

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 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, Ernest Nelson, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., David Johnson and Jay Scott.

Absent: None

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Mr. Shane Trapp, Building Superintendent; Ms. Betty Joe Bourgeois, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Marla West, Purchasing Agent; Chief Jody Glorioso, FD#2; Mrs. Angie Branton, 911 & OEP Director; Hon. Phillip Terrell; Mr. Danny Bordelon; Mr. Parrish Giles; Mayor David Butler, Town of Woodworth; Mr. Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineer; Mr. Matt Johns, RAPC Executive Director; Mrs. Hope LaFleur Mr. Matt Nowlin and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

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

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

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

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

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. On vote the motion carried.

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

The following service awards were presented:

Fire District #2

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

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Alessia Russell 10 Years

Sales Tax

Betty Jo Bourgeois 20 Years

Alisha Cospers 10 Years

Civil Service

Tina Goree 15 Years

Courthouse

Shannon Trapp 20 Years

Hon. Phillip Terrell provided an update on the State of Louisiana Clemency Hearings held in November in Baton Rouge.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024 Rapides Parish Police Jury Budget. Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer allowed the public to comment and there were no comments from the public. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder the hearing was declared closed. On vote the motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET AND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 39:1309-1310.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Rapides Parish, in regular session convened that:

SECTION 1. The following estimate of revenues for certain funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of Revenues for these funds for the Police Jury of Rapides Parish, during the same period.

SECTION 2. The attached estimates of expenditures for certain funds are hereby adopted to serve as a budget of expenditures for these funds for the Police Jury of Rapides Parish during the same period.

SECTION 3. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

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SECTION 4. Amounts are available for expenditure only to the extent included within the 2023 budget.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall have the authority to make any changes and amendments to any agencies, departments, functions, characters and funds within the adopted budget as she deems necessary provided that the provisions of LA R.S. 39:1310 (A) are followed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of December, 2023.

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY BUDGET 2024

Below is a summarized copy of the adopted 2024 budget. A detailed copy of the 2024 budget is attached and may be reviewed at the Finance Department of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Office, 701 Murray Street, Suite 201, Alexandria, LA 71301.

FUND	BEG. BALANCE & REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	CONTINGENCIES
General Fund	12,097,994.82	11,472,888.40	625,106.42
Admin Fund	1,135,116.99	1,135,116.99	
Public Works Fund	8,458,429.44	7,275,216.61	1,183,212.83
Road District 1-A Fund	1,066,692.16	1,066,692.16	
Road District 1-B Fund	1,514,241.64	1,514,241.64	
Road District 2-B Fund - Sub Dist 1	871,144.88	871,144.88	
Road District 2-B Fund - Sub Dist 2	805,065.13	805,065.13	
Road District 2-C Fund	6,868,387.25	6,868,387.25	
Road District 3-A Fund	5,539,795.38	5,539,795.38	
Road District 5-A Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Road District 6-A Fund	1,567,952.94	1,567,952.94	
Road District 7-A Fund	1,567,827.76	1,567,827.76	
Road District 9-B Fund	1,821,559.40	1,821,559.40	
Road District 10-A Fund	3,026,614.03	3,026,614.03	
Road District 36-A Fund	6,649,902.16	6,649,902.16	
Fire District #2 Fund	9,521,394.40	7,303,104.26	2,218,290.14
Fire District #3 Fund	3,403,121.90	2,106,772.24	1,296,349.66
Fire District #4 Fund	1,553,696.09	1,183,344.82	370,351.27
Fire District #5 Fund	1,157,902.85	737,124.65	420,778.20
Fire District #6 Fund	1,437,482.33	985,494.94	451,987.39
Fire District #7 Fund	928,050.81	928,050.81	
Fire District #8 Fund	1,123,380.55	588,561.78	534,818.77
Fire District #9 Fund	275,378.88	120,400.46	154,978.42
Fire District #10 Fund	681,506.63	544,586.25	136,920.38
Fire District #11 Fund	610,428.59	442,893.04	167,535.55
Fire District #14 Fund	352,794.01	172,589.55	180,204.46
Fire District #15 Fund	390,483.91	373,740.48	16,743.43
Fire District #16 Fund	280,327.01	93,256.00	187,071.01
Fire District #17 Fund	1,005,056.58	146,748.00	858,308.58
Fire District #18 Fund	1,341,900.79	917,707.70	424,193.09
Fire District #19 Fund	157,930.24	157,930.24	
Criminal Court Fund	2,550,730.43	2,550,730.43	
Civil Service Fund	146,662.74	146,662.74	
Cotile Recreation Fund	388,554.78	388,554.78	
Litter Court	3,875.40	3,875.40	
Capital Improvement Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	

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RSCC Transportation Grant	100,000.00	100,000.00	
State Adult Drug Court	384,000.00	384,000.00	
Ward 9 Recreation Fund	1,293,436.05	520,316.69	773,119.36
Title IV Juvenile Grant Fund	330,000.00	33,753.24	296,246.76
RAPC Building	52,391.26	52,391.26	
Behavioral Health Court	1,380,000.00	348,116.84	1,031,883.16
SWA Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	
Renaissance Home Fund	2,263,860.00	2,263,860.00	
9th Judicial District Court Non-Support Fund	280,367.10	280,367.10	
Courthouse Parking Fund	67,484.00	67,484.00	
American Rescue Plan	20,500,000.00	17,113,000.00	3,387,000.00
LATCF	656,852.58	656,852.58	
Juvenile Bonds & Fines	8,800.00	8,800.00	
9th JDC Juvenile Expense Fund	8,725.00	8,725.00	
Coliseum Office Complex Fund	1,763,000.00	1,763,000.00	
Drug Court Bonds & Fines Fund	51,000.00	29,247.25	21,752.75
Opioid Settlement Fund	1,336,043.70	1,336,043.70	
Court Reporter Fund	93,000.00	28,276.00	64,724.00
911 Communication District Fund	5,578,445.00	4,187,130.95	1,391,314.05
Buckeye Recreation District Fund	222,199.28	183,263.00	38,936.28
Senior Citizen Fund	1,165,843.75	1,165,843.75	
Cotile Recreation Improvement Fund	1,301,024.12	1,301,024.12	
Esler Field Grant	345,000.00	345,000.00	
Mosquito Grant Fund	7,200.00	7,200.00	
Civil Defense Fund	408,205.17	176,414.23	231,790.94
Health Unit Fund	3,060,143.75	1,235,177.01	1,824,966.74
Motor Vehicle Fund	127,000.00	127,000.00	
Auto/Property Insurance Fund	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Raod District 2B-1 Construction Fund	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00	
Public Safety Fund	5,500.00	5,500.00	
SAMSA Adult Drug Court Fund	400,000.00	400,000.00	
Fire District #9 Construction Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Sales Tax Reserve Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	
Ward 9 Recreation Bond Fund	818,660.84	435,625.00	383,035.84
Fire District 9 Bond Fund	156,095.44	96,095.44	60,000.00
Sales Tax Fund	182,667,815.83	182,667,815.83	
Hotel-Motel Tax Fund	1,938,326.35	1,938,326.35	
Unemployment Trust Fund	700,000.00	700,000.00	
Coliseum Bond Fund	1,792,244.45	1,633,550.00	158,694.45
OEWD-WIOA Program	1,341,090.00	1,341,090.00	
TOTAL	316,013,736.57	297,123,422.64	18,890,313.93

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to hold a public hearing to approve or deny the Industrial Tax Exemption Application No. 20200526-ITE, \$3,384,313.00, Plastipak Packaging, Inc. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to close public hearing. On vote the motion carried.

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

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Rapides Parish Police Jury conducted a public meeting on Industrial Tax Exemption Application No. 20200526-ITE and voted to APPROVE the application of Plastipak Packaging Inc.

Thus, signed and unanimously adopted this 11th day of December, 2023

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to hold a public hearing to approve or deny the Industrial Tax Exemption Application NO. 20200526-A-ITE, \$11,200,754.00, Plastipak Packaging, Inc. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to close public hearing. On vote the motion carried.

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

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Dennis Bordelon to the Ward 10 Recreation District for a five (5) year term, new term will expire January 12, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mike Nelson to the Ward 10 Recreation District for a five (5) year term, new term will expire January 12, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Harold "Ronnie" Roberts to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two (2) year term, new term will expire on January 1, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Cory Van Mol to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two (2) year term, new term will expire on January 1, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Cornelius Coleman to the Rapides Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term, new term will expire on January 15, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Ms. Linda Drew McMahon to the Alexandria/Pineville Area Convention Bureau for a one (1) year term, new term will

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expire on February 8, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to adopt the 2024 Rapides Parish Police Jury Meeting and Holiday Schedule and request that Civil Service concur. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith 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

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the following ordinance was presented, to set a 25 mph speed limit on Johnson Road, Ward 4, District H, and authorize the Parish Highway Department to erect speed limit signs, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.2 (G) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON JOHNSON ROAD, WARD 4, DISTRICT H

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 11th day of December, 2023, that Section 18-4.2 (g) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 25 mph speed limit on Johnson Road, Ward 4, District H, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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

(g) Twenty-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 twenty-five (25) miles per hour:

...

Johnson Road, Ward 4, District H

...

(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 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 11th day of December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the following

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ordinance was presented, to set a 35 mph speed limit on Gunter Road, Ward 11, District C, and authorize the Parish Highway Department to erect speed limit signs, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.2 (E) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON GUNTER ROAD, WARD 11, DISTRICT C

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 11th day of December, 2023, that Section 18-4.2 (E) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 35 mph speed limit on Gunter Road, Ward 11, District C, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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

(g) Twenty-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 twenty-five (25) miles per hour:

...

Gunter Road, Ward 11, District C

...

(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 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 11th day of December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cory Ashmore recommended that we add a clause in the agreement to not allow spectators to sit on the levee and watch the event. Mr. Jones stated the contracts have not been submitted yet for review, but he will definitely take note of Mr. Ashmore's request. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, the confirming the following proclamation and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION
PURSUANT TO LSA-R.S. 18:602
ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION
TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF
POLICE JURY, DISTRICT D, OF RAPIDES PARISH

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, the honorable THEODORE FOUNTAINE, III, duly elected Police Juror for Rapides Parish, District D, whose term of office will begin on January 1, 2024 for a term of four years, passed away in Alexandria, Louisiana, creating a vacancy in the office of the Police Juror for District D of Rapides Parish, and the Louisiana Secretary of State notified the Police Jury that said vacancy must be filled by appointment on or before December 4, 2023, and a special election shall be set to fill the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury at a duly noticed and posted Special Meeting held on November 28, 2023, with a legal quorum present, have appointed Ernest Nelson to fill the vacancy pending the special election to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 18:602; and

WHEREAS, the death of Police Juror Theodore Fountaine, III, has caused a vacancy in his elected office as Police Juror for District d of Rapides Parish, and pursuant to LSA-R.S. 18:602, an election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term of office which exceeds 18 months; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order and call a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Police Juror for District D, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as follows:

- (1) the Qualifying Dates : July 17, 18, & 19, 2024;
- (1) the Primary Election Date: November 5, 2024;

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(2) the General Election Date: December 7, 2024;
and that certified copies of the Proclamation shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State;

This Proclamation introduced at a properly posted and held Special Meeting, after a proper motion, and second, and received majority vote of approval on the 4th day of December, 2023.

Thus confirmed and approved on this 11th day of December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. 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 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%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, that the following item(s) were posted to the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and added to

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the Jury agenda in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are now confirmed as adding agenda items by unanimous vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson to authorize renewal of Annual Intergovernmental Agreements for 2024 with the following municipalities and authorize the President to sign same:

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

On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

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.

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 Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at 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, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **4,222** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **10,510** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **6,288** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt

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from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

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

YEAS: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Joe Bishop, Craig Smith, Ernest Nelson, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, David Johnson and Jay Scott
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Theresa Pacholik
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Joseph "Joe" Bishop
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE
SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF
LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, December 11, 2023, 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 (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 18, 2023, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION
(IN-LIEU MILLAGE)

Shall the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a 3.89 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$4,100,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of 20 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2043, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating the Juvenile Community Correction Center, Juvenile Detention Center,

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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. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 for the Courthouse Air Quality Improvements at the Rapides Parish Courthouse; and,

	CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
1.	Bernhard MCC, LLC	\$7,662,000.00
2.	ACA Mechanical/Industrial, LLC	\$8,250,000.00

WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Bidder; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction project is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Bernhard MCC, LLC, for the Base Bid of \$7,662,000, contingent upon the following:

1. The successful bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (UEI) and be registered with the Federal System of Award (SAM) Registration Program prior to award of contract.

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 11th day of December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to approve Fire District No. 10 - Plainview to accept a donation of immovable property from the

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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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder 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. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Overton asked to amend the motion to exclude the water fountains until further research could be done on the funding used to purchase them. They may have been purchased with grant funds and we need to make sure we can dispose of them.

On amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to declare 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. On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott Motion to approve 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the following ordinance was presented and adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 23 – TAXATION AND LICENSES; ARTICLE III – SALES AND USE TAX; DIVISION 1 – DEFINITIONS, SECTION 23-25 (10.9) – HOTEL.

Chapter 23 – Taxation and Licenses

Article III – Sales and Use Tax

Division 1 – Definitions

Section 23-25 (10.9) – 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.**

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 23-25 (10.9) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 11th day of December, 2023.

Motion omitted by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to award RFP# 3194 – Fiscal Agent to Chase Bank as recommended by the Selection Committee. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to award RFP# 3211 – Grant Administrator Services for Hometown Revitalization and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program to Rapides Area Planning Commission as recommended by the Selection Committee. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN CENSUS TRACT BLOCK GROUPS ENUMERATED BELOW AS ENTERPRISE ZONES, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1784, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that data from the most recent federal decennial census shall be applied in determining areas qualified for designation as enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of economic Development designates the below enumerated tracts as Enterprise Zone eligible based upon the 2020 federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1785, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that the Louisiana Department of Economic Development shall only designate eligible block groups as Enterprise Zone if the local governing authority agree to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, that:

Section 1. The Rapides Parish Police Jury wishes to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program:

Section 2. The Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees to assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

Section 3. The Rapides Parish Police Jury wished to designate the following as Enterprise Zone:

<u>Census Tract</u>	<u>Block Group</u>
103	2
103	3
103	4
105.01	1
105.02	1
105.02	2
105.02	3
106	1
110	1
110	2
110	3
115.02	1
116	3
117	2
120	1

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120	2
121	1
122	1
122	2
125	3
125	4
126	1
126	2
127	1
127	2
128	1
129	1
129	2
130	1
130	2
131	2
133	2
133	3
133	4
133	5
135.01	2
135.01	3
135.02	1
135.02	2
139	2

Total Zones 40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end of the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 11th day December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to declare Tuesday, January 2, 2024 as a Parish Holiday, in accordance with Proclamation Number 197 JBE 2023, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION
OF THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
APPROVING THE INDUSTRIAL TAX
EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR PLASTIPAK PACKAGING, INC.

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WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution authorizes the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP"), through which applicants seeking to construct a new manufacturing establishment or install an addition to a manufacturing establishment are awarded an exemption for such facilities from local ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Through Executive Orders JBE 16-26 and 16-73, Governor John Bel Edwards set forth conditions for approval of exemptions under ITEP contracts including the creation or retention of jobs and payroll and, among other things, review and approval by the local governing authority in which the exemption is contemplated, the parish POLICE JURY, the municipality (if applicable) and the sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Plastipak Packaging, Inc. ("Plastipak") submitted an ITEP application to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for the addition of 7 new production lines to fulfill demand for plastic containers. The equipment added will consist of new blow molding machines, conveyors, quality equipment, air compressors and other equipment used in the production process. This will benefit the facility by increasing sales and the hiring of additional employees. This project is planned for the facility at 4101 Pardue Rd in Pineville, LA and includes a commitment of adding 10 jobs and \$400,000 in payroll; and

WHEREAS, The ITEP application was approved by the BCI on April 28, 2021 for an 100% exemption for 5 years and an option to renew the exemption at 80% for an additional 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury passed a resolution approving Plastipak's ITEP participation for the project as further detailed in Application 20170399; and

WHEREAS, Plastipak has completed its project and exceeded its commitments by creating # 48 of new jobs and \$818,244.31 of new payroll; and

WHEREAS, Plastipak worked with Louisiana Department of Economic Development to complete its ITEP application; and

WHEREAS, Plastipak is currently experiencing challenges with implementing its ITEP exemption with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development is now advising Plastipak that it should have filed for additional ITEP applications even though Plastipak only has one (1) project.

WHEREAS, Plastipak is requesting the Rapides Parish Police Jury to notify the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry to reaffirm its support for Plastipak to receive all of the ITEP exemptions originally contemplated and associated with Plastipak's project, without further delay or penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jurt in regular session duly convened that:

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SECTION I. The Rapides Parish Police Jury reaffirms its support for Plastipak's participation in the Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program and specifically requests that:

- a) The Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry also support Plastipak's participation in the Louisiana Industrial Property Tax Exemption Program; and
- b) The Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry allow Plastipak to file the requisite forms, reports, and applications needed for Plastipak to receive the ITEP exemption benefits originally contemplated for the project; and
- c) The Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, upon review and proper consideration, approve subsequent Plastipak ITEP applications and renewal applications related to the project, so that Plastipak may receive all ITEP exemption benefits originally contemplated for the project; and
- d) The Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry forgo the assignment of any penalties associated with Plastipak's efforts to receive all the ITEP exemption benefits originally contemplated for the project, including the aforementioned subsequent Plastipak ITEP applications and renewal applications.

SECTION II. That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Louisiana Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, along with a copy to the Louisiana Board of Commerce & Industry, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

The vote, in open meeting, on the within resolution was as follows:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 11th day of December, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to appoint Mr. Danny Lair to the Rapides Parish Sewerage District No.1 Board. Term will expire December 14, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving a Government Obligation Contract with KS StateBank for the acquisition of equipment for

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Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Rapides,
State of Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Determination of Need. The Governing Authority has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of One (1) 2024 Kenworth US Fire Pumper Truck (the "Equipment") for the District.

SECTION 2. Approval and Authorization. The Governing Authority has determined that the Government Obligation Contract (the "Contract"), substantially in the form presented at this meeting, is in the best interests of the District for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the Governing Authority hereby approves the entering into of the Contract by the District and hereby designates and authorizes the following person(s) to execute and deliver the Contract on the District's behalf with such changes thereto as such person(s) deem(s) appropriate, and any related documents, including any Escrow Agreement, necessary to the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Contract.

Authorized Individuals: Joseph Bishop, President
 Theresa Pacholik, Secretary-Treasurer

SECTION 3. Employment of Counsel. The Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the Agreement, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature with respect to the Agreement. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rates based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of said special counsel which is on file with the Governing Authority. The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 4. Adoption of Resolution. This Resolution shall be effective immediately. The signatures below from the designated individuals of the Governing Authority evidence the adoption by the Governing Authority of this Resolution.

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

YEAS: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Joe Bishop, Craig Smith, Ernest
 Nelson, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean
 McGlothlin, David Johnson and Jay Scott
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none
ABSTAINING: none

THUS DONE, adopted and signed on this, the 11th day of December, 2023.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation. On vote the matter carried unanimously at 3:44 p.m.

Roll call vote was as followed:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

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On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, 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. David Johnson to accept the recommendation of legal counsel. On vote the motion carried. Mr. Jay Scott abstained from the vote.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury