

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

Posted April 4, 2024

REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 8, 2024
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Recognize and present plaques to the 2023-2024 Peabody Warhorses Boys Basketball Team for winning the Division II Select State Championship.

Receive an update from Mr. Rick Reno on the Coliseum

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

- ***Henry Blake on the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a six (6) year term.
Term expired October 9, 2022. (From September agenda)
- ***Charles R. King on the Rapides Finance Authority for a six (6) year term.
Term expired November 8, 2022. (From December Agenda)
- ***Jason Gunter on the Buckeye Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. Term
expired February 14, 2023.
- ***Rusty Bell on the Ruby Wise Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. Term
expired February 14, 2023.
- ***Tim Vercher on the Ruby Wise Recreation Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired February 14, 2023.
- ***Sonya McGee on the Ruby Wise Recreation Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired February 14, 2023.
- ***Mike Paulk on the Ruby Wise Recreation Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired February 14, 2023.
- ***Mark Wood on the North Criminalistic Laboratory Commission for a two (2)
year term. Term expired January 14, 2023.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 11, 2024 as published in the Official Journal.

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2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to rescind a certain motion to purchase two (2) vehicles for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 passed on September 18, 2023, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Purchasing Agent. The vehicles were ordered incorrectly by the vendor and the correct ones are no longer available.
(Finance 04/01)
4. Motion to authorize the participation in an upcoming auction, date to be determined, as requested by the Purchasing Agent and various departments.
(Finance 04/01)
5. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Sales & Use Tax Asset/Inventory program the equipment listed below as it is no longer suitable for public use.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
11516	SUV – Ford Explorer	to be auctioned

(Finance 04/01)
6. Motion to delete from the Ward Nine Recreation Park Asset/Inventory the following equipment. This equipment will be used as a trade-in to purchase a new tractor/lawnmower from Louisiana State Contract No. 4400026020 as requested by Park Director, approved by Legal Counsel and pending approval from the Recreation Board.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
11238	Kubota F3390 – SN#20077	Trade-In
11476	Kubota F3990 – SN#20922	Trade-In

(Finance 04/01)
7. Motion to authorize an amendment to the concession agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Workforce Commission – Randolph Sheppard Management – Office of Rehabilitation Services and authorize the Parish President all necessary documents.
(Finance 04/01)
8. Motion to transfer the responsibility of one (1) Enterprise Fleet Management Leased 2022 Chevrolet Malibu from 9th JDC Juvenile Probation to the Rapides Parish Sales Tax Office, as recommended by the Chief Judge and Sales Tax Administrator.
(Finance 04/01)
9. Motion to extend parish maintenance on A.B. Porter Road, Ward 11, District C, one tenth (.10) of a mile, as recommended by the Public Works

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Department and Legal Counsel.
(Public Works 04/01)

10. Motion to approve striping on McNary Cutoff (West Cady) and Melder Cutoff, within the village limits of McNary, cost not to exceed \$6,500.00, to be paid out of Road District 1A, District H.
(Public Works 04/01)
11. Motion to authorize Fire District No. 4 – Holiday Village VFD to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and authorize the Parish President and Fire Chief to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by the Fire Chief.
(Workforce & Grants 04/01)
12. Motion to ratify authorization for Fire District No.18 to submit an application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program, thru FEMA GO, for a tanker truck, cascade system and turnout gear/extractor, with matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 18 budget and authorize the Fire Chief and Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 04/01)
13. Motion to adopt a resolution for professional services to update the Master Plan, Airport Layout Plan (ALP), to be 100% funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana Aviation Trust Fund, anticipated not to exceed \$560,001.00, and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents, as requested by the Esler Airport Manager.
(Workforce & Grants 04/01)
14. Motion to authorize the President to sign a contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections/Office of Juvenile Justice to allow the Ninth Judicial District Court to continue to participate in the Title IV-E Federal Foster Care Reimbursement Program, CFDA Number 93.658, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
(Workforce & Grants 04/01)
15. Motion to authorize the remodeling of the Police Jury Administrative entrance to create secure entrances with lobby seating for patrons, to be in conformity with the other public agencies located within the Rapides Parish Courthouse.
(Courthouse & Coliseum 04/01)

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16. Motion to enter into an agreement with the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) for the Louisiana State Mesonet Project and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary paperwork, pending legal counsel approval.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 04/01)
17. Motion to appoint Mr. Danny Bordelon to the Rapides Area Planning Commission Board for a four (4) year term, term will expire January 10, 2028.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 04/01)
18. Motion to Mr. Ollie Overton to the Transportation Policy Committee for a four (4) year term, term will expire January 10, 2028.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 04/01)
19. Motion to proclaim the week of May 5 – 11, 2024, as Public Service Recognition Week in Rapides Parish.
(Personnel, Elections & Health 04/01)
20. Motion to create a part-time maintenance position at Cotile Recreation Park, not to exceed twenty-seven (27) hours per week, hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour.
(Personnel, Elections & Health 04/01)
21. Motion to approve a two-percent (2%) hourly rate increase effective March 24, 2024 for the active part-time Maintenance Technicians for the Courthouse Maintenance Department and approve an annual two-percent (2%) increase on their anniversary date beginning in 2025.
(Personnel, Elections & Health 04/01)
22. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	496	80%	89.31%
Pineville - 8 minute	169	80%	86.98%
Rapides - 12 minute	166	80%	89.16%
Rapides - 20 minute	188	80%	88.30%

(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 04/01)

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23. Motion to enter into a Joint Use Agreement between the Rapides Fire District No. 5, Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, under the Federal Excess Personal Property Program for the use of a MPRV 2004 International Rescue Truck, VIN No. 1HTMMAAL25H147775, for the purpose of Rescue and Services, as requested by the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 04/01)
24. Motion to waive the insurance requirements for sewer effluent discharge permit at 112 Carlyon Lane, Alexandria, LA, for Mr. Clifford Cassa, as requested by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and approved by the Public Works Director and the Rapides Parish Health Department.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 04/01)
25. Motion to adopt a resolution terminating the declaration of a State of Emergency in Rapides Parish, originally declared on August 14, 2023, for heat related emergencies.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 04/01)

**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 adopt an ordinance creating Road District 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Giles)
27. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, 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 a special election to be held in Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.
(Mr. Giles)

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28. Motion to authorize the President to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program application for conversion to LED light fixtures and other energy efficiency improvements at Parish facilities and execute all assurances and certifications required for the application.
(Mr. Bishop)
29. Motion to authorize to advertise for bids for Various Road Materials - annual bid to begin on June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, to be paid from various funds as recommended by the Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent.
(Mr. Moreau)
30. Motion to enter into a Joint Use Agreement between Buckeye Water District #50 and Rapides Parish Fire District #6 for power to a generator located at the Rapides Parish Fire District #6 living quarters, 1250 Highway 115, Deville, LA 71328, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)
31. Motion to authorize the Cotile Events Association to host a Vendor Event on September 14, 2024, and the annual Halloween Bash on October 19, 2024 and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, pending legal counsel approval.
(Mr. Bordelon)
32. Motion to adopt a resolution to designate the Rapides Senior Citizen Centers, Inc., to be the contractor to prepare a grant with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for FY 2024-2025 Operational Grant, CFDA No. 20.509, State Project No. RU 18-40-25, operational funding to provide rural transportation services in rural parts of Rapides Parish and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Bishop)
33. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish 4-H Asset/Inventory Program the equipment listed below as it is no longer suitable for public use.
- | <u>ASSET</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>DISPOSAL</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11661 | HP DesignJet T520 Poster Machine | To be placed in auction |
- (Mr. Moreau)
34. Motion to authorize reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for reconstruction work on Megan Lane, to be paid out of Road District 2C, District H Maintenance Funds, reimbursement not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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(Mr. Giles)

35. Motion to approve hourly rate increases for certification pay for Fire District #5 firefighters based on the following tiers, to be paid for the highest five (5) certifications they obtain as recommended by the Fire Chief:

Tier 1 - \$0.07 per hour - EMR, Hazmat Awareness, Fire Instructor I, Public Fire Educator I, ADO Mobile Water Supply

Tier 2- \$0.10 per hour - EMT-B, Hazmat Operations, Firefighter I, Inspector I, Fire Instructor II, Fire Officer I, ADO-Pumper

Tier 3- \$0.14 per hour - EMT-P, Hazmat Technician, Hazmat ICS, Firefighter II, Inspector II, Fire Instructor III, Fire Investigator, Public Fire Educator II, Fire Officer II, Fire Officer III, Safety Officer

(Mr. Giles)

36. Motion to authorize the Rapides Parish Public Works Department, to provide labor and equipment, to perform fifty (50) hours of ditching and fifty (50) hours of pothole patching on various roads under the annual intergovernmental agreement, as requested by the Town of Glenmora, to be paid out of the Town's portion of Road District 1A Maintenance Funds.

(Mr. Giles)

37. Motion to approve an \$1.00 per hour rate increase for part-time employees at Cotile Recreation Park.

(Mr. Bordelon)

38. Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend and reenact Sec. 19 ½ -2 – Cotile Lake and Recreation Area – Fees (a) (1) Regular admission (gate fee): Citizens sixty (60) years of age or over may enter for the purpose of fishing within the recreation area ~~without~~ \$3.00 charge; (2) Boat Launching: Citizens over sixty (60) years of age may launch boats ~~without~~ \$3.00 charge, to be effective March 1, 2024.

(Mr. Bordelon)

39. Motion to adopt a resolution and send to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the crappie fish limit and size from fifty (50) fish per day and no size limit to twenty-five (25) fish per day with a ten (10) inch size limit in the Saline/Larto complex.

(Mr. Smith)

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- 40. Motion to approve cutting dead trees in a parish right of way as a result of drought conditions, bugs and/or lightning strikes and obtain landowner's written permission to leave on premises, to be paid out of Public Works Fund.
(Mr. Smith)
- 41. Motion to purchase one (1) broom/sweeper attachment for skid steer, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be paid from Public Works Fund.
(Mr. Smith)

**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.