

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

Posted February 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Receive update from Brad Smith with Huddleston Smith.

Presentation on Renaissance

Recognize Sara Gary & Kelia Bingham, Acadiana Watershed Initiative.

Recognize Dr. Correll, Chancellor of LSU-A.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on January 22, 2024, as published in the Official Journal.
(Mr. Bishop)
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
(Mr. Bishop)

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

***Captain Marcus Sandoval on the Communications District, representing Sheriff's Office, for a four (4) year term. Term will expire March 17, 2024.

***Paul Fuselier on the Communications District, representing Emergency Medical Services, for a four (4) year term. Term will expire April 9, 2024.

***Jay Scott on the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a four (4) year term. Term expired January 8, 2024.

***Jay Scott on the Transportation Policy Committee for a four (4) year term. Term expired January 8, 2024.

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3. Motion to rescind a certain motion passed on January 22, 2024 to sell Asset No. 9066 for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6, as requested by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board and Chief.
(Finance 02/05)

4. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 Asset/Inventory Program the equipment listed below and sell the equipment with a sealed bid process as requested by the Department Board of Directors and the Fire Chief.

ASSET No.	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSAL
10303	2007 International VIN# 1HTMKAZR67H354719	To be sold

(Finance 02/05)

5. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Asset Inventory Program the items listed below as per audit done in 2023 by Finance Personnel and Fire District Board member and staff.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10139	Whirlpool Ice Machine	Unable to Locate
10411	Mobile Radio – Johnson 53SL	Unable to Locate
10650	Ice Machine	Unable to Locate
10705	Bunker Gear	Shouldn't be on inventory
10706	Bunker Gear	Shouldn't be on inventory
10712	Generator – EU3000i3AN	Unable to Locate
10862	Ice Machine	Unable to Locate
11297	Transceiver M105	Unable to Locate
11471	Radio – Vertex VX-454DO	Broken
11472	Radio – Vertex VX-454DO	Unable to Locate
11484	Generator – Honda EU1000T1A	Unable to Locate
11486	BackPack Blower	Unable to Locate
05679	Sharp Copier	Broken
05914	Generator – Honda	Broken
05915	Mower – Kubota	Unable to Locate
06636	Camper Shell – Red	Unable to Locate
06639	4" Water Pump – Kubota	Broken
06640	4" Water Pump	Unable to Locate
06911	Ventilator	Unable to Locate
06926	Computer Terminal & keyboard	Broken
07091	Gibson – A/C Unit	Broken
07270	SCBA – Air Pack	Unable to Locate
07271	SCBA – Air Pack	Unable to Locate
07373	AC/Heat Unit – Emerson	Broken
08265	Skid Unit – TriMax w/frame	Unable to Locate
08673	AED Defibrillator – LifePak 500	Unable to Locate
08749	Radio – Maxtrac 99CH-VHF	Unable to Locate
08750	Radio – Maxtrac 99CH-VHF	Unable to Locate
08755	Power Unit	Was sold as part of a truck

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08824	Pump – Honda	Unable to Locate
09113	Camera – Digital	Unable to Locate
09116	Computer	Unable to Locate
09196	Environmental suit w/boots	One time use
09377	Chainsaw – Stihl – 20” MS440	Unable to Locate
09540	2” Pump – Honda 5HP	Unable to Locate
09882	Radio – Mobile Astro XTL 5000	Unable to Locate
09945	2” Pump – Honda	Unable to Locate
09977	Water Pump – Honda	Unable to Locate
09704	Repeater – Vehicle Pyramid	Unable to Locate

(Finance 02/05)

6. Motion to accept Ms. Barbara Whetstine at 278 McNary Cutoff Road, Glenmora, LA 71433, District H, as a hardship. Proper certification has been received.
(Public Works 02/05)
7. Motion to authorize the President to 1) sign all necessary documents, and 2) authorize the Parish President to approve the application submission for the Central Louisiana Community Foundation’s Grants endowment 2024.
(Workforce & Grants 02/05)
8. Motion to award contract to Bayou Rapides Corporation of Alexandria, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$32,428.00, for ARPA – Work Order No. 12 – Demolition and Clearance of Building Structure Located at 1209 Eight Street, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 02/05)
9. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 to submit an application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program, thru FEMA GO, for a Fire Apparatus, with matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 2 budget, and authorize the Fire Chief and Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 02/05)
10. Motion to authorize Bernhard MCC, LLC to install a temporary fence behind the Gravel Building to store materials for the Courthouse Air Quality Improvement Project.
(Courthouse & Coliseum 02/05)
11. Motion to authorize the President to sign a one (1) year lease agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health, beginning on 03/07/2024 – 03/06/2025,

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to lease 480 square feet of usable space, located at the John A. Christophe Health Unit Building, 5604-B Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana, to be used by the Office of Public Health, Central Regional Office, Region 6, for the purpose of a laboratory, pending legal counsel review and approval.

(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 02/05)

12. Motion to proclaim the month of April as Rapides Parish Litter Awareness Month.
(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)
13. Motion to participate in the 3rd Annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Love the Boot Week held during the week of April 20 – 28, 2024.
(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)
14. Motion to approve the revised job description for the temporary position of Workforce Professional Case Manager Recruitment Specialist's education and qualifications from: "Position requires bachelor's degree in a related field AND four (4) years of related experience." And changing it to: "Position requires bachelor's degree in a related field OR four (4) years of related experience." Due to the immediate need, the position being temporary, and the staff shortage in the youth department due to budget cuts for PY23/FY24. The qualifications amendment is crucial to allow for the successful completion of the hiring process and the subsequent fulfillment of this position. Funding for this position will be paid out of WIOA funds. Authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary.
(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)
15. Motion to approve a four percent (4%) pay increase for all Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 – Deville VFD employees effective February 1, 2024, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and the Fire Chief.
(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)
16. Motion to approve an hourly rate increase of 0.50¢ for one part time firefighter position and an hourly rate increase of \$0.25¢ for another part time firefighter position, effective January 28, 2024, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and the Fire Chief.
(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)
17. Motion to confirm State approval of J.o.P. to cover Ward 4, 1st and 2nd Justice Courts, pending the fall election and compensate at a rate of \$501.00 per month, effective February 1, 2024.

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(Personnel, Health & Elections 02/05)

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

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	490	80%	89.18%
Pineville - 8 minute	156	80%	85.26%
Rapides - 12 minute	213	80%	93.90%
Rapides - 20 minute	204	80%	88.73%

(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 02/05)

19. Motion to hire an independent Project Inspector for the new living quarters at Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 – Deville VFD, per recommendation of the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 02/05)

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

20. Motion to award Bid No. 3227 – Bituminous Road Materials (Hot and Cold Mix) to Diamond B Construction for Six (6) months from April 01, 2024 through September 30, 2024 as recommended by the Purchasing Agent.

Hot Mix - \$99.50 per Ton

Cold Mix - \$115.50 per Ton

(Mr. Smith)

21. Motion to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 1A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Bishop)

22. Motion to authorize the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to complete road work on Airport Road, within town limits of Cheneyville, not to exceed \$16,000.00, to be reimbursed by 3A Maintenance Funds, District H.

(Mr. Giles)

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23. Motion to accept contractor, The Miguez Deloach Company, LLC, Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, Rapides Parish Fire District No. 9, New Fire Station, as “Substantially Complete”, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Mr. Overton)

24. Motion to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and hire up to twelve (12) seasonal workers for mowing crews and general labor. Work will begin on March 31, 2024 and end no later than November 2, 2024, rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour for Laborers and \$14.50 per hour for Labor Foreman, to be paid from the Public Works salary line item.
(Mr. Overton)

25. Motion to authorize to extend Bid # 3078 (Janitorial Services for Courthouse) with Rapides Janitor Service Inc., for an one-year term beginning February 1, 2024 thru January 31, 2025, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Courthouse Superintendent and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Bishop)

26. Motion to exercise the option to renew the five (5) year voting precinct lease agreement for Precinct N03, Tudor Community Center, for an additional one (1) year. A copy of this resolution to be sent to Secretary of State, Registrar of Voters and Clerk of Court.
(Mr. Bishop)

27. Motion to exercise the option to renew the five (5) year lease agreement with Tillman Infrastructure, LLC, for the cell phone tower located at 5000 Coliseum Boulevard for the same like terms and conditions and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. This is the first of seventeen (17) additional five (5) year term renewals.
(Mr. Bishop)

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BUT ARE NOW ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

ADJOURNMENT

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