for the public works superintendent position. Personnel member Robinson nominated Clyde Temple (6-month probationary period at the beginning of the pay scale) Thomas seconded the nomination. President Harris asked the member if they would put their nomination in the form of a motion and second. Robinson and Thomas did so. The motion unanimously passed.  
Informational: No Public Access signs have been ordered and will be placed on the newly constructed access road built for the LD Knox Rd. dam (Bayou Macon #1).  
DeBlieux offered the motion to approve Mr. Ken McManus to suggest a plan of action for repairs to Bridge 70-0841 French Turn Rd. Hendry seconded with all voting in agreement.  
Hendry offered the motion to approve Ms. Cinnamon Gooding to looking into funding sources for Mr. Whit Bass, who has an erosion issue on his property. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed.  
The motion to approve ADA Moore sending Mr. Allen a certified letter informing him of the violations Mr. Allen is in pertaining to the Parish Subdivision Ordinance and letters to all know property buyers advising that the sale of the property by Mr. Allen is an invalid sale. DeBlieux seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.  
The jury was informed of the deficiencies, including vegetation overgrowth, debris removal around the control structures and ruts along the access road, reported on Bayou Macon Dams 1, 2, and 3. Ms. Cinnamon Gooding had advised the committee that she would go out to each deficiency location. Police Jury crews are actively correcting the reported deficiencies.  
Hendry offered the motion to approve the request of Mr. Myles Kiper for ditch re-location on his property, following the recommendation of the drainage foreman, and pending a signed agreement between the FPPJ and Mr. Kiper for permanent easement dedicated to the FPPJ and other specific conditions. DeBlieux seconded the motion. The motion passed.  
The motion to approve the creation of a school bus turnaround at 2116 L R Hatton Road, pending approval from the Franklin Parish School Board to pay the cost of the materials, labor, and equipment, was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson, and passed.  
Being that it is legally not recommended to install speed humps or bumps in a public road not within a community subdivision, the motion to deny the request of Ms. Chloe Norwood for speed bumps constructed on Kenneth Barton Road, was offered by Robinson, seconded by Hendry, and passed.  
Hendry offered then motion to approve the dust control request for Garrett Allen at 128 Mossy Oak Lane. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Thomas offered the motion to approve the placement of children at play sign at 226 Donnel Gin Rd.; Hendry seconded with all voting in acclamation.

Deblieux offered the motion to approve the following lowest quotes received for three new excavators (2 with 5 ft. buckets and one with a 6 ft. bucket) and hydraulic thumb. Hendry seconded with all voting in agreement.

Scott Equipment	36 Mo. Lease
135 HP to 160 HP	3,163.00
270 to 280 HP	4,866.00
120 to 130 HP	2,975.00

The motion for approval of the following was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson, and unanimously passed. Order one truck from the quote received on 5/2 in the amount of \$3,917.70 to replace the truck that was involved in an accident (replace unit 239) with an approximate delivery date of November or December of this year. Being that the trucks that were ordered in 2022, the jury requested that the warranty be extended on our current leases with the hopes that the new trucks will arrive before year end. The jury requested that Mr. Ramsey obtain a price to upgrade the bed on the trucks that are on order and report back with a price. The committee feels that all dump beds need to be equipped to haul heavier materials so that the trucks can be utilized by the drainage crew or the road crew.

DeBlieux offered the motion to approve going with the only quote received, Scott Truck in the amount of \$3,050.35 per month for 36 months, for a new lowboy truck. Wallace seconded the motion with all voting in agreement.

Thomas offered the motion to approve the purchase of the two pumps for Delta Process Equipment in the amount of \$14,718.00 for the Elam Sewer System. DeBlieux seconded. The motion passed.

The motion to approve the following budget amendment for culverts was offered by Robinson, seconded by Hendy, and unanimously passed. The drainage foreman compiled a list of culverts needed to purchase for upcoming drainage work. The dollar amount of that list is \$180,546.26. The current remaining balance in the drainage budget for culverts this year is \$96, 701.12. There are some outstanding projects that may increase the dollar amount needed for fill dirt and sand also. The recommendation of the committee is to authorize the use of up to \$150,000.00 from the drainage maintenance fund balance for the purchase of the culverts listed and the needed materials.

The motion to approve the drainage foreman’s recommendation for the upsizing of three culverts on Live Oak Ln. was offered by Hendry, seconded by Wallace, and passed. The cross drain is not to be changed out at this time.

The motion to not send any employees to the Class about The Key to Roads That Last, due to the fact it takes place during prime working season/weather, was offered by Hendry, seconded by DeBlieux, and passed.

Robinson offered the motion to approve advertising for the July – December 2024 material bids. Hendry seconded with all voting in agreement.

Being that the removal of Ray Sharp Rd. from the parish road system would cause a property to be land locked, the motion to deny the removal of Ray Sharp Rd. from the parish road system was offered by DeBlieux, seconded by Hendry, and unanimously passed.

Robinson offered the motion to approve the appointment of Heather Carroll to the FD 4 Board. Hendry seconded. The motion passed.

Thomas offered the motion to approve advertising for an excavator operator. Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

The motion to approve Mr. Michael Cooks as the park supervisor of both the Ester Credit and Ephron Rollins parks for the months of June, July, and August, was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry, and passed.

The motion to approve the purchase of twelve of the lights (\$2,148.00) and the two electrical boxes (199.98), funds coming from the general fund. Obtain quotes for the cutting and removal of the trees within the camping area. Instructing the grounds keeper to have the individual that has his camper under one of the trees to move it to a camping space without a tree, was offered by Thomas, seconded by Hendry, and passed. The jury mentioned checking into getting either TODDS or Trail Blazer signs from DOTD for Turkey Creek Park, if possible.

The motion to approve the Gun Violence Awareness Car, Truck, and Bike Show at the Nolan Norman Park on June 15, 2024, pending organizer’s proof for providing security for the event and that everyone and everything must be gone from the park at 7:30 p.m., was offered by Robinson, seconded by Hendry, and passed.

DeBlieux offered the motion to approve the Superintendent’s Report as presented. Robinson seconded with all voting in agreement.

DeBlieux offered the motion to approve the Capital Improvement 3-year plan as presented. Hendry seconded. The motion passed.

The motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, including Profit and Loss vs Actual Budgets, as presented, was offered by Hendry, seconded by Robinson, and passed.

There were no letters of interest.

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

Karah Lochbrunner – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

James H. Harris – President

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