

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 10, 2024

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, June 10, 2024, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, Parrish Giles and Jay Scott.

Absent: Ernest Nelson

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Mr. Shane Trapp, Building Superintendent; Chief David Corley, FD#3; Ms. Sharon Neal, WOD/OEWD Executive Director; Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois, Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Hon. Greg Beard; Mr. Rhett Desselle, Pan American Engineers; Mr. Matt Johns, RAPC Executive Director; Ms. Marla West, Purchasing Agent; and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ollie Overton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Craig Smith.

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 Bishop asked if there were any Juror comments to which Mr. Craig Smith stated he has been researching the purchase or lease of a grapple truck for the Public Works Department. The quote for a two (2) year lease of a grapple truck is estimated at \$6,500.00 per month, to purchase a used grapple truck will range from \$145,000.00 - \$160,000.00 and to purchase a new grapple truck will range from \$230,000.00 - \$275,000.00. Mr. Smith asked for the Jurors to state which option they would like to pursue. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to advertise and receive bids for two (2) used grapple trucks.

President Bishop presented plaques to Xtreme Athletics team, Mini Militia, for winning the Prep Grand Nationals Championship in Orlando, Florida.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on May 13, 2024, and Special Session on June 6, 2024, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried. Mr. Jay Scott voted nay.

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

Ms. Allison Elnaggar gave the annual report for the LSU Ag Center.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to open the Public Hearing for the Front Sight Shooting Range. Mr. Matt Johns stated they went

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through the same procedures for the public hearing as they would for proposed subdivisions. They sent out the proper notices to surrounding landowners and to the individual submitting the application. Mr. Jones recommended if approved the permit should only be issued to the individual who submits the application and Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and Mr. Jay Scott have identified some drainage issues that will need to be addressed. Mr. Bishop asked if there were any objections and to which there were none. Mr. Bishop asked if the landowner was present, to which there was no reply.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to close the Public Hearing. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Mark Winegeart on the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term, new term will begin on July 30, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to approve and award Bid No. 3255 for Exhibition Hall Interior Renovations to the lowest bidder, Tudor, Inc. for the amount of \$604,000.00, as recommended by the A/E Firm, Ballard CLC, Inc. and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to designate and name Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer, as the Records Management Officer Liaison to act as liaison between the Division of Archives, Records Management and History and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the period of July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to delete from the Rapides Parish Public Works Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment and place for auction as requested by the Public Works Director:

Asset No	Description	Method of Disposal
11142	2015 Ford F-250	To be Auctioned
11426	John Deere # 6415 Tractor	To be Auctioned
12578	Bush Hog	To be Auctioned
11435	New Holland Tractor	To be Auctioned
11493	Side Cutter	To be Auctioned
10453	John Deere # 6330	To be Auctioned
10456	Side Cutter	To be Auctioned
7580	CFWS Trailer with Generator	To be Auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to name "The Town Talk" as the Official Journal for a one (1) year period ending June 30, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to ratify authorization of Change Order No. 1 for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 18 – New Station Construction, in the amount of \$28,500.00 for building pad excavation and replacement with compacted soil material and BX 3030 geogrid to improve soil condition, as recommended by the project engineer, Fontenot & Associates, Fire Chief and Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

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On vote the motion carried. On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Rapides Parish Police Jury:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	3.91
Exempted Municipalities	1.95
Fire Protection District No. 2	15.01
Fire Protection District No. 2 Service Area No. 1	16.05
Fire Protection District No. 3	22.57
Fire Protection District No. 4	14.76
Fire Protection District No. 5	41.66
Fire Protection District No. 6	19.24
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance A	25.38
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance B	13.90
Fire Protection District No. 8	44.82
Fire Protection District No. 9	23.19
Fire Protection District No. 9, Bond	13.00
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance A	23.91
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance B	28.52
Fire Protection District No. 11	38.06
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 1	53.23
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 2	53.67
Fire Protection District No. 14	21.72
Fire Protection District No. 15	25.00
Fire Protection District No. 16	15.00
Fire Protection District No. 19	26.48
Road District 1A	24.64
Road District 1B	15.32
Road District 2B Sub-Road District No.2	14.40
Road District 2C	24.48
Road District 3A	32.07
Road District 6A Maintenance A	29.55
Road District 6A Maintenance B	61.80
Road District 7A	5.57
Road District 9B	10.98
Road District 10A	9.49
Road District 36	10.11
Renaissance (Juvenile Corr/Det)	1.99
Coliseum (Maint.)	0.97
Coliseum Bond (\$23M)	1.55
Health Unit	1.03
Library (Parish wide)	7.08
Buckeye Recreation District	5.87
Senior Citizens Services	1.03

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ernest Nelson

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to award Gunter Road/Barron Chapel Road Street Improvements to the low bidder, Diamond B Construction Co., LLC for the base bid of \$922,200.00 contingent upon concurrence from Facility Planning and Control, as recommended by Pan American Engineers and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents. Discussion ensued.

On amended motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 for Guner Road/Barron Chapel Road Street Improvements.

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
1. Diamond B Construction Co., LLC	\$ 992,200.00
2. Gilchrist Construction Company	\$1,126,550.00
3. Apeck Construction, LLC	\$1,223,650.00
4. TL Construction, LLC	\$1,229,200.00
5. Regional Construction, LLC	\$1,332,000.00

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction project is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Diamond B Construction, Co., LLC for the Base Bid of \$992,200.00 contingent upon concurrence from Facility Planning and Control.

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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 10th day of June, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay for various roads in Road District 2B-1, District C, cost not to exceed \$240,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1, District C. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2
(I) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ED
PERKINS ROAD, WARD 6, DISTRICT H

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 10th day of June, 2024, that Section 18-4.2 (i) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to set a 15 mph speed limit on the following road 5 as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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

...

(i) Fifteen miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish road in Rapides Parish in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

...

Ed Perkins Road, Ward 6, District H

(ii). 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 and a copy of this ordinance sent to the Rapides Parish Sheriff Office.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of June, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to clarify that the Emergency Declaration for Lone Pine Roadway has not been rescinded and is still in effect in order to immediately provide a resolution for the emergency traffic needs of the citizens in that area. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to adopt the

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following resolution;

Resolution

WHEREAS, Gregory L. Jones is in need of the expertise of The Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD and attorney Mark A. Begnaud in the area of U.S. Bankruptcy Court; and

WHEREAS, a Civil Suit has been filed, Case No. 24-80189, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana Division, against the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Begnaud, the Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD, of Natchitoches, Louisiana, has represented others in Bankruptcy Court and the employment of private counsel will greatly assist the Police Jury in this defense; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Begnaud, the Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD, be hereby retained as co-counsel for the Rapides Parish Police Jury; at the compensation schedule published and approved by the attorney general not to exceed \$275.00 per hour together with incurred expenses for court cost advances, subpoena and deposition fees, and other like out-of-pocket expenditures, subject however to the approval of the Louisiana Attorney General pursuant to R.S. 42:263; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Begnaud, the Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD, is hereby retained for a term of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in the event of claims brought in federal court seeking equitable relief, these claims may implicate the interests of the State of Louisiana, and so the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees to provide advance written notice to the Louisiana Attorney General ten (10) business days before the next meeting and an opportunity for the Attorney General to express concerns directly to the Board in writing or in executive session before the Board:

(1) proposes a settlement, accepts a proposed settlement, agrees to a consent decree, or enters any other agreement with any party in any federal action for declaratory or injunctive relief that is going to be or has been filed; or

(2) files any document in any federal case in which (a) declaratory or injunctive relief has been granted against the Board, (b) final judgement dismissing the case has not been entered, and (c) at least 3 years have passed since any party seeking relief, including the USDOJ in an amicus capacity, filed any document in the case.

Accordingly, the Rapides Parish Police Jury authorizes and directs Mark A. Begnaud, the Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD, to provide the required notice to the Attorney General, release such information and documentation as the Attorney General may request in response to the notice, and generally cooperate with the Attorney General in regard to the notice

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ Mark A. Begnaud, the Law Office of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, LTD, as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Craig Smith, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ernest Nelson

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Rapides Parish Police Jury on the 10th day of June, 2024.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to discuss the creation of a policy that anyone entering the first floor of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, including employees, shall be required to go thru the metal detectors that are monitored by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office. Discussion ensued.

On amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to create a policy that anyone entering the first floor of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, including employees, shall be required to go thru the metal detectors that are monitored by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, effective July 1, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Government Agreement with Louisiana State Police for eight (8) hours training on Coliseum property and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. Discussion ensued.

On amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop to approve entering into an annual Intergovernmental Government Agreement with all local, parish and state law enforcement entities for eight (8) hours training on Coliseum property and for the scheduling of the training to be approved by ASM Global and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LSU AgCenter to support and administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$54,502.00, add a non-appropriation clause and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to nominate and appoint Erin Guin to represent Louisiana Christian University on the Rapides Parish

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Civil Service Board to fill the unexpired three (3) year term of Mr. Stan Miller. Term will expire April 14, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to increase Fire Protection District No. 3 Part Time Firefighters starting pay rate from \$12 per hour to \$14 per hour effective July 28, 2024, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to increase all current Fire Protection District No. 3 Part Time Firefighters, a \$2 per hour raise effective July 28, 2024, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to amend Fire Protection District No. 3 Part Time Firefighter pay plan adopted on 06/08/2015, to include, any employee that works over 1,000 hours in a calendar year will receive a \$1 per hour raise to be effective in January the following year, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to grant 4% annual longevity pay increase for Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 Fire Chief, Training Officer and Records Clerk, in addition to any mandated raises, effective July 28, 2024, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 employees effective July 28, 2024, as recommended by Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for April 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	540	80%	89.44%
Pineville - 8 minute	118	80%	81.36%
Rapides - 12 minute	209	80%	89.47%
Rapides - 20 minute	175	80%	86.29%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin the following item(s) were placed on the Jury but were posted on the agenda after the Committee Meetin in compliance with the public meetings law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by 2/3rds vote:

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NAYS: Jay Scott

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ernest Nelson

On roll call vote the motion carried 7-1.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay for Munson Road in Road District 3A, District H, cost not to exceed \$240,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 3A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to receive recommendation from the Selection Committee and award RFP# 3281 – Engineer/Architectural Services for Hometown Revitalization and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bishop stated the committee met and reviewed the three (3) proposals received and the committee recommends awarding RFP#3281 Engineer/Architectural Services for Hometown Revitalization and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program to Pan American Engineers.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to award RFP#3281 Engineer/Architectural Services for Hometown Revitalization and Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program to Pan American Engineers as recommended by the Selection Committee. On vote motion the carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize the payment for two (2) Rapides Parish Sheriff’s deputies for security detail at Cotile Lake Recreation for Juneteenth celebrations, June 15th, June 16th and June 19th and July 4th holiday weekend, Thursday, July 4th thru Sunday, July 7th, for the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm each day. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to declare Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, as a parish holiday, in observance of Juneteenth, in accordance with Proclamation 29 JML 2024 issued by Governor Jeff Landry on May 28, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to approve the extension for the paid Auditor internship(s) at the Rapides Parish Sales & Use Tax Department, not to exceed forty (40) hours per week, beginning in June and ending in May. Position was unable to be filled during the school year. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to discuss and authorize the creation of a policy to allow food and non-alcoholic drink truck vendors to conduct sales within Cotile Recreation Park on the weekends and holidays. Discussion ensued.

On amended motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith to authorize the creation of a policy to allow food and non-alcoholic drink truck

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vendors to conduct sales within Cotile Recreation Park on the weekends and holidays, fee schedule as follows:

\$50.00 per vendor with electrical hookup

\$25.00 per vendor without electrical hookup

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize asphalt overlay on various roads within the Town of Cheneyville, not to exceed \$60,000.00, project to be funded Road District 3A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to award RFP No.3262 – Substance Abuse Testing/Physicals to Louisiana Occupational Health Services (LOHS) for a one (1) year term, with the option to extend for an additional two (2) years beginning July 1, 2024, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph “Joe” Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury