

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY  
Police Jury Meeting Room  
2nd Floor, Parish Courthouse  
701 Murray Street  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301  
(318) 473-6660

Posted November 9, 2023

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on October 9, 2023, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Public Hearing on Citizen Participation for LA Hometown Revitalization Program and LA Restore Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

**\*\*\*APPOINTMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED\*\*\***

- \*\*\*Brandon Lee Blaney to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 10, 2023.**
- \*\*\*Matt Johns to the Regional Steering Committees of Provisional Watersheds 1, 2, 4, and 5 for a one (1) year term. Term will expire December 31, 2023.**
- \*\*\*Ronald Welch to the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire December 14, 2023.**
- \*\*\*Rodney Noles to the Industrial Development Board for a six (6) year term. Term expired October 10, 2023.**
- \*\*\*Fill the unexpired term of the lated Henry Blake to the Industrial Development Board for a six (6) year term. Term will expire October 9, 2028.**

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4. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax Asset/Inventory the equipment listed below and authorize the equipment to be sold in a sealed bid process as requested by the Sales Tax Administrator.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal Method</u>
10636	2011 Chevrolet Traverse	To be sealed bided for disposal

(Finance 11/06)

5. Motion to rescind a certain motion of May 8, 2023, to hire Fontenot and Associates, LLC to supervise construction of a new fire station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 located at 120 Dolly Paul Road, Glenmora, LA 71433 because of a funding issue, as recommended by the President of the Board for the Fire District.

(Finance 11/06)

6. Motion to ratify authorization for payment to Fontenot and Associates, LLC for any expenses already incurred associated with the Design of the new fire station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 located on Dolly Paul Road, Glenmora, LA 71433, as recommended by the President of the Board for the Fire District.

(Finance 11/06)

7. Motion to ratify execution of a 20' wide drainage servitude across Lot 9 and Lot 26 of W.W. Ward Subdivision No. 2, between Rapides Parish Police Jury and Audrey Clifton, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.

(Public Works 11/06)

8. Motion to ratify authorization of repair work at the intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Tanner Street in the Town of Cheneyville as recommended by Pan American Engineers. Project to be funded from Road District 3A, District H Maintenance Fund.

(Public Works 11/06)

9. Motion to authorize acceptance of the completion of Bethel Road Bridge over Slash Bayou Tributary under State Project No. H.013120 and to authorize the President to execute any necessary documents of such completion.

(Public Works 11/06)

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10. Motion to authorize the Parish President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development and the Rapides Parish Police Jury to accept the transfer of excess salvage guardrail material.  
(Public Works 11/06)
  
11. Motion to accept Cypress Pond Drive located in Cypress Pond Subdivision, for parish maintenance per the plat signed by the Parish President and Public Works Director, resolution dated September 18, 2023, subject to the three (3) year Developer warranty period. Acceptance is conditional upon any additional roads/streets being submitted to Rapides Area Planning Commission and the Parish for approval.  
(Public Works 11/06)
  
12. Motion to approve extending employment dates for six (6) seasonal temporary employees at the Public Works Department for grass cutting and general labor from November 3, 2023 to March 31, 2024.  
(Public Works 11/06)
  
13. Motion to authorize the reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for various road improvements on Lamothe Lane and Wesley Circle, not to exceed \$159,000.00, to be paid out Road District 2C-District H funds.  
(Public Works 11/06)
  
14. Motion to authorize the reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for mowing equipment purchased under the Louisiana State Contract, not to exceed \$82,000.00, to be paid out Road District 2C-District H funds.  
(Public Works 11/06)
  
15. Motion to renew the services contract for One Stop Operator between LSU-A and Rapides Parish Police Jury for another year effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The terms and provisions of the original contract will remain unchanged.  
(Workforce & Grants 11/06)
  
16. Motion to ratify authorization to participate in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (EMPG 2023), Grant No. EMT-2023-EP- 00001-S01, grant

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award \$56,618.17, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and for the Parish President to sign related documents.  
(Workforce & Grants 11/06)

17. Motion to adopt a resolution to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise for bids for ARPA – Work Order No. 8 – Replacement of Air Handling Units at the Rapides Parish Coliseum.  
(Courthouse & Coliseum 11/06)
  
18. Motion to permanently relocate Precinct S11 from the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Station No. 5 (3569 Highway 121, Boyce, LA, 71409) to Crossroads Fellowship at Gardner (3727 La-121, Boyce, LA 71409), effective January 1, 2024, due to not enough parking.  
(Personnel & Elections 11/06)
  
19. Motion to enter into a Polling Place Lease Agreement Precinct S11, with Crossroads Fellowship at Gardner located at 3727 La-121, Boyce, LA 71409, for a five (5) year term. Term will begin on January 1, 2024 and end January 1, 2029 with the option to renew for an additional year for the same like terms.  
(Personnel & Elections 11/06)
  
20. Motion to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections 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, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal or rededication of special taxes therein.  
(Personnel & Elections 11/06)
  
21. Motion to create a temporary position for Workforce Professional Case Manager/Recruitment Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$17.50 per hour, position to be funded by WIOA PY21/FY22 Recaptured funds.  
(Personnel & Elections 11/06)

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22. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for September, 2023:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	501	80%	87.43%
Pineville - 8 minute	180	80%	82.78%
Rapides - 12 minute	210	80%	90.00%
Rapides - 20 minute	201	80%	87.06%

(Fire, Insurance, Ambulance 11/06)

23. Motion to renew Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan with no increase to the premiums and no changes in the allocation of premium tiers for Active Employees and Retirees and authorize the President to sign the renewal contract.  
(Fire, Insurance, Ambulance 11/06)
24. Motion to renew the Humana Insurance Plan for Medicare Primary Retirees for 2024 and authorize the President to sign. Rate increase from \$361.42 in 2023 to \$385.09 per month in 2024.  
(Fire, Insurance, Ambulance 11/06)

**ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE JURY BUT WERE POSTED ON THE AGENDA  
AFTER THE COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW AND ARE NOW  
CONFIRMED AS HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN THE  
PUBLISHED AGENDA BY 2/3RD VOTE**

25. Motion to accept Change Order No. 1 for the Butte LaRose Road reconstruction, decrease in contract price by \$59,845.00, original price \$166,965.00, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)
26. Motion to authorize a right-of-way servitude agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Randy Stanford for State Project No. H.014255, bridge over Flagon Bayou Tributary, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Smith)

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27. Motion to authorize a right-of-way servitude agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Mary Beth Dantzler for State Project No. H.014255, bridge over Flagon Bayou Tributary, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Smith)
28. Motion to call for a Public Hearing on December 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the 2024 proposed budget.  
(Mr. Bishop)
29. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise, receive bids and award the purchase of an Asphalt 4-ton Hotbox and allow the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Smith)
30. Motion to authorize the Parish President to form a committee to discuss the ambulatory needs for Rapides Parish and make a recommendation to the Jury.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)
31. Motion to adopt a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) of Limited Tax Bonds of Fire Protection District Number 6 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.  
(Mr. Smith)
32. Motion to approve contract for professional services between Rapides Parish through the Sales & Use Tax Department and Tax Compliance & Recovery, LLC (TCR), and authorize the President to execute same  
(Mr. Bishop)
33. Motion to approve Agency Participation Agreement, Office of Debt Recovery within the LA Dept. of Revenue, and Rapides Parish through the Sales & Use Tax Department, and authorize President to execute same.  
(Mr. Bishop)

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34. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$700,000 of Limited Tax Bonds of Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto, pending board approval.  
(Mr. Overton)
  
35. Motion to award Bid # 3143 (Construction of Fire Station for Fire District No. 18) to the lowest bidder, Skip Converse Construction, with a base bid price of \$ 906,000.00 as recommended by the Fire Department Board and Engineer and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Overton)
  
36. Motion to accept the donation of property from Louisiana Water Company for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 18 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Overton)

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OF THE JURY AND WERE NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA  
BUT ARE NOW ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

ADJOURNMENT

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