

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

Posted February 6, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2025
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Recognize and present retirement award to Marla West.

Recognize Mr. Thomas David Jr., Candidate for Rapides Parish Clerk of Court.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on December 11, 2023, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on January 6, 2025.
4. Motion to open a Public Hearing to discuss and take action to accept or deny the Industrial Tax Exemption Application: Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company Tax Exemption application #20220075-A-ITE.
(January 6, 2025 Committee Mtg)
5. Motion to close Public Hearing.
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*****APPOINTMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED*****

*****Brandon Lee Blaney to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 10, 2023. (Oct.-Jan. 2025 Agenda)**

*****Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Jan. 2025 Agenda)**

*****Chris Lacombe on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Jan. 2025 Agenda)**

*****Mark Scarber on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Jan. 2025 Agenda)**

*****Jack Daughtry on the Zachary Taylor Parkway Board for a two (2) year term. Term expired August 8, 2024. (July-Jan. 2025 Agenda)**

8. Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report and approve as presented.
(Finance 02/03)

9. Motion to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet 2500HD Crew Cab truck, State Contract No. 4400023794, for Town of Glenmora, to be used for Public Works Department, cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, to paid from Town's Portion of Road District 1A funds, as recommended by the Mayor and Town of Glenmora Resolution No. 2025-001 passed on January 23, 2025.
(Finance 02/03)

10. Motion to authorize entering into lease agreement for office space on the 4th floor of the Kinetix Building, 900 4th Street, Alexandria, LA, space to be used for relocation of office space during renovations at the Rapides Parish Courthouse and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Finance 02/03)

11. Motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Trailblazers from Gerry Lane Chevrolet, State Contract No. 4400023794 for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2, to be used as Medical/EMS units, cost not to exceed \$54,000.00 for both vehicles, to be paid from Fire District No. 2 funds.
(Finance 02/03)

12. Motion to authorize the Treasurer to amend the 2025 budget to reflect actual beginning balances.
(Finance 02/03)

13. Motion to initiate the condemnation process of the following property and order the Parish Engineer of Record to inspect the properties and provide a report to the Jury:
Property Locations:
5281 Oaklane Drive

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Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A

2303 Culpepper Road
Alexandria, LA 71301
Ward 1, District F

480 Frost Road
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 9, District B

(Public Work 02/03)

14. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder, for asphalt overlay on Munson Road, cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, project to be funded Road District 3A, District H.
(Public Work 02/03)
15. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder, for asphalt overlay on Paul Cemetery Road, cost not to exceed \$230,000.00, project to be funded Road District 1A, District H.
(Public Work 02/03)
16. Motion to authorize Change Order No. 1 for Peart Road Widening project, in the amount of 16,872.50 to add an item for 6” pavement patching to repair base failures, as recommended by project engineer, Pan American Engineers and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Work 02/03)
17. Motion to authorize the President to 1) sign nomination forms for the Rapides Workforce Development Board (RWDB) for Jeffrey Johnson, with Central Louisiana Technical Community College to fill the previously vacant but required Eligible Provider Administering Adult Education and Literacy Activities Representative Position; Marianne Dore`, previously with Crest Industries moved to DIS-TRAN Steel, LLC; remove Sally Cowan, Previously with CCAC, from the TWDB, and 2) sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission concerning the appointments and removal of RWDB members.

Members (Additions or Modifications)

Jeffery Johnson (New Appointment)

Marianne Dore` (Modification)

Member Removed

Sally Cowan

Initial Term Dates

02/01/2025-11/01/2027

02/01/2025-11/01/2027

(Public Work 02/03)

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18. Motion to authorize the Rapides Workforce Development Board (RWDB) to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the One-Stop Operator as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Beginning July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026, with option to renew for three (3) years, and have Treasurer to amend the budget accordingly. The contract will be allocated through the WIOA Grant Funds.
(Public Work 02/03)
19. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder for the purchase of motors for jail doors as recommended by the Courthouse Building Superintendent, cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Facilities 02/03)
20. Motion to approve minor construction project at the Rapides Parish Sales & Use Tax building to remove the suppression system associated with the hood over the kitchen stove. The existing hood, connected to the suppression system, did not pass Fire Marshal Inspection and offer the suppression system as a trade-in to the contractor as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Department Head.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Facilities 02/03)
21. Motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Cory Van Mol and appoint Mr. Tim Brasseaux to the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 18 Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term, term will expire January 1, 2026.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 02/03)
22. Motion to authorize the Public Works Director to hire up to twelve (12) seasonal workers for the mowing crews and general labor. Work to begin on or about March 31, 2025 and end no later than November 3, 2025 at the rate of \$14.00 per hour for crew members and \$15.00 per hour for crew leaders, to be paid from the Public Works Salary line item.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 02/03)
23. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for December 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	517	80%	86.65%
Pineville - 8 minute	141	80%	80.85%
Rapides - 12 minute	199	80%	86.93%
Rapides - 20 minute	183	80%	85.25%

(Ambulance, Fire & Health 02/03)

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24. Motion to ratify authorization for the Parish President to issue a State of Emergency Declaration due to the pending arctic airmass entering Rapides Parish, declaration effective January 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. and terminate said declaration on January 26, 2025, at 8:00 am.
(Ambulance, Fire & Health 02/03)

**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**

25. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$775,000) of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025, of Fire Protection District Number 5 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Giles)
26. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes for road improvements on various roads in Road District 2B-1. District C, construction not to exceed \$230,000.00.
(Mr. Smith)
27. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes for road improvements on various roads in Road District 2B-2. District C, construction not to exceed \$230,000.00.
(Mr. Smith)
28. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for repair work on a parish-maintained bridge on Philadelphia Road, to be paid from Road District 2B-1, District C, cost not to exceed \$55,000.00, as recommended by the Public Works Director and Highway Superintendent.
(Mr. Smith)
29. Motion to approve the purchase of security cameras and storage from Louisiana State Contract No. 4400029829, for the Rapides Parish Courthouse, cost not to exceed \$32,000.00, as recommended by the Courthouse Building Superintendent.
(Mr. McGlothlin)

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30. Motion to authorize to advertise for proposals on ditching services for roadside open ditch maintenance on various parish rights-of-way and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)
31. Motion to authorize Change Order No. 3 for Bid No. 3175-PAE No. 12705-District A – Districtwide Asphalt Roadway Improvements, decrease in contract amount of \$41,791.43, revised total contract amount of \$1,100,534.79, as recommend by Pan American Engineers and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Moreau)
32. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 2523 Hanes Road, Pineville, 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. Moreau)
33. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 5908 Caroline Drive, 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. Overton)
34. Motion to authorize the Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids for various road improvements on B. Miller Road, St. Clair Ryder Road, Nation Road and Philadelphia Road, projects funded by Act 776 – Direct Appropriation from the State and the corresponding Road District Funds.
(Mr. Smith)
35. Motion to authorize the cleaning and debris removal of subsurface draining withing the Town of Lecompte, to be paid from the Town’s portion of Road District 3A, cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, contingent of the Town’s acceptance of the project scope, as recommended by signed Resolution No. 2025-3 passed by the Town of Lecompte in a meeting held on Monday, February 3rd, 2025.
(Mr. Overton)

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36. Motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) lawnmowers, State Contract No. 4400026020, for Town of Cheneyville, to be used for Public Works Department, total cost not to exceed \$27,000.00, to paid from Town's Portion of Road District 3A funds, as recommended by the Mayor and Town of Cheneyville Resolution passed on January 30, 2025.
(Mr. Giles)

37. Motion to accept Project No. 3143 – New Fire Station – Fire District No. 18 as “Substantially Complete” and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion Certificate as recommend by the Engineer and Lecompte Volunteer Department Board of Directors.
(Mr. Overton)

38. Motion to hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., during the Police Jury Committee Meeting to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Parish and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY26/27 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.
(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.