

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

Posted December 6, 2024

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 9, 2024**  
**3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Receive an update from Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois on the Louisiana Special Session Tax Reform.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Special Session on November 7, 2024 and November 12, 2024 and Regular Session on November 12, 2024, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to open a Public Hearing to discuss and take action to **accept or deny** the Industrial Tax Exemption Application: Plastipak Packaging, Inc. Industrial Tax Exemption application #20230161-ITE.

Recognize representative for Plastipak Packaging, Inc.

Close Public Hearing  
(November 4, 2024 Agenda)

4. Motion to open a Public Hearing for the proposed FY2025 budget, as requested by the Secretary/Treasurer.  
(Finance 11/04)
5. Motion to close Public Hearing.

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6. Motion to adopt an ordinance adopting the operating budget and revenues and expenditures for funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending with December 31, 2025, in accordance with LA R.S. 39:1309-1310, and authorize the Treasurer to amend budget as necessary, as recommended by the Treasurer.  
(Mr. Moreau)
  
7. Motion to amend a resolution of September 10, 2024, approving the Annual Certificate of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program to include the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.  
(Public Works 11/04)

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

- \*\*\*Appointment of President for a one (1) year term on the Rapides Area Planning Commission, as the Chief Executive Officer. Term will expire January 13, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Appointment of President for a one (1) year term on the Chamber of Commerce, as Chief Executive Officer. Term will expire January 13, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Appointment of President for a one (1) year term on the Regional Infrastructure Beltway Commission, as Chief Executive Officer. Term will expire January 13, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Appointment of President for a one (1) year term on the Transportation Policy Committee, as Chief Executive Officer. Term will expire January 13, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Henry Corley on the Fire Protection District No. 12 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 14, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Samuel G. Stokes on the Fire Protection District No. 17 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. **(Sept., Oct., Nov. Agenda)**
  - \*\*\*Chris Lacombe on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. **(Sept., Oct., Nov. Agenda)**
  - \*\*\*Mark Scarber on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. **(Sept., Oct., Nov. Agenda)**
  - \*\*\*Greg Trotter on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire December 12, 2024. **(November Agenda)**
  - \*\*\*Mark Wood to the North Louisiana Criminalistic Laboratory Commission for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 14, 2025.
  - \*\*\*Jack Daughtry on the Zachary Taylor Parkway Board for a two (2) year term. Term expired August 8, 2024. **(July-November Agenda)**
8. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on December 2, 2024.  
(Finance 12/02)

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9. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment as it is no longer suitable for public use. These radios can't be reprogrammed and must be destroyed as per Fire District Chief.

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DISPOSAL</b>
9851	Radio - Mobile SN# 922TEY1009	Scrap
9849	Radio – Mobile SN# 922TEY0922	Scrap
9941	Radio - Mobile SN# 722AZ0776	Scrap
9855	Radio – Portable SN# 422TEWB995	Scrap
9861	Radio - Portable SN# 422TEWC051	Scrap
9856	Radio – Portable SN# 422TEWB901	Scrap
9857	Radio – Portable SN# 422TEWC038	Scrap
9853	Radio - Portable SN# 922TEY0983	Scrap

(Finance 12/02)

10. Motion to adopt a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$775,000) of Limited Tax Bonds of Fire Protection District Number 5 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

(Finance 12/02)

11. Motion to authorize the President to sign the engagement letter for Payne, Moore, and Herrington for the 2024 audit.

(Finance 12/02)

12. Motion to solicit request for proposals for the leasing of certain areas located at Cotile Lake and Kincaid Lake for the purpose of cutting hay. (Current lease agreement will expire April 30, 2025)

(Public Works 12/02)

13. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1820 Bayou Maria, Pineville, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete

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the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive.

(Public Works 12/02)

14. Motion to adopt a resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with LDOTD for the England Airpark Roadway Improvements and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. Project to be funded through LDOTD using federal funds and matching funds provided by the England Authority.  
(Public Works 12/02)
  
15. Motion to accept Project No. 3171 – Downs Lane Culvert Replacement as “Substantially Complete” with exception of punch list items and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.  
(Public Works 12/02)
  
16. Motion to authorize cleaning and debris removal of the ditches and installation of drainage culverts, within the Town of Lecompte, to be paid from the town’s portion of Road District 3A FY 2025 allocation, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, as requested by Mayor Herman Williams and contingent upon the Town Council approval.  
(Public Works 12/02)
  
17. Motion to adopt an ordinance to establish or set a 30mph speed limit on Willie Wells Road, Ward 11, District C, and authorize the Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.  
(Public Works 12/02)
  
18. Motion to authorize renewal of Annual Intergovernmental Agreements for 2025 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

  
(Parochial & Municipal Board Liaison 12/02)

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19. Motion to discuss and adopt the 2025 Rapides Parish Police Jury Meeting and Holiday Schedule and request that Civil Service concur.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 12/02)
  
20. Motion to acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Marla West as employee representative and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board (RPCS). Resignation from the RPCS board effective December 31, 2024.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 12/02)
  
21. Motion to acknowledge the election of Ms. Devon Davis as employee representative to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Marla West. Term will expire on August 17, 2028.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 12/02)
  
22. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for October, 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	484	80%	85.74%
Pineville - 8 minute	167	80%	82.04%
Rapides - 12 minute	221	80%	87.33%
Rapides - 20 minute	196	80%	86.22%

(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 12/02)

23. Motion to authorize the renewal of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2025 with PGRMA/CCMSI for \$194,021.00 and authorize the President to sign the same.  
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 12/02)
  
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, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Treasurer.  
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 12/02)

**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**

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25. Motion to adopt a resolution and award Bid No. 3315 – Belgard Bend Road Lane Widening, to Apeck Construction, LLC of Anacoco, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$305,097.40, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Bordelon)

26. Motion to accept a section of S Jeff McCann Road (15 ft wide x 1,250 feet in length), Ward 11, Road District 2B-2, for parish perpetual maintenance and request Rapides Area Planning Commission to add to the parish map as requested by the Public Works Director.  
(Mr. Smith)

27. Motion to receive the recommendation from the Ambulance Advisory Committee on Ordinance amendments and request for proposals and adoption.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)

28. Motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) lawnmowers from Louisiana State Contract NO. 4400025216, for the Town of Glenmora Public Works Department, to be paid from Town’s portion, Road District 1A funds, as approved by the Town Council on November 18, 2024.  
(Mr. Giles)

29. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Coliseum Asset/Inventory program the following equipment:

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
11747	Computer-MacBook Pro	Scrap

(Mr. McGlothlin)

30. Motion for preliminary approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for a new sign for the renovated Exhibition Hall/Events Center, subject to report from Legal Counsel and final approval.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)

31. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 6007, 6009, and 6015 Dublin Road, Alexandria, 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.  
(Mr. Scott)

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- 32. Motion to approve and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents for the purchase of building located at 1293 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA, said building is to be used as a Public Records Storage facility.  
(Mr. Overton)
  
- 33. Motion to increase the starting base pay for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 full time employees, from \$1035.00 to \$1060.00 per pay period, to be effective 12/29/2024, and for the increase to be allocated for all classified positions according to the salary plan, as recommended by the Fire Chief.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)

**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

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