

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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, Theodore Fountaine, III, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., David Johnson and Jay Scott.

Absent: Craig Smith

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Betty Joe Bourgeois, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Mr. Rick Ducote, Tax Assessor; Ms. Angie Branton, 911 & OEP Director; Ms. Sherry Ledington, 911 & OEP Asst. Director; Ms. Sharon Neal, OEWD/WOD Director; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Marla West, Purchasing Agent; Judge Greg Beard; Mr. Rick Reno; Mr. Tommy David, Pan American Engineer; Mr. Matt Johns, RAPC Director; Ms. Celise Reech-Harper; and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ollie Overton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rusty Wilder.

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. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on August 14, 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. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to sit as a Board of Review for hearing complaints on property assessments, as advertised. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Rick Ducote, Rapides Parish Tax Assessor, provided an update on the tax assessment for 2024. Mr. Ducote is projecting a five percent (5%) increase in collections for 2024.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to close

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the Board of Review hearing. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to accept recommendation of Mr. Rick Ducote, Rapides Parish Tax Assessor, to uphold the current assessed values for Perdido Energy and they be referred to the Louisiana Tax Commission:

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2140003026 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2120000300 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100010807 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003601 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003500 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003400 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003300 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003200 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100002800 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100002700 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100002500 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100002400 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100002340 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001600 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001400 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001300 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001200 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001100 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100010806 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2100003600 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001000 |
| <b>PERDIDO ENERGY LOUISIANA, LLC</b> | Assessment No. 2070001500 |

On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Rick Reno provided an update on the Rapides Parish Coliseum. Mr. Reno stated he was continuing to travel and meet with promoters to negotiate to bring shows and events to Rapides Parish. Mr. Reno stated he is working with GAEDA for sponsorship and grant opportunity for the New Year's Eve event featuring Chapel Heart.

Mrs. Sandra Franklin, candidate for State Representative – District 26 thanked the Jurors for allowing her to speak at today's meeting. She stated is very important to connect with the local people and discuss tough issues that the communities are facing.

President Joe Bishop recognized the Rapides Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness and Rapides Parish Fire Departments for their hard work and assistance on the wildfires. President Bishop thanked Ms. Angie Branton and Ms. Sherry Ledington for their hard work and leadership during this difficult time for Rapides Parish and other surrounding parishes.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Ronald Dorsey to the

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Alexandria Central Economic Development District for a four (4) year term. New term will expire October 14, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Jeffery Roy on the Ward 10 Recreation District for a five (5) year term. New term will expire November 12, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to take action and accept the Industrial Tax Exemption Application No. 202230078-ITE Ucore North America, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to reallocate the tax proceeds from the Sales Tax District No. 3 tax election of April 11, 2011, to be reallocated annually, according to the population estimates as submitted to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana by the LSU AgCenter, Department of agricultural Economics and Agribusiness and Dr. Troy C. Blanchard, from the LSU Department of Sociology also referred to as the Federal/State Cooperative Population. The Federal/State Cooperative Population study is to be used to reallocate provides the following population estimates:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Rapides Parish         | 127,104 |
| Town of Ball           | 4,000   |
| Town of Boyce          | 1,001   |
| Town of Cheneyville    | 468     |
| Village of Forest Hill | 899     |
| Town of Glenmora       | 1,101   |
| Town of Lecompte       | 909     |
| Village of McNary      | 201     |
| Town of Woodworth      | 1,793   |
| City of Alexandria     | 46,005  |
| City of Pineville      | 14,384  |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to delete from the MacArthur Foundation Grant the equipment listed below as it is no longer suitable for public use:

| <u>Asset</u> | <u>Description</u>                      | <u>Disposal</u> |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 10271        | Dell Latitude D250<br>Purchased in 2007 | Scrap           |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to delete from the Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax Office Asset/Inventory list the following equipment as it is scrap and no longer suitable for public use:

| <u>Asset</u> | <u>Description</u>       | <u>Disposal</u>         |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10344        | Computer – ASUS Desktop  | Scrap – to be auctioned |
| 10397        | Computer – ASUS Desktop  | Scrap – to be auctioned |
| 10977        | Computer – Toshiba Tecra | Scrap – to be auctioned |
| 10978        | Computer – Toshiba Tecra | Scrap – to be auctioned |
| 11509        | Laptop - Toshiba Tecra   | Scrap – to be auctioned |
| 11648        | Laptop - Toshiba Tecra   | Scrap – to be auctioned |

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12411 Computer Scrap – to be auctioned  
12583 Computer – Optiplex 5070 Scrap – to be auctioned

All equipment has been decommissioned and non-functional

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 Asset/Inventory Program for the various reasons indicated:

| <u>Asset</u> | <u>Description</u>    | <u>Disposal</u>              |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 8762         | Siren and Accessories | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 8439         | Water Vacuum Salvage  | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 7363         | Wet/Dry Vacuum        | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 8440         | Water Vacuum Salvage  | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 5925         | Water Vacuum Salvage  | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 6139         | Salvage Master        | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 8442         | Water Vac Salvage     | Unable to Locate – Discarded |
| 12362        | Ice Machine           | Broken/to be auctioned       |
| 10975        | Range                 | Broken/to be auctioned       |
| 8759         | AED                   | Broken - Auction             |
| 8813         | AED                   | Broken - Auction             |
| 8760         | AED                   | Broken - Auction             |
| 8761         | AED                   | Broken - Auction             |
| 8758         | AED                   | Broken - Auction             |
| 9869         | Kenmore Dryer         | Broken - Auction             |
| 9870         | Kenmore Washer        | Broken - Auction             |
| 9902         | Telephone System      | Broken - Auction             |
| 10230        | Stove                 | Broken - Auction             |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 Firefighter/Operator full time base pay from \$11.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour and for the increase to be allocated for all classified positions according to the Fire District #3 Salary Plan as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to approve Recruit and/or Probationary Firefighter/Operators shall receive \$600 per month Incentive Pay for the first year, this shall not apply to Probationary Firefighter/Operators already receiving State Supplemental Pay, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for roads, and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Senator Glen Womack for his help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for metal detectors at the Rapides Parish Coliseum, and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Senator Jay Luneau for his help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for window renovations at the Rapides Parish Courthouse, and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Senator Jay Luneau for his help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for infrastructure, repairs and equipment at Cotile Recreation Park, and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Representative Lance Harris and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser for their help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for driveway repairs at Rapides Parish Fire District No. 9, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to accept the FY 2022-2023 award of the LGAP grant for \$52,578.00 to purchase equipment for the Public Works Department and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for emergency power supply at Rapides Parish Fire District No.5 and authorize the President to sign same. Authorize the President to send a letter of thanks to Representative Rhonda Butler for her help in securing funds for this project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the issuance of a quietus on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in favor of the Sheriff and Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the

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Rapides Parish Police Jury for the ad valorem taxes of the year 2022, and authorize Theresa Pacholik, Treasurer, to issue said quietus.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mark Wood, Tax Collector, has exhibited to the Rapides Parish Police Jury satisfactory evidence that all taxes due to the Parish governing authority shown on the ad valorem tax rolls of Rapides Parish for the year 2022 have been paid or accounted for, and

WHEREAS, the said Rapides Parish Police jury has by resolution, a copy of which is annexed hereto, authorized me to issue this quietus on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in favor of the said Mark Wood, Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the ad valorem taxes of the year 2022.

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

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Craig Smith

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 18th day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for Request for Proposals for Fiscal Agent for the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for two (2) 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Trucks for the Public Works Department and authorize the President to sign necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the trade in of Asset No. 12588 – 2020 Chevrolet Traverse, Public Works Director Vehicle. Gain of trade-in to be applied to toward Enterprise Fleet Management Lease of 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Truck. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to reallocate resale funds on a pro-rata basis to the appropriate Police Jury District from the Debris Removal Line Item in the Public Works Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Glenmora for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to perform fifty (50) hours of ditching, as requested by the Town of Glenmora, to be paid out of the Town’s portion of Road

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District 1A funds and authorize the President to sign the same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 for District A – District Wide Asphalt Roadway Improvements.

|    | <b>CONTRACTOR</b>           | <b>BASE BID</b> |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | APECK CONSTRUCTION, LLC     | \$1,116,030.00  |
| 2. | GILCHRIST CONSTRUCTION, LLC | \$1,207,808.00  |
| 3. | DIAMOND B CONSTRUCTION, LLC | \$1,277,105.00  |
| 4. | T.L. CONSTRUCTION, LLC      | \$1,312,300.00  |

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 \$1,116,030.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to revoke any and all prior authorization to any person or entity to operate any waterway weir or gate or other control structure owned or under the jurisdiction or authority of the Rapides Parish Police Jury (specifically including but not limited to Bayou Rapides, Bayou Roberts, Bayou Boeuf, Indian Creek, Cotile Lake, Kincaid Lake) and place said authority solely within the control of the Rapides Parish Police Jury working in correlation with any other applicable agencies. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the

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National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Rapides Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Rapides Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Rapides Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to authorize the President to sign nomination forms for the Rapides Workforce Development Board for LaRunda Pierce, Career and Technical Education Supervisor, to replace Bill Higgins and for Jessica Paul, Human Resource, to replace Charlie Dupont. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to authorize the



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President to sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for new members LaRunda Pierce and Jessica Paul. Term for new appointees will expire on 10/01/2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to authorize the President to 1) reappoint to the Rapides Workforce Development Board the following list of members for additional terms and 2) sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission concerning reappointments.

| <b>Members (Reappointments)</b> | <b>New Term Dates</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Karyn Barrett                   | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2026 |
| Larry George                    | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2025 |
| Gary Nugent                     | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2025 |
| Ginger Humbles                  | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2026 |
| Kevin Hood                      | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2026 |
| Sara Stokes                     | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2026 |
| Nolan Spillers                  | 10/1/2023 – 10/1/2026 |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present, due notice of same having been made according to law, the following Resolution was adopted. A motion was made by Mr. Bubba Moreau and seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton:

**WHEREAS**, the Rapides Parish Police Jury intends to construct the Esler Regional Airport-Rehabilitate Terminal Building project and;

**WHEREAS**, bids have been received for the Esler Regional Airport-Rehabilitate Terminal Building project and have been previously received and read aloud;

**WHEREAS**, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has received a recommendation from the Engineer for the project that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, that the contract be awarded to the responsible low bidder, as follows, subject to the satisfactory receipt of all forms and information required under the contract provisions, subject to approval and funding from FAA and LA DOTD.

The recommendation of award is as shown below:

ACA Mechanical/Industrial, L.L.C for the Base Bid in the amount of \$1,293,000.00 and, contingently upon receiving additional funds, Additive Alternates 1 (\$75,000) and 2 (\$18,500) for a contract total of \$1,386,500.

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**AND**, that the President is hereby authorized to sign any and all contract documents required.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Craig Smith

And the Resolution is declared adopted on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Rapides Parish Police Jury requires professional services to complete the Drainage Rehabilitation Design (Phase II) project at the Esler Regional Airport; and,

**WHEREAS**, the projected cost for this project is anticipated to be \$166,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, 100% of funding for this project is provided through grants by the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana Aviation Trust Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes the President to accept the grants, execute grant agreements and amendments as may be necessary, and furnish such additional information as may reasonably be required in connection with the grants for said project.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, on the 18th day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize participation in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP 2023), Grant No. FY23-SHSP, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to authorize the President to execute Work Order No. 10, Registrar of Voters Office Renovations and ADA Improvements at Rear Courthouse Access, under the American Rescue Plan Act, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ollie Overton, and seconded by Mr.

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Jay Scott:

**RESOLUTION**

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, 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, the Randall B. Keiser, Keiser Law Firm, PLC, is hereby retained for a term of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in the event of claims brought in federal court seeking equitable relief, these claims may implicate the interests of the State of Louisiana, and so the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees to provide advance written notice to the Louisiana Attorney General ten (10) business days before the next meeting and an opportunity for the Attorney General to express concerns directly to the Board in writing or in executive session before the Board:

(1) proposes a settlement, accepts a proposed settlement, agrees to a consent decree, or enters any other agreement with any party in any federal action for declaratory or injunctive relief that is going to be or has been filed; or

(2) files any document in any federal case in which (a) declaratory or injunctive relief has been granted against the Board, (b) final judgement dismissing the case has not been entered, and (c) at least 3 years have passed since any party seeking relief, including the USDOJ in an amicus capacity, filed any document in the case.

Accordingly, the Rapides Parish Police Jury authorizes and directs Randall B. Keiser, Keiser Law Firm, PLC to provide the required notice to the Attorney General, release such information and documentation as the Attorney General may request in response to the notice, and generally cooperate with the Attorney General in regard to the notice

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury, pursuant to

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La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ employee Randall B. Keiser, Keiser Law Firm, PLC as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Craig Smith

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Rapides Parish Police Jury on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to ask Legal Counsel and ASM Global to discuss developing a policy for use of the parking lot at the Rapides Parish Coliseum for certain events and make a recommendation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

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

Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the Teche-Vermilion Watershed is occasionally threatened by significant rain events caused by tropical weather systems, stalled frontal passages, and other weather systems that may be impacted by inadequate drainage and retention that could result in potential flooding impacts to a significant part of the Teche-Vermilion Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the negative impact of these weather systems may be increased by inadequate drainage and retention issues that result in flooding events that are detrimental to the public affecting residential, businesses, agriculture, and governmental entities, and even may threaten the lives of our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service (NWS) usually issues an accurate forecast for these sorts of events usually at a minimum of 72 hours or greater in advance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the drainage out of Bayou Courtableau is limited by the following issues:

- (a) The West Atchafalaya West Guide levee flood gates for Bayou Courtableau that have insufficient flow capabilities as identified by a report to the Mississippi River Commission by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) in 2007 and operation of these gates are dependent on Lake Pelba water levels; and

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- (b) The undersized and obsolete flood gate south of Butte La Rose Bridge on the inside of Borrow Pit Canal; and,
- (c) Two five-hundred-foot overflow weirs with an elevation set at 18.0 feet, which empty into Bayou-Amy, Lake Catahoula, and the Lake Fausee Point System; and,
- (d) Levels in Lake Pelba occasionally prohibit use of the Bayou Courtableau floodgates on the West Atchafalaya West Guide levee for drainage of the Bayou and the Northern and Central Areas of the watershed; and,
- (e) The Bayou Teche's drainage capability is restricted by a dam at Keystone in St. Martin Parish; and,
- (f) The Vermilion River as shown by May 2017 and August 2019 USACE depth surveys indicating severe shoaling that inhibits drainage for the river for most of Lafayette Parish and portions of Vermilion Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the flood of August 2016 brought great loss of homes, businesses, and agricultural crops, equipment, and structures in the entire Teche-Vermilion Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, active management of drainage control structures and systems as stated herein prior to a significant weather system as defined herein will accommodate additional drainage and retention resulting therefrom; and,

**WHEREAS**, all actions proposed herein would occur while all water levels in the Teche-Vermilion Watershed are at or below their defined flood stages; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rapides Parish Police Jury requests that the US Army Corp of Engineers, Tech-Vermilion Fresh Water District (TVFWD), and St. Martin Parish Government proactively and immediately address a threat of a forecast by the National Weather Service of 5 inches or greater rain event across any significant area of the Teche-Vermilion Watershed by lowering the pool stage of Bayou Courtableau at the West Atchafalaya West Guide levee flood gates to 15.65 through the following actions:

- (a) Ceasing any pumping operation by TVFD when pool stages exceed 15.65
- (b) Open gates that drain Bayou Courtableau into the West Atchafalaya Floodway by the USACE if basin levels allow
- (c) Open gates that drain Lake Henderson by the St. Martin Parish Government
- (d) Open gates that drain Bayou Teche into Lake Fausse Pointe By TVFD if lake levels allow

The objective of lowering pool stages in Bayou Courtableau to 15.65', which is the operational pool stage during the month of December, would allow the Bayou Courtableau watershed to store some of the anticipated rainfall accommodating anticipated drainage needs from the weather event and potentially reducing flooding threats. We request that these drainage accommodation operations begin at a minimum of 72 hours or immediately after the forecast by the National Weather Service has been issued or if river flooding causes the level in Lake Pelba to exceed 17.5 feet.

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A similar pool stage lowering operation was undertaken when Hurricane Barry struck the area in July 2019 which resulted in success in minimizing flood impacts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rapides Parish Police Jury requests the US Army Corp of Engineers, the Tech-Vermilion Fresh Water District, and St. Martin Parish immediately adopted these drainage accommodation operations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to each parish governments that will be affected by this request for their consideration and support and that this resolution be sent to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation seeking their support and their intervention with the US Army Corp of Engineers, Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District, and St. Martin Parish in causing these operational guidelines to be adopted promptly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association, Governor John Bell Edwards, CPRA, and any other persons, firms or entities as deemed fit and proper.

**THIS RESOLUTION** having been submitted to a vote, upon motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton. The vote of the Rapides Parish Police Jury was taken as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Craig Smith

This resolution was adopted on, in open session, a quorum present on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bubba Moreau and seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 23, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 22, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 23, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid

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election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Ward 10 Recreation District, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 5 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$745,000 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 improving, maintaining and operating the recreational facilities of the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Craig Smith

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize the creation of a Part-Time Maintenance Technician/Custodian position at the Rapides Parish Health Unit and Region 6 office, not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week, at an hourly rate of pay of not to exceed \$20.00 per hour, as requested by Dr. Curtis Lewis, Regional Administrator. Position to be funded by the Health Unit Fund. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to acknowledge the reelection of Ms. Marla West, employee elected, for a five (5) year term to the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board, new term will expire August 17, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the contract for July, 2023:

| Response Zone         | Number of Responses | Required % | Compliance % |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Alexandria - 8 minute | 472                 | 80%        | 86.02%       |
| Pineville - 8 minute  | 175                 | 80%        | 84.57%       |
| Rapides - 12 minute   | 228                 | 80%        | 88.60%       |
| Rapides - 20 minute   | 197                 | 80%        | 86.80%       |

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following resolution to ratify the Parish Emergency Declaration for the Heat-Related Emergencies, Proclamation No. 141 JBL 2023 beginning on June 27, 2023 issued by the Police Jury President was presented and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2023, Governor John Bell Edwards issued a State of Emergency – Heat Related Emergencies, Proclamation Number 141 JBL 2023;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Rapides is currently faced with a pending emergency due to Extreme Heat related Emergencies;

WHEREAS, the Nation Weather Service has issued a record number of excessive heat warnings, with heat indices in the 100's since June 27, 2023;

WHEREAS, in addition to the extreme heat, minimal rainfall has led to drought conditions throughout Rapides Parish, stressing the abilities of water district and increasing the threat of wildfires;

WHEREAS, Rapides Parish issued a Parish Wide Burn Ban on August 7, 2023, following the Statewide ban by the La. State Fire Marshal, same date;

WHEREAS, the potential to exhaust local resources exists due to damage to roadways and property limiting Emergency Response access to the Citizens of Rapides Parish;

THEREFORE, I, Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury by authority vested in me by the Parish Charter and the Louisiana Disaster Act of 1993, do hereby proclaim.

A State of Emergency exists within the Parish of Rapides and that all Emergency Preparedness Plans and the Parish All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan be activated if necessary.

Issued on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 and effective at time of issuance.



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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to proclaim the month of September as Volunteer Firefighters Month in Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, 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, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Theodore Fountaine, III, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Craig Smith

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Tommy David with Pan American Engineers briefed the Jury of the status of the current construction and repairs at the Exhibition Halls. Mr. David stated Mr. Bill Aldridge with Ballard CLC provided a list of items for the proposed "party ready" change order for the Jurors to review. The only item that was not included on the proposed change order was the flexible curtain Mr. Reno mentioned in his discussion earlier in the meeting. If the Jury elected to add flexible curtain it would increase the estimated cost of the change order by \$30,000.00. The new total estimated cost for the proposed change order would now be \$680,000.00. Mr. David would recommend the Jury to consider proceeding with authorization for Ballard to advertise for bids for the proposed change order. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, III, to authorize Ballard CLC to advertise to receive bids for the "Party Ready" change order and for it to include the flexible curtains. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott notice is hereby given to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development ("Department") of the following action by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, pursuant to §503(H)(1) of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program Rules Beaver Lake Renewable Energy, LLC. Industrial Tax Exemption application #20230120-ITE - \$1,833,812,575.000 has been placed on the agenda for a public meeting of October 9, 2023, notice of which is attached hereto, thus hereby requesting an additional thirty (30) days to take action on the Application. Hearing to approve or deny will be on October 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm located at 701 Murray Street, Suite 201, Alexandria, LA 71301. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to enter into an agreement with MJL Construction, LLC for the relocation of a 4" water line (owned by the Rapides Parish Ward 6 Water Association), as required for DOTD Off System Bridge Replacement Project DOTD SP H.014261, Doshie Road Bridge over Cherry Winche Creek Tributary, at a cost of \$14,615.00 and authorize the Parish President to sign the necessary documents as recommended by Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to acknowledge the re-election of Mr. Ernest Klock, representing employee elect, to the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board. Term will be for three (3) years. Term will expire October 10, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to appoint Ms. Beverly Ingram, nominee of Louisiana Christian University to the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term to fill the expired term of Ms. Beverly Ingram. New term will expire October 10, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize the purchase of equipment for the Town of Lecompte, total cost of \$55,374.44, State Contract No. 4400025219, to be paid from the town's portion of Road District 3A Maintenance Tax Funds, as requested by signed Resolution No. 2023-40 passed by the Town of Lecompte in a meeting held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the purchase of two (2) vehicles for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2, State Contract No. 4400023793, as requested by the Fire Chief to be paid from Fire District No. 2 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to enter into an agreement with Geotechnical Engineering Associates, LLC., for geotechnical investigation and engineering consultation for the slope failure along Lone Pine Road at Bayou Cocodrie at an estimated cost of \$21,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to execute Work Order No. 12 – Courthouse Administration Annex-Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated Structure (1209 Eighth Street), under the American Rescue Plan Act and authorize the President to sign all necessary document, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to execute Work Order No. 9 – Exterior Courthouse Washing, Waterproofing and Window Cleaning, under the American Rescue Plan Act and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Tommy David stated he recently spoke to someone at the State Historical Preservation Office and they recommend having a mason climb the exterior of the Courthouse to check the joints for any cracks. He would ask the Jury to layover this motion until more research can be done. He does not see an issue with moving forward with cleaning the exterior windows of the Courthouse.

On amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to authorize the cleaning of the exterior windows at the Rapides Parish Courthouse and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On

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vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes for asphalt overlay on certain portions of Denny Road and award to lowest bidder contractor must start within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Purchase Order. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-2, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes for asphalt overlay on certain portions of Dogwood Drive and Lost Ridge Road and award to lowest bidder contractor must start within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Purchase Order. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to grant approval of Cypress Pond Subdivision (Formerly Green Acres), located at Frost & Leigh Drive, Pineville, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and authorize signing of the plat upon Legal Counsel review and approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to adopt a resolution to allow Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) to offer a bond program in addition to their current grant programs to citizens looking to purchase homes in Rapides Parish. CAFA is a Local Housing Finance Agency, not a state agency and has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Rapides Finance Authority. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to permanently relocate Precinct C01 from Alexandria City Hall, located at 915 Third Street, Alexandria, LA 71301, to Precinct C02 at Peabody Montessori School located at 2416 Third Street, Alexandria, LA 71032. The reason for combining Precincts C01 and C02 is because of the number of voters at Precinct C01, is less than 300. A copy of this resolution to be sent to Secretary of State, Elections Division, Clerk of Court and Registrar of Voters. On vote the motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2  
(E) SPEED LIMITS AS TO ESTABLISH A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT  
ON BERT PAUL ROAD, WARD 11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 8th day of August, 2005, that Section 18-4.2 (e) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include the following road, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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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 thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

...

Bert Paul Road, Ward 11

...

(l). 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 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 signs on the Road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 18th day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to adopt a resolution to update the policy language for the Parish medical plan in accordance with prior and current jury resolutions in accordance with the new current policy and any future policy.

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

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Craig Smith

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

And the Resolution is declared adopted on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize roadway improvements and sinkhole repairs on the following streets within the Town of Lecompte's Corporate Limits; Ford Street, Holly Street, St Charles Avenue and Canal Street, not to exceed \$150,000, to be paid out of Road District 3A funds, Town's portion, contingent on the Town of Lecompte approval of project resolution. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Overton stated he spoke to the Mayor and thought he would be in attendance today, however, the Town Council has not formally approved the work yet. Mr. McGlothlin stated he would like to see the various Mayors in Rapides Parish attend

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at least one meeting during the current year. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes for asphalt overlay for Price Crossing Road Bridge, (Ward 5A, District H) and award to the lowest bidder, cost of project not to exceed \$70,000.00. Project to be funded from the Public Works General Fund. Discussion ensued.

On amended motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes for asphalt overlay for Price Crossing Road Bridge, (Ward 5A, District H) and award to the lowest bidder, cost of project not to exceed \$70,000.00. Project to be funded from District H Reseal Funds. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 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