

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

Posted December 7, 2023

**REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 11, 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 November 13, 2023 and Special Session on November 28, 2023, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Service Awards

Fire District #2

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| Stevie Mitchell | 30 Years |
| Willie McKinney, Jr. | 30 Years |
| Chad Glorioso | 10 Years |
| Jonathan Socia | 10 Years |
| Charles Fuqua | 10 Years |
| Brandon Gray | 10 Years |
| Alessia Russell | 10 Years |

Sales Tax

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| Betty Jo Bourgeois | 20 Years |
| Alisha Cospers | 10 Years |

Civil Service

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| Tina Goree | 15 Years |
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Courthouse

Shannon Trapp

20 Years

4. Receive an update from Hon. Phillip Terrell on State of Louisiana Clemency Hearings.
5. Motion to open a Public Hearing for the proposed 2023 budget, as requested by the Treasurer.
(Finance 11/7)
6. Motion to close Public Hearing.
7. Motion to adopt an ordinance adopting the operating budget and revenues and expenditures for funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending with December 31, 2024, in accordance with LA R.S. 39:1309-1310, and authorize the Treasurer to amend budget as necessary, as recommended by the Treasurer.
(Mr. Bishop)
8. Motion to hold a public hearing and take action to **approve or deny** the Industrial Tax Exemption Application No. 20200526-ITE, \$3,384,313.00, Plastipak Packaging Inc, Recognize representative for Plastipak Packaging, Inc.
(Finance 11/6)
9. Motion to hold a public hearing and take action to **approve or deny** the Industrial Tax Exemption Application No. 20200526-A-ITE, \$11,200,754.00, Plastipak Packaging Inc, Recognize representative for Plastipak Packaging, Inc.
(Finance 11/6)

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

- ***Brandon Lee Blaney to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 10, 2023. **(October Agenda)**
- ***Rodney Noles on the England Economic & Industrial Development District for a six (6) year term. Term will expire October 10, 2023. **(October Agenda)**
- *** Sewerage District No. 1 Board Appointment for a four (4) year term. Term will expire December 14, 2023. **(November Agenda)**

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- ***Dennis Bordelon to the Ward 10 Recreation District for a five (5) year term.
Term will expire January 12, 2024.
- ***Mike Nelson to the Ward 10 Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term
will expire January 12, 2024.
- ***Harold “Ronnie” Roberts to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two
(2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Cory Van Mol to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two (2) year
term. Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Craig Smith to the Rapides Area Planning Commission, juror term, for a four
(4) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Jay Scott to the Rapides Area Planning Commission, juror term, for a four (4)
year term. Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Jay Scott to the Transportation Policy Committee, juror term, for a four (4)
year term. Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Chancey Nichols to the Fire Protection District No. 17 for a two (2) year term.
Term will expire January 1, 2024.
- ***Cornelius Coleman to the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4)
year term. Term will expire January 15, 2024.
- ***Joe Bishop to the Chamber of Commerce for a one (1) year term. Term will
expire January 8, 2024.
- ***Joe Bishop to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a one (1) year term.
Term will expire January 8, 2024.
- ***Joe Bishop to the Regional Infrastructure Beltway for a one (1) year term.
Term will expire January 8, 2024.
- ***Joe Bishop to the Transportation Police Committee for a one (1) year term.
Term will expire January 8, 2024.
- ***Linda Drew McMahon to the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention Bureau for
a one (1) year term. Term will expire February 08, 2024.

10. Motion to adopt the 2024 Rapides Parish Police Jury Meeting and Holiday
Schedule and request that Civil Service concur.
(Finance 12/04)

11. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 Asset/Inventory
Program the below listed item as it broken and no longer suitable for public
use:

| <u>ASSET No.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>DISPOSAL</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 12170 | Ice-O-Matic - Ice Machine | To be auctioned |

(Finance 12/04)

12. Motion to adopt an ordinance to establish and set the speed limit on Johnson
Road, Ward 4, District H, to 25 mph and authorize the Parish Public Works
Department to erect speed limit signs.
(Public Works 12/04)

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13. Motion to adopt an ordinance to establish and set the speed limit on Gunter Road, Ward 11, District C to 35 mph and authorize the Parish Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.
(Public Works (12/04))
14. 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 12/04)
15. Motion to ratify authorization of said motion passed on November 13, 2023, to reimburse 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, to also include various other roads within the Town.
(Public Works 12/04)
16. Motion to grant approval of Teekell Ridge Subdivision, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and authorize signing of the plat upon Legal Counsel review and approval.
(Public Works 12/04)
17. Motion to authorize the Parish President to sign a six (6) month extension for a Professional Services Contract for Monitoring Services for the WIOA programs. The contract extension will be for the period of January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024. 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. Contract extension contingent on approval from Rapides Parish Civil Service.
(Workforce & Grants 12/04)
18. Motion to authorize CLEAN to host an event with Southern 3 Cylinder Outlaw Drag Club to hold a Boat Racing Events in 2024 on Cotile Lake, tentative dates: May 4-5, June 1-2, July 20-21, August 24-25, boat landing within the park to be closed on event dates, pending legal counsel approval.
(Tourism & Economic Planning 12/04)
19. Motion to adopt a resolution confirming the calling of an election to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term of Police Juror District D. Election to be held on November 5, 2023, with qualifying dates of July 17,18 & 19, 2024.

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(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 12/04)

20. Motion to increase the starting base pay for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Firefighters, from \$10.50 per hour to \$12.00 per hour, and for the increase to be allocated for all classified positions according to the salary plan, effective December 31, 2023, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Ruby Kolin Fire Department Board.
(Personnel, Elections & Health 12/04)

21. Motion to increase the starting base pay for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 Secretary, from \$8.25 per hour to \$9.50 per hour, with an increase to \$10.00 per hour upon one (1) year confirmation, effective December 31, 2023, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Ruby Kolin Fire Department Board.
(Personnel, Elections & Health 12/04)

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

| Response Zone | Number of Responses | Required % | Compliance % |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Alexandria - 8 minutes | 496 | 80% | 87.30% |
| Pineville - 8 minutes | 163 | 80% | 82.21% |
| Rapides - 12 minutes | 207 | 80% | 90.82% |
| Rapides - 20 minutes | 170 | 80% | 85.29% |

(Insurance, Ambulance, Fire & Homeland 12/04)

23. Motion to renew the ten (10) year Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Boyce to provide fire protection services for the Alfalfa District and Fire Protection District No. 16.
(Insurance, Ambulance, Fire & Homeland 12/04)

24. Motion to authorize to renew the Worker's Compensation Policy for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, and 18 for Policy Period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Treasurer.
(Insurance, Ambulance, Fire & Homeland 12/04)

25. Motion to authorize the renewal of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2024 with PGRMA/CCMSI for \$209,864 and authorize the President to sign the same.
(Insurance, Ambulance, Fire & Homeland 12/04)

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**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**

26. Motion to authorize renewal of Annual Intergovernmental Agreements for 2024 with the following municipalities and authorize the President to sign same:

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| Woodworth | Road District 2C |
| Cheneyville | Road District 3A |
| Ball | Road District 10A |
| Forest Hill | Road District 1A |
| Glenmora | Road District 1A |
| Lecompte | Road District 3A |
| Boyce | Road District 7A |

(Mr. Overton)

27. Motion to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

(Mr. Bishop)

28. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein (Renaissance) and (ii) Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

(Mr. Bishop)

29. Motion to authorize to purchase a 1999 used Ferrara Inferno Fire Engine from Franklinton Fire Department with a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, as approved by the Taylor Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board in meeting held on November 24, 2023.

(Mr. Wilder)

30. Motion to award Bernhard MCC, LLC of Lafayette, Louisiana, the low

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bidder, for a contract amount of \$7,662,000.00, for Work Order No. 2-Courthouse HVAC, Air Quality Improvements under ARPA Grant, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Mr. McGlothlin)

31. Motion to accept a donation of tract of property from the Huie-Dellmon Foundation adjacent to and for the use of the Rapides Parish Library, and authorize the President to execute same, subject to legal counsel approval.
(Mr. Bishop)
32. Motion to authorize the Sales & Use Tax Office, District Attorney Office, and Workforce Development Office, to piggy-back onto the Parish Enterprise Fleet Lease, and surplus older Parish vehicles and apply said funds towards the lease of new vehicles, and authorize the President to execute same, subject to legal counsel approval.
(Mr. Bishop)
33. Motion to approve Fire District No. 10 - Plainview to accept a donation of immovable property from the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department for use by the Fire District, and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents related to same, subject to legal counsel approval.
(Mr. Johnson)
34. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish OEP Asset/Inventory Program the below listed item as surplus:
- | <u>ASSET No.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>DISPOSAL</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 079-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 080-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 081-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 082-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 083-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 084-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 085-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 086-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 087-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 088-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
| 089-OEP | Portable Radio - Motorola | Surplus |
- (Mr. Bishop)
35. Motion to declare twenty-two (22) water fountains and two (2) sets of retractable risers as surplus for the Rapides Parish Coliseum Asset/Inventory Program as recommended by the Rapides Parish Coliseum Director and authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise the sell of the equipment.
(Mr. McGlothlin)

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36. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise, receive bids and award the purchase of one (1) Grapple Truck for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department.
(Mr. Smith)
37. Motion to authorize the remodeling of the Rapides Parish Clerk of Court's Office to create an office space in their first-floor office, pending approval of Pan American Engineers and the Fire Marshal. Project to be funded by the Rapides Parish Clerk of Court.
(Mr. Bishop)
38. Motion to adopt a resolution of support for the FY 2024/2025 Capital Outlay Request – Regional Wastewater Consolidation Project by the Town of Woodworth. Local match to be funded by the Town of Woodworth Utility System.
(Mr. Bishop)
39. Motion to approval an \$1.82 hourly rate increase for the employees of Rapides Parish Fire District #11 – Springcreek, as recommend by the Springcreek Volunteer Fire Department Board.
(Mr. Johnson)
40. Motion to accept the road name change of Leigh Drive, formerly located in Green Acres Subdivision, to Cypress Pond Drive now located in Cypress Pond Subdivision, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.
(Mr. Smith)
41. Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 23 – Taxation and Licenses; Article III – Sales and Use Tax; Division 1 – Definitions , Section 23-25 (1.09) – Hotel. "Hotel" means and includes any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing sleeping rooms, cottages or cabins to transient guests, ~~where such establishment consists of six (6) or more sleeping rooms, cottages or cabins at a single business location.~~ **As defined by R.S. 47:301.**
(Mr. Bishop)
42. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 905 Tioga Road, Ball, 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.

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(Mr. Moreau)

43. Motion to receive recommendation from the Selection Committee and award RFP# 3194 – Fiscal Agent RFP.

(Mr. Bishop)

44. Motion to receive recommendation from the Selection Committee and award RFP# 3211 – Grant Administrator Services for Hometown Revitalization and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

(Mr. Bishop)

45. Motion to adopt a resolution in support of the updated tracts for the Enterprise Zone Incentive Program, administered by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, pending approval by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.

(Mr. Bishop)

46. Motion to declare Tuesday, January 2, 2024 as a Parish Holiday, in accordance with Proclamation Number 197 JBE 2023, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards.

(Mr. Bishop)

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

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to attend this public meeting, please contact the Police Jury Office at (318) 473-6660, describing the assistance that is necessary.