

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 8, 2023

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, May 8, 2023, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Absent: Theodore Fontaine, III

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bubba Moreau.

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

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any public comments on any agenda items, to which there was no response.

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any juror comments, to which there was no response.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following Memoriam was presented to the family of the late Mr. Jack B. Dewitt for his years of dedicated service to Rapides Parish:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Bennett DeWitt, Sr. was called by his Creator on Monday, April 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt was a native and lifetime resident of Boyce, Louisiana and graduate of Boyce High School where he played basketball and ran track; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt was preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty eight (58) years, Mary Kathryn Thornton DeWitt and, leaves behind two (2) sons, six (6) grandchildren, four (4) great-grandchildren, and one sister; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt started his work career in 1966 at the Rapides Parish Police Jury as a Road Maintenance Foreman for Ward 7 until 1970 when Ward 7 and Ward 5 was combined to form District E; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt was promoted in 1972 to the Road Superintendent position for Rapides Parish where he served twelve (12) years in that position; and WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt was elected President of the Louisiana Parish Engineers and Superintendents Association while serving Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt in 1984 was promoted to be the Purchasing Agent when the Rapides Parish Police Jury created the Purchasing Department and a year later was promoted to Parish Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt also served on the England Authority Board as the first Secretary/Treasurer for four (4) years, 911 Communications District Board from the creation in 1973 until death, Rapides Finance Authority Board from 1983 until death, Rapides Area Planning Commission Board and other organizations; and WHEREAS, Mr. DeWitt was elected Mayor of Boyce in 2010 and served for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby recognize Mr. Jack Bennett DeWitt, Sr. 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. Jack Bennett DeWitt and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

PRESENTED to the family of Mr. Jack Bennett DeWitt. on this 8th day of May, 2023.

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 April 10, 2023 as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Rapides Parish Police Jury:

	MILLAGE
General Alimony	4.04
Exempted Municipalities	2.02
Fire Protection District No. 2	15.58
Fire Protection District No. 2 Service Area No. 1	16.31
Fire Protection District No. 3	22.57
Fire Protection District No. 4	15.34
Fire Protection District No. 5	41.66
Fire Protection District No. 6	20.02
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance A	26.04
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance B	14.26
Fire Protection District No. 8	44.28
Fire Protection District No. 9	24.02
Fire Protection District No. 9, Bond	15.00
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance A	24.40
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance B	29.11
Fire Protection District No. 11	37.77
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 1	53.72
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 2	53.67
Fire Protection District No. 14	21.93
Fire Protection District No. 15	25.00
Fire Protection District No. 16	15.00
Fire Protection District No. 19	25.00
Road District 1A	25.03
Road District 1B	15.00
Road District 2B Sub-Road District No.2	15.00
Road District 2C	25.10

Road District 3A	32.00
Road District 6A Maintenance A	30.16
Road District 6A Maintenance B	63.07
Road District 7A	5.56
Road District 9B	10.98
Road District 10A	10.04
Road District 36	10.77
Renaissance (Juvenile Corr/Det)	2.06
Coliseum (Maint.)	1.00
Coliseum Bond (\$23M)	1.59
Health Unit	1.06
Library (Parish wide)	7.08
Buckeye Recreation District	6.09
Senior Citizens Services	1.06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin, Joe Bishop

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Theodore Fontaine, III

Thus done and adopted on this 8th day of May, 2023.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bubba Moreau and seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Service Area

No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (v) Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal or rededication of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (v) Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 32 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Districts on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 9
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of 24.02 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$153,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, that are to be used to provide fire protection and medical services in the District?

**SERVICE AREA NO. 1 OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy and collect a special tax of 53.72 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$181,800 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 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

**ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER 7A
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)**

Shall Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 5.56 mills (the “Tax”) on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$849,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related ditching and drainage and equipment?

**ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10A
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)**

Shall Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 10.04 mills (the “Tax”) on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,496,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related ditching and drainage and equipment?

**ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER 36
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)**

Shall Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 10.77 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,183,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related illumination, ditching and drainage, and equipment?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Districts once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) 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 elections.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Elections are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered

voters in the Districts will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Rapides Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Rapides Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Jay Scott, Joe Bishop, Bubba Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Theodore Fountaine, III

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Theresa Pacholik

Secretary

/s/ Joseph "Joe" Bishop

President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (v) Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), on May 8, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Districts on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Districts qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 9 PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

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Shall Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.56 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$849,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related ditching and drainage and equipment?

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ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10A
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)

Shall Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 10.04 mills (the “Tax”) on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,496,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related ditching and drainage and equipment?

ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER 36
PROPOSITION (MILLAGE EXTENSION & REDEDICATION)

Shall Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 10.77 mills (the “Tax”) on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,183,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for an additional 10 years through the year 2035, and shall the proceeds of the Tax heretofore and hereafter collected be rededicated for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities within the District, including related illumination, ditching and drainage, and equipment?

Said special election for Fire Protection District Number 9 Proposition will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District 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
C05(PART)
S15(PART)
S16

Said special election for Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 Proposition will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District 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
S10AK(PART)
S10LZ(PART)
S22(PART)
S26(PART)

Said special election for Road District Number 7A Proposition will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open

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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

C37A(PART)
C37B(PART)
S01
S02
S04
S05(PART)
S06A(PART)
S06B(PART)
S08(PART)
S09
S11(PART)

Said special election for Road District No. 10A Proposition will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District 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

N05(PART)
N06(PART)
N07(PART)
N08AK(PART)
N08LZ(PART)
N10AK(PART)
N10LZ(PART)
N11(PART)
N12(PART)
N13A
N13B
N14A
N14B
N15
N16
N17(PART)
N18A
N18B
N19AK
N19LZ
N20AK
N20LZ
N21
N22(PART)

Said special election for Road District Number 36 Proposition will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at

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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

C11A(PART)

C13AK

C13LZ

C35(PART)

C36AK(PART)

C36LZ(PART)

C37A(PART)

C37B(PART)

C38A(PART)

C38B(PART)

C39(PART)

C41(PART)

S05(PART)

S06A(PART)

S06B(PART)

S08(PART)

S11(PART)

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

The estimated cost of the Fire Protection District Number 9 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 \$1,600.

The estimated cost of the Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 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 \$1,800.

The estimated cost of the Road District Number 7A 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 \$2,100.

The estimated cost of the Road District No. 10A 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 \$3,600.

The estimated cost of the Road District Number 36 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 \$2,900.

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

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retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections 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 elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, 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 Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**, at **THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) 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 elections. All registered voters of the Districts are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

Thus done and adopted on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Darrell Rodriguez on the Central Louisiana Human Services District Board for a three (3) year term. Term will expire on June 11, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Emile Williams on the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire on June 12, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Ronnie Venson on the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire on June 12, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to hire Fontenot and Associates, LLC to design and supervise construction of a new fire station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 located on 120 Dolly Paul Road, Glenmora, LA 71433, as requested by the Plainview Fire Department Board and Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize Change Order No. 1 – Sales Tax Use and Collection Building Roof Replacement – for an increase of \$19,550.00 from the original contract cost of \$255,000.00, and increase completion date by 30 days, as recommended by Ballard CLC, Inc., Project Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to approve the participation in an upcoming auction to be held on May 20, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to request approval to advertise for bids on the construction of a new fire station, located at Hwy 112, 2 acres, section 2 T1N-R1W lots 3&4, Chaseland Plantation, Lecompte, Louisiana, pending approval of Rapides Parish Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to award Bid # 3770 – Various Road Materials (Gravel, Aggregates, Pit Run) to Various Bidders based on availability of material, bid price and haul distance Contract from June 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024 with the option to renew for a total of thirty-six (36) months, as recommended by the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Agent:

Product Description	Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel	Luhr Brothers	E & E Construction	Grayson & Sons
1-A Uncrushed Gravel – Size 1				
1-B Uncrushed Gravel – Size 2				
1-C Uncrushed Gravel – Size 3				
2-A Crushed Gravel – Size 1				
2-B Crushed Gravel – Size 2				
2-C Crushed Gravel – Size 3				
3 Road Gravel				25.00
4 Oversize Rock				
5 Sandy C-3				
6 Base Course – #610	36.75	34.00		
7A Crushed Stone #4	38.50	35.50		
7B Crushed Stone #67	39.25	35.50		
7C Crushed Stone #8		36.00		
7D Crushed Stone #57	38.25	35.50		
8A Washed/Crushed Stone 67		35.50		
8B Washed/Crushed Stone 57		35.50		
8C Washed/Crushed Stone 8		36.00		
9A Bedding 4 X 1	38.50	35.50		
9B Bedding 3 X 1	38.50	35.50		
9C Bedding 6 X 0		37.75		
9D Bedding 4 X 8	42.50			
10A Rip Rap – Class 30	42.50	38.00		
10B Rip Rap – Class 55	42.50	38.00		
11 Pit Run			6.00	
12 Pea Gravel				30.00
13 Red Dirt			3.50	3.50
14 Top Soil				4.00
15 Flume Sand				3.00

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to execute a permanent servitude between Rapides Parish Police Jury and Atmos Energy

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Corporation on property located at intersection of Mason Street and Larry Street (Smithville area) as required for the construction of the City of Pineville Cedar Lake Sewer Pump Station Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to grant approval for Lynwood Acres Rental Property Development, located on Stovall Road, contingent upon receiving the Corp of Engineers Wetland Delineation as recommended by Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to amend previous motion of April 10, 2023, to hire two (2) temporary part-time teachers, and instead, motion for the Workforce Operations Department to hire one (1) temporary part-time teacher, up to 32 hours per week, beginning April 12, 2023 until August 30, 2023, to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program, \$25 hourly, to be paid out of WIOA funds. This instructor will also facilitate the academic component required by the Program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to approve the submittal of the Revised LWDA 61 Combined Regional Plan Modification, for the years 2020-2024, to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to amend previous motion of April 10, 2023, to hire one (1) full time Service Navigator and one (1) part time Service Navigator at an hourly rate of \$21.22 per hour, instead, motion to hire one (1) full time Service Navigator at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour and hire (1) one part-time Service Navigator Clerk at an hourly rate of \$13.75 per hour, part time position not to exceed 20 hours per week. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Wednesday, April 14, 2023 for the Elevator Modernization at the Rapides parish Courthouse; and,

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| 1. Contractor/Otis Elevator Company | Bid/\$695,880.00 |
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WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Bidder; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction project is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Otis Elevator Company for the Base Bid of \$695,880.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute Contracts and change order between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Bidder.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to designate and name the Secretary/Treasurer as the Records Management Officer Liaison, to act as liaison between the Division of Archives, Records Management and History and the Rapides Parish Police Jury, for the period of July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to appoint Mr. Jason DeWitt for a four (4) year term, to the 911 Communications District Board, representing Parish & State Government, to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack DeWitt. Term will expire February 18, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to amend the minimum qualifications for temporary seasonal employees for the Public Works Department to: Applicants must have a valid State of Louisiana Identification Card or valid State of Louisiana Driver's License. Must be able to operate a tractor. Must be prompt and dependable. Offer of employment contingent upon passing a pre-employment drug screen and physical. If an applicant possesses a State of Louisiana Identification Card, the applicant will be restricted from driving parish vehicles or equipment that requires possession of a valid driver's license. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for March, 2023:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	445	80%	86.74%
Pineville - 8 minute	133	80%	85.74%
Rapides - 12 minute	200	80%	87.00%
Rapides - 20 minute	181	80%	83.42%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, that the following item(s) were placed on the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and are now being added in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, David

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Johnson, Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin
and Joe Bishop.

NAYS: none
ABSTAINED: none
ABSENT: Theodore Fountaine, III
On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following
proclamation was unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of May 7-13, 2023, has been designated as Public Service
Recognition Week, to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and
local governments;

WHEREAS, “Public Service Recognition Week” provides an opportunity to
recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and honor the
diverse men and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at
all levels of government;

WHEREAS, millions of individuals work in government service, in every State,
county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

WHEREAS, public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging
and rewarding professions;

WHEREAS, the ability of the Federal Government and State and local
governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on outstanding
performance of dedicated public servants;

WHEREAS, public servants have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise
and innovative ideas, and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge
to train the next generation of public servants;

WHEREAS, amid the COVID–19 pandemic, Federal workers continue to serve on
the frontlines to keep our country running;

WHEREAS, the commitment and perseverance of public servants during the
pandemic have allowed essential services to continue, mitigated the disruption to
Americans’ daily lives, and played a critical role in protecting public health and
safety;

WHEREAS, the week of May 7-13, 2023, marks the 39th anniversary of “Public
Service Recognition Week”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury supports
the designation of “Public Service Recognition Week”;

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Thus done and signed on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forest Hill and authorize the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to assist in 10 hours use of boom truck to cut/trim trees on Blue Lake Road, Butter Cemetery Road, and Stokes Lane, to be paid out of Road District 1A Maintenance Funds, towns portion and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to grant approval of Southern Moon RV Park, located at the 1780 Highway 121, Hineston, pending Corp of Engineers wetland delineation, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and approved by the Legal Counsel and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay to various roads in Police Jury District C. Funds for the project to be allocated by the corresponding Road District. Cost not to exceed \$225,000.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to declare the tankcar culvert purchased from Calvary Industries as surplus due to the tankcar not being suitable for public use as recommended by Pan American Engineers. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to accept the donation of a one hundred-fifty (150) gallon tank to be converted into a barbeque pit at Cotile Lake Recreation Park pending legal counsel approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to a appoint Mr. Dwain Dubroc to the Rapides Parish Finance Authority, representing District E to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack Dewitt. Term will expire October 9, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was offered and submitted to a vote, the vote thereon as follows:

RESOLUTION

Supporting Louisiana Watershed Initiative Watershed Region 2, with parish representation

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floodplain management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events.

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WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury supports watershed region management activities through its participation and appointment of representation for Watershed Region 2 as coordinated by Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative for furtherance of collaboration and cooperation amongst the parishes and communities of said area, as a critical effort to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury appoints **Matt Johns** as its primary representative for the Watershed Region 2 steering committee and foregoing coalition and authorizes the president to appoint **Craig Smith**, a designee or alternate, to provide for continuing representation for our area, in absence of the primary representative.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson,
Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin, Joe Bishop

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Theodore Fontaine, III

Thus done and adopted on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (E) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH ON BOONER MILLER ROAD, EXCLUDING THE “CHURCH ZONE” PORTION BETWEEN 143 AND 175 BOONER MILLER ROAD, WHICH IS SET AT 25 MPH

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 8th day of May, 2023, that Section 18-4.2 (e) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 35 mph speed limit on Booner Miller Road, excluding the “Church Zone” portion between 143 and 175 Booner Miller Road, which is set at 25 mph, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.2. Speed limits designated on certain streets:

(e) Thirty-five miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish roads in Rapides Parish in excess of

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thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

...

Booner Miller Road, excluding the "Church Zone" portion between 143 and 175 Booner Miller Road, which is set at 25 mph

...

(1). Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned in the Rapides Parish Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect speed limit and "Church Zone" street signs.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE
BY THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Hendrick Construction, Inc., the Contractor for the Peart Road Culvert Replacement, has "Substantially Completed" the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Contract of Peart Road Culvert Replacement, the Contractor, for said work, is hereby accepted as "Substantially Complete" with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Resolution of Contract Acceptance by the President is hereby authorized; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 8th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to enter into an agreement with Steve Jenkins Construction, LLC for concrete pavement and cross drain repairs on Shady Crest

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Lane at a cost of \$45,000, to be paid from Road District 2B-2, District C funds, and authorize the Parish President to sign the necessary documents as recommended by Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to Discuss the temporary relocation of Public Records storage per the Police Jury's Emergency Declaration. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel, stated at the April 10, 2023 the Jury voted unanimously to declare an Emergency due to the deplorable conditions of the building located at 1546 Jackson Street. Mr. Jones asked for the Jurors to review the comparison spreadsheet and welcomed any comments or questions. Mr. Ollie Overton stated each agency needed to be involved when we were ready to move the files.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to enter into a lease agreement with Kinetix Technology Center, LLC, building located at 400 Murray Street, to be used for storage of all files that are currently stored at 1546 Jackson Street, pursuant to Emergency Declaration by the Jury on April 10, 2023 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Theresa Pachoik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury