

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 17, 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, July 17, 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, Theodore Fountaine, III, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., and Jay Scott.

Absent: David Johnson

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Mr. Shane Trapp, Building Superintendent; Ms. Angie Branton, 911 & OEP Director; Ms. Sharon Neal, OEWD/WOD Director; Chief Joe Glorioso, Fire Chief - FD#2; Dr. David Holcombe, Region 6 Medical Director & Administrator; Dr. Curtis Lewis, Region 6 Administrator; Mr. Rick Reno; Mayor David Butler, Town of Woodworth; and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Rusty Wilder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Craig Smith.

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.

President Joe Bishop and Mr. Ollie Overton recognized and presented a plaque to Dr. David Holcombe, Region 6 Medical Director and Administrator for his years of service to Rapides Parish and congratulated him on his retirement.

Dr. David Holcombe addressed those in attendance and stated during his tenure he has been thru eight (8) hurricanes and the COVID pandemic. He stated the Health Unit in Rapides Parish is the most active in the State of Louisiana. He thanked the Jurors for their support during his employment.

Mr. Rick Reno presented the quarterly update on the Rapides Parish Coliseum. He thanked Shane Trapp, Building Superintendent, for his assistance on keeping the facility in good shape. He stated the rodeos and country music concerts have had the best ticket sales thus far. Mr. Reno said the past year has been the most challenging when trying to book shows. Mr. Joe Bishop asked for Mr. Reno to please stay on top of the repair work currently being done at the Coliseum and Exhibition Hall.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to adopt the minutes

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of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on June 12, 2023 and Special Session on June 27, 2023, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Henry Blake to the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a six (6) year term. Term will expire on October 9, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Ms. Alma Moore to the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire on July 14, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Blake Jenkins to the Buckeye Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire September 13, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to award Bid No. 3131 (Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8 Living Quarters) to the low bidder, Cenla Contracting for the amount of \$294,550.00, as recommended by the Engineer and Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 employees effective July 30, 2023, 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. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 employees effective July 30, 2023, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 2 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 employees effective July 30, 2023, as recommended by Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 4 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 employees effective July 30, 2023, as recommended by Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 funds. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to increase the starting base pay for full-time Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Firefighters/Operators, from \$9.50 per hour to \$10.50 per hour and for the increase to be allocated for all classified positions according to the salary plan, effective June 25, 2023, as recommended by Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief Wes Anders. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve the pay scale below for part-time Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 employees, effective June 25, 2023, as recommended by Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief Wes Anders.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| No Certifications          | \$10.50 |
| EMR/EMT-B or Firefighter 1 | \$11.90 |
| Firefighter 1 and EMR      | \$12.50 |
| Firefighter 1 and EMT-B    | \$13.00 |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve Alternate No. 1 – Concrete Drive, for the amount of \$13,000.00, for the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 – Deville Volunteer Fire Department Living Quarters project, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and the Fire Chief, and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II.- OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, SEC. 2-21.1.-TRAVEL—REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES (A) FEDERAL MILEAGE RATE, TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE STATE, PLUS HOTEL BILL LIMITED TO THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF A SINGLE RATE PER DAY; AND CHANGE THE MEAL ALLOWANCE & INCIDENTAL EXPENSE TO BE THE SAME AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) ~~AND STATE OF LOUISIANA, TIER I THROUGH TIER IV.~~

Chapter 2-Administration  
Article II.-OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
Sec. 2-21.1.-Travel—Reimbursement of expenses.

The following procedures is hereby adopted as standard in the reimbursement of travel expenses for officials and employees of the parish police jury; however, reasonable costs for expenses not covered may be included as determined by the Treasurer of the Parish Police Jury:

- (a) Federal mileage rate, transportation within the state, plus hotel bill limited to the actual amount of a single rate per day; and change the meal allowance &

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incidental expense to be the same as required by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and State of Louisiana, Tier I through Tier IV.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.  
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 2-21.1. of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 17th day of July, 2023.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau:

RESOLUTION

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of Road District No. 2B (Ward 11) Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS**, Road District No. 2B (Ward 11) Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), is now receiving revenues derived from the levy and collection of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax authorized pursuant to an election held in the Issuer on December 11, 2021 (the "Tax"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer now desires to incur debt and issue not exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) of Sales Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") in the manner authorized and provided by Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of (i) constructing and improving public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities in the Issuer and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the Tax, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax (the "Net Revenues of the Tax"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer presently has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Net Revenues of the Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Bonds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, that:

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SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Issuer, in one or more series, for the purpose of (i) constructing and improving public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities in the Issuer and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, to be secured by and payable from the Net Revenues of the Tax. The Bonds will be issued at an interest rate not exceeding 6% per annum and shall mature no later than 10 years from the date thereof. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Governing Authority.

By virtue of Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Secretary/Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under

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the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

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

YEAS: Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: David Johnson  
ABSTAINING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder for road improvements to various roads in Police Jury District H. 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. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to accept Navy’s Way Road, located in Eagle Ridge Subdivision on 28 West, as a privately owned road in Rapides Parish, as recommended by the Engineer. If in the future, the road needs to be dedicated to the Parish, a separate review will have to be done before acceptance of maintenance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to accept Task Order B-4-2022 – Concrete Pavement Repairs in the Village Green Subdivision as “Substantially Complete”, authorize the Parish President to sign and record the “Substantial Completion” certificate, and authorize the Parish President to sign a Final Recap Task Order/Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary, as recommended by the Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION  
BY  
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Thursday, July 6, 2023 for Hoyt Road Asphalt Roadway Improvements Re-Bid.

| CONTRACTOR                 | BASE BID     |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Apeck Construction, LLC | \$268,432.52 |
| 2. T.L. Construction, LLC  | \$297,310.00 |

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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,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction project is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Apeck Construction, LLC for the base bid of \$268,432.52.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to contracts, change orders and other documents related to the project 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to authorize the purchase of a Mini Excavator off State Contract No. 4400026637 for Rapides Parish Public Works, for \$89,867.80, as recommended by the Public Works Director. Purchase to be funded by the Public Works Department Operating Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the Parish President to send a letter to Vernon Parish Police Jury and Allen Parish Police Jury to review the proposed revocation of Bill Mac Road and Milburn Strother Road and for Legal Counsel to review the response from each Parish. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel, stated he had drafted an email that is ready to send to Allen and Vernon Parish. We were waiting on confirmation from Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) of the exact revocation location. Mr. Blake Powell with RAPC has been out of the office for a conference and is due back in the office on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Theresa Pacholik stated she had spoken received a message from Mr. Powell in between his flights home and he confirmed he will review everything when he returns on Tuesday.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to table any further action until RAPC reviews all documentation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to extend employment for three (3) temporary employees for forty-five (45) days to assist with fiscal year closeout for WIOA PY22/FY23 Grant. Effective from July 1, 2023, through August 11, 2023. Funding for the position will be paid out of WIOA funds. Authorize Treasurer to amend budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the President to sign and approve the contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) for the PY23/FY24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program (Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth) for the total grant amount of \$828,460 (a decrease of \$135,946 from the previous year) and for the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize the President to sign the Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and allow WOD staff to issue MOU to required partner agencies for signature. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) sec. 121(c)(1) requires the Local Board (Rapides WDB), with the agreement of the Chief Elected Official (CEO), to develop and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Local Board and the One-Stop Partners, consistent with WIOA sec. 121(c)(2), concerning the operation of the One-Stop delivery system in a local area. Additionally, the sharing and allocation of infrastructure costs among One-Stop Partners is governed by WIOA sec. 121(h), it's implementing regulations, and the Federal Cost Principles contained in the Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) at 2 CFR part 200. The Comprehensive MOU between the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the Workforce Development Board and Local Workforce Area One-Stop Partners, will be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to authorize Fire District No. 3 – Alpine VFD to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, as recommended by the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder to paint the Administration Office for the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to request Mr. Greg Jones, RPPJ Legal Counsel and Mr. Brian Cespiva, Legal Counsel for the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board to review the requirement of the Certified Tax Examiner “CTE” certification for the Assistant Tax Administrator job description and make a recommendation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury to keep or remove the certification from the job description. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Jones stated the vacant position was advertised with the CTE requirement and verified the position was filled since the Committee Meeting. Mr. Jones stated he spoke with Ms. Marla West and will contact Ms. Linda Sanders when she returns from vacation in regards to this matter. Since the position is no longer vacant, Ms. West did not have an objection to the Jury making a recommendation to the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board to request to remove the CTE requirement.

On amended motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to make a recommendation to Rapides Parish Civil Service to remove the CTE requirement from the Assistant Tax Administrator position since the position is no longer vacant. On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to relocate the Rapides Parish Civil Service office to 5610 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA, effective September 1, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to receive the

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required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for May, 2023:

| Response Zone         | Number of Responses | Required % | Compliance % |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Alexandria - 8 minute | 488                 | 80%        | 87.91%       |
| Pineville - 8 minute  | 131                 | 80%        | 83.33%       |
| Rapides - 12 minute   | 196                 | 80%        | 88.78%       |
| Rapides - 20 minute   | 200                 | 80%        | 82.00%       |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, 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, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: David Johnson

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING SEAN MCGLOTHLIN IN HIS CANDIDACY FOR REGION EIGHT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER ON THE POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Mr. McGlothlin is currently serving his third term as Police Juror of the Rapides Parish Police Jury representing District G; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGlothlin is currently serving as Vice-President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGlothlin is Chairman for the Courthouse, Coliseum and Legal Committee. He is a member of the Finance Committee; Public Works, Watershed and Agricultural Affairs Committee; Workforce Development and Grants Committee; Municipal Liaison Committee; Grants: Tourism and Economic Planning and Development Committee; Parochial Board Liaison and Municipal Liaison Committee; Personnel, Elections and Health Committee and Insurance, Ambulance, Fire and Homeland Security Committee of the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGlothlin is a member of the National Association of County Officials, where he currently serves on the Agriculture Steering Committee, a member of the Rural Action Caucus and an active participant in the “Safe and

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Secure Counties” program. He has also served on the Public Lands Steering Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby urges all Parishes in the 8th Police Jury Region to endorse and support Mr. Sean McGlothlin, for Executive Board Member of the 8th Police Jury Region of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana in the September 21, 2023 election. Copy of this resolution be sent to all 8th Region Police Juries and the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this July 17, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein. (Renaissance). On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 7019 Isabella Drive, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 7012 Isabella Drive, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 5707 Lanny Street, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1814 Kerry Drive, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1708 Henry Avenue, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public

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Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 0 Henry Avenue, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jay Scott stated the property owner has started cleaning the property and he would like to give the property owner an additional two (2) weeks to finish. If the property owner does not finish cleaning the property in that time frame to proceed with having a contractor or the Public Works Department finish the work and invoice the property owner for the cost. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes for road improvements to various roads in Road District 2B-2, District C. Funds for the project to be allocated by Road District 2B-2, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to receive recommendation from the Interview Committee for the Tax Administrator position. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Joe Bishop stated the Interview Committee convened and there was two (2) applicants for the position. Both applicants are currently employed at the Sales Tax Office. The Interview Committee unanimously recommends Mrs. Betty Jo Bourgeois for the position of Tax Administrator with an annual salary of \$76,500.00.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee and appoint Mrs. Betty Jo Bourgeois as Tax Administrator with an annual salary of \$76,500.00. On vote the motion carried. Mr. Jay Scott voted nay.

Mrs. Betty Jo Bourgeois thanked the Jurors for the appointment. She stated she was a twenty (20) year employee at the Sales Tax Office and she is looking forward to her new role as Tax Administrator.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Rapides Fire District No.15, Taylor Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Rapides Fire District No. 16, Alfalfa Volunteer Fire Department, and the Town of Boyce, as recommended by the Taylor Hill Volunteer Fire Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive prices quotes on leveling and asphalt overlay on Locker Road, Road District 2B-2, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize the Parish President to sign a six (6) month extension for a Professional

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Services Contract for Monitoring Services for the WIOA programs. The contract extension will be for the period of July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. This contract for monitoring will supplement current internal program monitoring in order to comply with LWC regulations. Contract will be paid out of WIOA funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to adopt the Standard Operating Procedures for the Rapides Parish Emergency Operations Center as recommended by Angie Branton, OEP Director and approved by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation for the donation of reclaimed asphalt from the location of LA 1, project runs approximately from Rapides Station–I49 Bridge, State Project No. H.015314, approximately 455 cubic yards, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes for road improvements to various roads in Road District 2B-1, District C. Funds for the project to be allocated by Road District 2B-1, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 18-4.4 (Through Truck Traffic) to include Hill Drive, Ward 4, District H.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.4 THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC SO AS TO PROHIBIT THROUGH TRUCK ON HILL DRIVE, WARD 4, DISTRICT H.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 13th day of January, 2014, that Section 18-4.4 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include the following restriction on West River Road as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.4. Through truck traffic.

(a) Prohibited Through truck traffic is prohibited on the following streets and public ways:

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Hill Drive, Ward 4, District H

...

Penalty. 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

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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 4.4 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Public Works Department is hereby authorized to erect through truck signs on the road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 17th day of July, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to permanently relocated Precinct S05 from the Love's Truck Stop, located at 7050 Highway 1, Boyce, LA 71409, back to the original location at Boyce Town Hall, location 807 Londonderry Avenue, Boyce, LA 71409, due to the Boyce Town Hall being repaired and brought back to standards. A copy of this resolution be sent to Secretary of State, Elections Division, Clerk of Court and Registrar of Voters. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to ratify the previous motion from the June 27, 2023 Special Jury Meeting and formally declare Monday, July 3, 2023 as a Parish Holiday in accordance with Proclamation Number 106 JBE 2023 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation "Mark Goldstein, et al. v. RPSO, RPPJ, et al, (WD LA Case No. 1:23-cv-00899). On vote the matter carried unanimously at 3:47 p.m.

Roll call vote was as followed:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Johnson

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

\*\*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION\*\*\*

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, III, to come out of Executive Session. On vote the motion carried unanimously at 3:54 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted to appoint Keiser

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Law Firm as co-counsel with the Parish Attorney for a response and representation in Mark Goldstein, et al. v. RPSO, RPPJ, et al, (WD LA Case No. 1:23-cv-00899)

RESOLUTION OF THE  
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. 1:23cv-00899; 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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Johnson

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 17th day of July, 2023.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Jay Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury