

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 10, 2022

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, OCTOBER 10, 2022, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Craig Smith, President, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Vice President and Police Jurors: Joe Bishop, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fountaine, III, Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin, David Johnson and Jay Scott.

Also present were Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Administrator; Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Angie Branton, 911 Communications and OEP Director; Dr. Jonathan Hunter, Coroner – Rapides Parish; Greg Jones, Legal Counsel; Chief Joseph Glorioso and Chief David Corley.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Joe Bishop.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Craig Smith, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response.

The first item on the agenda Mr. Craig Smith presented the family of former Rapides Parish Police Juror Eugene Arnold "Tunk" Andries, Jr. a Memoriam plaque for his dedicated service as stated below:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Mr. Eugene Arnold "Tunk" Andries, Jr. was called by his Creator on Tuesday, May 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries was a native and lifetime resident of Rapides Parish, and a lifelong parishioner of St. Margaret's Catholic Church and St. Rita Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries is preceded in death by his wife, Nanette Andries of 59 years and daughter, Kathy Andries Holt; and leaves behind his children Sandra Thiels, Robbie Andries, Dale Andries, and a numerus amount of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries was a lifetime farmer and cattleman on Bayou Rapides where he shared his love of livestock and arming with his children and countless 4-H children in Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries was the last surviving charter member of the Rapides Fair Association and he served as president on numerous committees; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Andries served on the Rapides Parish Police Jury for two (2) terms and was instrumental in the passing of a tax for the construction of the Rapides Parish Coliseum and served as Justice of the Peace for Ward 8; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries served on the board of the Rapides Island Water Association and helped bring a water system to the Bayou Rapides community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries helped to form the Dixie Your Baseball League and build Cruikshank Park for children of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries was a member of the LA Prison Enterprise Board, LA and Rapides Cattleman Association, and McNutt Gin Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andries built Kincaid Boat Landing and Grocery which he operated with his wife for many years and constructed the Tunk's Cypress Inn Restaurant on Kincaid Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby recognize Mr. Eugene Arnold "Tunk" Andries, Jr. for his dedication and hard work in serving the citizens of Rapides Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the late Mr. Eugene Arnold "Tunk" Andries, Jr. and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

PRESENTED to the family of Mr. Eugene Arnold "Tunk" Andries, Jr. on this 10th day of October, 2022.

Mr. Roy Provost, Director of La Forensics, gave a presentation to the Jury and those in attendance on the status of backlog of autopsies and lack of forensic pathologists in Louisiana. Mr. Provost stated an additional forensic pathologist was being hired and one (1) Locum Tenens Pathologist was secured. As a result, fees for autopsies will increase effective October 15, 2022. Mr. Joe Bishop inquired on the effect this will have on the billing to various municipalities. Dr. Jonathan Hunter, Rapides Parish Coroner, stated a formal letter will be sent out to all municipalities so they may amend their budgets accordingly. Dr. Hunter stated he will make sure they are fiscally responsible and only request the necessary test for each case.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dustin Hinds, Enterprise Fleet Management provided an update to the Jury on leased vehicles for Juvenile Probation, Public Works Department and current status of the industry.

Discussion ensued.

Sheriff Mark Wood spoke to the Jury on the dangers of the drug Kratom and he appreciated the Jury's quick action to get ahead of the issues it will impose on our communities.

Discussion ensued.

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On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 19 –
OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS; SECTION 71 – PROHIBITING
THE SALE OF MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH (KRATOM) IN
RAPIDES PARISH

Chapter 19 – OFFENSES – Miscellaneous

Section 71 - Prohibiting the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom)

WHEREAS, Kratom is an herbal extract that comes from the leaves of an evergreen tree (*Mitragyna speciosa*) grown in Southeast Asia. Although people who take kratom believe in its value, researchers who have studied kratom think its side effects and safety problems more than offset any potential benefits; and

WHEREAS, Kratom has been reported to cause abnormal brain function when taken with prescription medicine. The effects of Kratom become stronger as the quantity taken increases and is known to cause death. Kratom is not currently regulated in the United States, and federal agencies are taking action to combat false claims about kratom; and studies on the effects of kratom have identified many safety concerns and no clear benefits.

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby declare that the use of *Mitragyna Speciosa Korth* (Kratom) is a serious problem affecting the health and welfare of all citizens. The Rapides Parish Police Jury does further declare and determine that all reasonable steps should be taken to prohibit the sale of *Mitragyna Speciosa Korth* (Kratom) in Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby deems it necessary and proper for good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the Parish and its inhabitants; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana in regular session convened, as follows: to wit:

Section 1. It shall be illegal for any person, vendor, seller or retailer licensed to do business in Rapides Parish to sell *Mitragyna Speciosa Korth* (Kratom). in the Parish of Rapides.

Section 2. Penalties.

- (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

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(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this section for a second offense shall be fine one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

(3) Whoever violates the provisions of this section for a third or subsequent offense shall be fine one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both. However, if the offender is a vendor, seller or retailer licensed to do business in Rapides Parish it shall forfeit and/or have all business licensed revoked by the Parish in addition to the above-stated penalties.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 19 –
OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS; SECTION 72 – PROHIBITING
THE POSSESSION OF MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH
(KRATOM) IN RAPIDES PARISH

Chapter 19 – OFFENSES – Miscellaneous

Section 72 - Prohibiting the Possession of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 19 –
OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS; SECTION 72 – PROHIBITING
THE POSSESSION OF MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH
(KRATOM) IN RAPIDES PARISH

WHEREAS, Kratom is an herbal extract that comes from the leaves of an evergreen tree (*Mitragyna speciosa*) grown in Southeast Asia. Although people who take kratom may believe in its value, researchers who have studied kratom opine that its side effects and safety problems more than offset any potential benefits;

WHEREAS, Kratom has been reported to cause abnormal brain function when taken with certain prescription medicine. The effects of Kratom become stronger as the quantity taken increases and is known to cause death. Kratom is not currently regulated in the United States, and federal agencies are taking action to combat false claims about kratom; studies on the effects of kratom have identified many safety concerns and no clear benefits;

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby declare that the use of Kratom is a serious problem affecting the health and welfare of all citizens. The Rapides Parish Police Jury does further declare and determine that all reasonable steps should be taken to prohibit the sale of Kratom in Rapides Parish;

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WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby deems it necessary and proper for good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the Parish and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury have concluded that to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, the possession of Kratom should be incorporated as a municipal misdemeanor crime within the Parish of Rapides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana in regular session convened, as follows: to wit:

Section 1. It shall be illegal for any person to possess *Mitragyna Speciosa* Korth (Kratom) in the Parish of Rapides.

Section 2. Penalties.

- (1) On a first conviction, wherein the offender possesses Kratom in violation of the provisions of Section 1 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (2) On a second conviction, wherein the offender possesses Kratom in violation of the provisions of Section 1 shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (3) On a third or subsequent offense conviction, wherein the offender possesses Kratom in violation of the provisions of Section 1 shall be fined one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions or items of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on September 12, 2022 and September 12, 2022 Board of Review Special Session, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to accept the Treasurer's report. On vote the motion carried.

The following appointments were announced to be at the next meeting:

***Henry Blake on the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a six (6) year term.

Term will expire October 9, 2022. **(From September agenda)**

***T.J. Speir on the Sewerage District No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term

will expire October 12, 2022. **(From September agenda)**

***Charles R. King on the Rapides Finance Authority for a six (6) year term.

Term will expire November 8, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, of Intent to sell for the following Abandoned/Adjudicated Properties:

TAX DEBTOR

Inspirational Enterprises, LLC

DESCRIPTION

Lots Fifty-Three (53) and Sixty (60), George Moore Subdivision
Parcel ID No. 2304406410001001
Assessment No. 5010684460
Bearing the municipal address of:
3740 Payne Street, Alexandria

Yancey E. Tillman

Lot Seven (7), Square Six (6)
Gordon Addition
Parcel ID No. 24038703520002901
Assessment No. 5010008352
Bearing the municipal address of:
6 Gordon Avenue, Alexandria

Carl Armstead

Lot Six (6) Square Eighteen (18),
Silver City Addition
Parcel ID No. 2400408510019201
Assessment No. 5010010045
Bearing the municipal address of:
633 Douglas Street, Alexandria

Augustine, Patsy R

Lot Twenty-Two (22) Hi-Way
Heights Subdivision
Parcel ID No. 2304604160004501
Assessment No. 5018954366
Bearing the municipal address of:
3505 Baldwin Avenue, Alexandria

Kadence Properties, LLC

Lot Eleven (11), Southern Heights
Subdivision, less part sold to the
City of Alexandria
Parcel ID No. 2304508660000701
Assessment No. 5010763125
Bearing the municipal address of:
3907 Jefferson Street, Alexandria

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O'Brien Shirley	Lot Twelve (12), Square Sixteen (16), West Alexandria Addition Parcel ID No. 2404109580017501 Assessment No. 5018954365 Bearing the municipal address of: 1403 Madison Street, Alexandria
Hall, Evelyn B. C/O D'Rhonda Richardson	Lot Two (2), Square Two (2), South Alexandria Land Company Addition Parcel ID No. 2400708630000301 Assessment No. 5010581750 Bearing the municipal address of: 1409 Bringham Street, Alexandria
Adair Asset Management/ US Bank	Lot Two (2), Block Five (5) Hundley-Roberts Addition Parcel ID No. 2403704500002401 Assessment No. 5010023495 Bearing the municipal address of: 392 20th Street, Alexandria
Frisby, William K. et al	Lot Three (3), Adjacent 11.57' of Lot Four (4), Square Five (5) Hundley Roberts Addition 63.91 x 150 Parcel ID No. 2403704500002501 Assessment No. 4010494299 Bearing the municipal address of: 394 20th Street, Alexandria

On vote motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to accept low bidder for Fire Protection District No. 3 Station No. 4 upgrade project and recommend awarding to Bayou Rapides Corporation in the amount of \$193,500.00, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, for Fire Protection District No. 3 to piggyback from St. James Parish resolution 22-164 and purchase a set of battery-operated hydraulic extrication tools in the amount of \$42,308.23 from Municipal Emergency Services, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to ratify authorization for the purchase of two (2) acres of land for the amount of \$30,000.00 for Fire District No.18 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to delete equipment from various listed departments Asset/Inventory program to be disposed of by indicated reasons:

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3		
9525	2003 Ford F-350 Truck	Auctioned – Reserve of \$ 5,000.00
9649	Skid Unit – inoperable - mounted on truck	Auctioned with Truck
11108	Lightbar – mounted on Truck	Auctioned with Truck
9621	John Deere GT 245	Auctioned
Rapides Parish Public Works		
4498	John Deere Tractor 401B	Scrapped for Parts
6293	1992 Intl Stake Bed	Auctioned
9994	2006 Dodge Truck	Auctioned
8405	2000 Entnyre Chip Spreader	Auctioned
8699	2002 Ford F-250	Auctioned
9832	2005 Ford F-150	Auctioned
10195	Asphalt Distributor	Auctioned
10396	2008 Dodge Ram	Auctioned
10451	John Deere Tractor No. 6330	Auctioned
10860	2012 Dodge Crew-Cab	Auctioned
10393	2008 Dodge	Auctioned
10455	John Deere Tractor No. 6330	Auctioned
10885	2011 Chevrolet Express	Auctioned
7744	CFWS 25' Trailer	Auctioned
6751	1994 Cat Grader 12G	Auctioned online
9674	1995 Trailer for Boat	Destroyed in Tornado
9673	1995 AlumiWeld Boat	Destroyed in Tornado
5929	Caterpillar Motor Grader	Insurance Claim - totaled by fallen tree
Rapides Parish Fire District No. 17		
	1991 Intl Fire Truck	Auctioned
Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7		
8426	Whirlpool Range	Auctioned
Rapides Parish Health Unit		
11704	Dell Latitude Computer 7275	Auctioned
11705	Dell Latitude Computer 7275	Auctioned
Rapides Parish MacArthur Grant		
10423	Computer Server	Auctioned
Rapides Parish District Attorney's		
6791	Computer – Gateway	Auctioned
10220	Laptop Computer HP	Auctioned
10354	Laptop Computer	Auctioned

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10535	Laptop Computer	Auctioned
10981	Notebook Computer HP	Auctioned
10982	Notebook Computer HP	Auctioned
5316	Wheel System	Auctioned
5332	Recorder – Advocate IV	Auctioned
7868	Desk	Auctioned
5044	Credenza	Auctioned
5045	Credenza	Auctioned
7354	Printer – Laser Brother	Auctioned
7441	Desk	Auctioned
7446	Desk – Work Center	Auctioned
9354	Computer – Personal PIII	Auctioned
9355	Computer – Server Dual PIII	Auctioned

Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax

10162	Computer w/Monitor	Auctioned
10343	Computer	Auctioned
10948	Computer	Auctioned

Rapides Parish Communication Center

ROHS 045	Projector	Auctioned
ROHS 046	Projector	Auctioned
ROHS 047	Projector	Auctioned
ROHS 129	Computer Server	Auctioned
ROHSEP 024	Plotter HP	Auctioned

Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5

12587	2007 – Dodge Van	Auctioned
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Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10

8696	1999 – Ford Mini-Pumper	Auctioned
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On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to authorize Rapides Fire District No. 11 to purchase a 2010 Ford Expedition from Woodworth Fire Department for the amount of \$12,000.00 to be paid from Fire District funds, as approved by Springcreek Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to delete from the Rapides Parish Juvenile Probation Asset/Inventory program the following vehicle as it was returned to Lessee as per Lease Agreement:

Asset Number	Description	Disposal
12099	2018 Ford Fusion	Returned to Lessee

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to accept the Public Works Director's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to increase Seasonal/Temp Grass Crew minimum hourly pay from \$10.00 to \$12.00 and

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Seasonal/Temp Grass Crew Lead from \$10.50 to \$12.50 beginning with the 2022/2023 season. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received Bids until Friday, September 23, 2022, for Mowing Services Annual Contract (2022 Procurement #2) (RFP No. 3061); and,

WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of awards for the following contracts:

Item No.	Description	Contract Amount (Cost Per Mile for One Side of Roadway)	Bidder
1.	Mowing, District A	\$225.00	L & R Contractors, LLC
2.	Mowing, District B	\$287.50	River Runs Dirt Services, LLC
3.	Mowing, District C	\$225.00	L & R Contractors, LLC
4.	Mowing, District D	\$267.50	T&L Hunt Contracting, LLC
5.	Mowing, District F	\$267.50	T&L Hunt Contracting, LLC
6.	Mowing, District I	\$267.50	T&L Hunt Contracting, LLC

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above contracts are hereby awarded for Mowing Services Annual Contract (2022 Procurement #2) (RFP No. 3061).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Bidders.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to accept a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant administered by Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$5,228.00 for Rapides Parish Fire District No 16. The purpose of the U.S. Forest Service Grant is to assist rural fire departments in their building of firefighter capacities. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

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WHEREAS, Progressive Construction Company, LLC has the contract for the construction of the Aloha – Rigolette North Bank, Grant & Rapides Parishes project, State Project No. 40PARA3301, with the Rapides Parish Police Jury;

AND WHEREAS, the Bayou Darrow and Bayou Rigolette Flow Control Structures have been determined to be acceptable by the USACE, the LADOTD, RRABB, the 19th Louisiana Levee District and the Engineers and the project has been found to be substantially complete;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, that the project be considered Substantially Complete in accordance with the stipulations of the project contract,

AND, that the President is hereby authorized to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

This Resolution being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin,
Theodore Fontaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron
“Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton and Craig
Smith
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none

And the Resolution is declared adopted on this the 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for FY 2022/2023 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for the purchase of a skid steer with mower and various attachments, up to \$100,000 and to execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to work with Pan American Engineers, LLC on the development of the LGAP Application.

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Passed, approved and adopted this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to authorize participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG 2022), Grant No. FY22 EMPG, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to authorize participation in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP 2022), Grant No. FY22-SHSP, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to accept a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant administered by Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$6,902.73 for Rapides Parish Fire District No 14. The purpose of the U.S. Forest Service Grant is to assist rural fire departments in their building of firefighter capacities. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to enter into an Intergovernmental/Cooperative Agreement with Rapides Parish School Board for the engineering, design, and construction of a traffic stacking lane for safety purposes to circumvent unsafe traffic on Shreveport Hwy as it relates to Mary Goff Elementary and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana-Disaster Supplemental Nutrition (DSNAP) and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for use to administer disaster related DSNAP benefits at the Rapides Parish Coliseum and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to enter into a master Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Pineville for joint work projects serving a joint public purpose for the benefit of the Parish and the Municipality. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Christopher Caffery to the Rapides Finance Authority Board, representing District D, for a five (5) year term. Term will expire October 11, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to approve the addition of one (1) permanent Maintenance Technician position for Rapides Parish Police Jury Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Department under the Rapides Parish Civil Service. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 part time Firefighter positions from 16 to 20, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be

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paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to approve position title change from Administrative Assistant to Assistant Director for the Rapides Parish Police Jury OEP office and amend the Organizational Chart to reflect change as recommended by the OEP Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the contract for August 2022:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	452	80%	89.16%
Pineville - 8 minute	147	80%	82.99%
Rapides - 12 minute	194	80%	88.66%
Rapides - 20 minute	179	80%	84.92%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson authorizing the Parish President to issue a burn ban for Rapides Parish, to cease and desist all private burning due to extremely dry conditions. (Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire dept or local government). This ban is effective, October 3, 2022 thru November 14, 2022. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following item(s) were not considered by the Committee of the Jury but were posted on the agenda after the Committee Meeting and added to the Jury agenda in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are now confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT RAPIDES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 9-3 CORONER'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of April, 2021, that Section 9-3 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Chapter 9. COURTS

Sec. 9-3. - Coroner's office; schedule of charges.

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The following charges for the coroner's office, in accordance with the Revised Statutes, are approved:

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(3)	Autopsy fee	\$2,100.00	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
...			
(9)	External Exam by Pathologist		\$2,500.00
(10)	Non-physician external exam		\$1,875.00
(11)	Tox only		\$750.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 9-3 – Coroner's office; schedule of charge, of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to reallocate the tax proceeds from the Sales Tax District No. 3 tax election of April 11, 2011, to be reallocated annually, according to the population estimates as submitted to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana by the LSU AgCenter, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness and Dr. Troy C. Blanchard, from the LSU Department of Sociology also referred to as the Federal/State Cooperative Population.

Rapides Parish	128,602
Town of Ball	3,952
Town of Boyce	956
Town of Cheneyville	468
Village of Forest Hill	610
Town of Glenmora	1,101
Town of Lecompte	909
Village of McNary	201
Village of Woodworth	1,850
City of Pineville	14,384
City of Alexandria	45,275

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, the following resolution was unanimously adopted to endorse and support Mr. Craig Smith in his candidacy to 3rd Vice President of the Police Jury Association:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Craig Smith has announced his candidacy for 3rd Vice-President on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is currently serving his third term as Police Juror of the Rapides Parish Police Jury representing District C, which includes all of Ward 11 and parts of 9 and 10; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is currently serving as President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and has also served as President in 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and Vice-President in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is also serving his 2nd term as the Louisiana Police Jury Association Region VIII Executive Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a member of the National Association of County Officials, where he currently serves on the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee and Rural Action Caucus Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby go on record to endorse and support Mr. Craig Smith, in his candidacy as 3rd Vice-President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Louisiana Parishes and the Louisiana Police Jury Association, earnestly requesting that they support and endorse Mr. Craig Smith as their candidate for 3rd Vice-President to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to grant approval to Bayou Fields Subdivision, located at 6064 Bayou Rapides Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and approved by the Parish Engineer and Legal Counsel, and to accept the following roads for parish maintenance per the plat subject to the three (3) year Developer warranty period. Acceptance conditional upon any additional roads/streets being submitted to Rapides Area Planning Commission and the Parish for approval.

Bayou Bend Drive

Buster's Drive

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to delete equipment from the various listed departments Asset/Inventory Program to be disposed of by indicated reasons:

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
Juvenile Probation		
12101	2018 Ford Fusion	Returned to Lessee
Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8		
12211	2013 Mercedes Ambulance	to be Auctioned
Sales Tax		
11651	Telephone System	to be Auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to accept the resignation of Mr. Robert Gaspard on the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Board. Waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Michael Norwood to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire on June 12, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize the President to sign a renewal of the One-Stop Operator Contract with Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) for an additional term from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The contract will be funded through the WIOA grant funds. Treasure to amend the budget accordingly. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas
- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Rapides Parish Police Jury:

1. That the President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

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3. That the President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

THUS, PRESENTED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED on this the 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted to appoint Keiser Law Firm as co-counsel with the Parish Attorney for a response and representation in William C. Huddleston v. Corporal Shannon Constantine, RPPJ, et al; Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-02105; U.S. D.C. Western Division of Louisiana; Alexandria Division.

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RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney for the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and particularly Assistant D.A., Gregory L. Jones have provided legal representation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a Civil Rights Federal Court complaint has been filed in Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-02105; U.S. D.C. Western Division of Louisiana, against the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Gregory L. Jones is in need of the expertise of The Keiser Law Firm and attorney Randall B. Keiser in the area of Federal Civil Rights Litigation in Federal Court; and

WHEREAS, Randall B. Keiser, Keiser Law Firm PLC, of Alexandria, Louisiana, has represented the Rapides Parish Jury in previous legal matters in Federal Court and the employment of private counsel will greatly assist the Police Jury in the defense of this Federal Complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a real necessity exists for the employment of outside counsel and that Randall B. Keiser, Keiser Law Firm, PLC, be hereby retained as co-counsel for the Rapides Parish Police Jury; at the compensation schedule published and approved by the attorney general not to exceed \$225.00 per hour together with incurred expenses for court cost advances, subpoena and deposition fees, and other like out-of-pocket expenditures, subject however to the approval of the Louisiana Attorney General pursuant to R.S. 42:263; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and attachments be forwarded to the Honorable Jeff Landry, Attorney General of Louisiana, for his review and approval, all pursuant to R.S. 42-263.

The above resolution was duly introduced, seconded and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Jay Scott, Sean McGlothlin, Rusty Wilder, Joe Bishop, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr., David Johnson, Theodore Fountaine, III and Craig Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 10th day of October, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to approve Dearbonne Subdivision plans per the RAPC recommendation, subject to and conditioned upon a judicial confirmation of said plans being rendered in succession of Nettie Ruth Dearbonne Bynog, Probate No. 44,864, Division F, 9th JDC, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury