

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

Posted November 8, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on October 14, 2024, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.

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

- ***Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired October 11, 2024. (September, October Agenda)**
- ***Chris Lacombe on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired October 11, 2024.**
- ***Mark Scarber on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term.
Term expired October 11, 2024. (September Agenda)**
- ***Ralph Roach on the Rapides Parish Library Board, District C Representative,
for a five (5) year term. Term expired September 14, 2024. (September,
October Agenda) – Mr. Roach has termed out.**
- ***Jack Daughtry on the Zachary Taylor Parkway Board for a two (2) year term.
Term expired August 8, 2024. (July-October Agenda)**
- ***Rick Reno on the Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitors Bureau for a
one (1) year term. Term will expire December 31, 2024.**
- ***Ralph Covington on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4)
year term. Term will expire December 12, 2024.**
- ***Michael Herron on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4)
year term. Term will expire December 12, 2024.**
- ***Michael Bordelon on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4)**

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year term. Term will expire December 12, 2024.

***Greg Trotter on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire December 12, 2024.

***Matt Johns on the Regional Steering Committee of Provisional Watersheds 1, 2, 4, and 5 for a one (1) year term. Term will expire December 31, 2024.

3. Recognize the following employees and present service awards.

Public Works Department

Melissa Newcomb	20 Years
Glenn Pickering	20 Years
Nelson Walker	20 Years
James Hillman	15 Years
Cyrus Holmes	15 Years
Francis Nelson	15 Years
Juan Maldonado	10 Years
Darrell Rachal	10 Years

Purchasing Department

Marla West	30 Years
Debra Wess	15 Years

Fire District No. 2

Joseph Glorioso Jr.	30 Years
Kyle Brown	25 Years
Ferdinand Thiels	25 Years
Travis Andries	20 Years
Julius Petersen Jr.	20 Years
Michael Shuler	20 Years
Ryan Spiller	15 Years
Tyler Purdy	10 Years
Montgomery Smith	10 Years

Sales Tax Department

Susan Haczynski	15 Years
Ann Janette Taunton	15 Years

4. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on November 4, 2024.
(Finance 11/04)

5. Motion to award contract for ARPA – Work Order No. 3 – Courthouse Annex Gravel Building, to the lowest bidder, Pat Williams Construction, LLC, for contract amount of \$1,399,000.00, and authorize the President to execute contracts, change orders, and other documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Finance 11/04)

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6. Motion to award contract for Tiger Lake Road – Roadway Improvements, to the lowest bidder, Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, for contract amount of \$269,160.00, and authorize the President to execute contracts, change orders, and other documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. Project to be funded from Road Maintenance 2C, District H.
(Finance 11/04)
7. Motion to award contract for Peart Road Widening, to the lowest bidder, Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, for contract amount of \$457,920.00, and authorize the President to execute contracts, change orders, and other documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. Project to be funded from Road Maintenance 2C, District H.
(Finance 11/04)
8. Motion to call for a Public Hearing on December 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the 2025 proposed budget.
(Finance 11/04)
9. Motion to contract with Fontenot & Associates, LLC for engineering services for design and plans for a new Fire Station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 15 – Taylor Hill VFD.
(Finance 11/04)
10. Motion to award Construction Contract No. 3315 for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 to Artech Construction for the base bid amount of \$770,000.00, contingent upon a contemporaneously negotiated deductive Change Order, to deduct certain work to budget within the funds that are available, as recommended by the Engineer, Board Members, Chief and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Finance 11/04)
11. Motion to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay on a portion of Azalea Lane, Ward 11, District C, Lake Hills Subdivision. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1.
(Public Works 11/04)
12. Motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pineville for repairs to Levee Road, reimbursement to the City of Pineville not to exceed \$10,500.00, to be paid of Reseal Funds, District B and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Works 11/04)

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13. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers, LLC. to advertise and receive bids for the Downs Lane Overlay project. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$198,500.00. Project is to be paid from Police Jury District E – Road District 36A funds.
(Public Works 11/04)

14. 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)

15. Motion to authorize the President to 1) sign nomination form for the Rapides Workforce Development for Lafe Jones, COO and Executive Vice President for Louisiana Central to fill the previously vacant but required Economic Development Representative Position and 2 to sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission concerning new member.

Members (New Appointments)	Initial Term Dates
Lafe Jones	11/1/2024-11/1/2026

(Workforce & Grants Committee 11/04)

16. 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 fund through LDOTD using federal funds and matching funds provided by the England Authority.
(Workforce & Grants Committee 11/04)

17. Motion to adopt a resolution to enter into Supplemental Engineering Services Agreements with Pan American Engineers for individual Capital Improvement Program projects at Esler Regional Airport during the term of the Master Engineering Services Agreement and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants Committee 11/04)

18. Motion to allow Boy Scout Troop 66 to place a Book Box at the Deville Veteran’s Park.
(Tourism & Economic Planning 11/04)

19. Receive an update from Shane Trapp on Courthouse.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 11/04)

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20. Motion to authorize the President to execute Change Order No. 2 for the Exhibition Hall Renovation project with Tudor Construction Company in the amount totaling \$53,673.00 to change electrical service to pad mount transformer in lieu of pole assembly to accommodate grounding requirements to meet code; resulting in a contract amount as revised of \$874,647.00, as recommended by Ballard, CLC.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 11/04)
21. Motion to appoint Chief John Dautat, nominee of Louisiana Christian University to the Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term to fill the expiring term of Ms. Gayle Murrell. Term will expire November 12, 2024.
(Personnel, Elections and Health 11/04)
22. Motion to appoint Dexter Guins to fill the unexpired term of Harold Elliott on the Rapides Housing Authority Board. Term is for five (5) years, expiring on July 14, 2027.
(Personnel, Elections and Health 11/04)
23. Motion to approve the following pay increases for current employees at Fire District No. 8 as recommended by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, two (2) part time firefighters and increase of \$1.65 per hour, one (1) part time firefighter and the fire chief a ten percent (10%) increase, to be effective 10/27/2024.
(Personnel, Elections and Health 11/04)
24. Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Roger Ramos as Interim Fire Chief for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 15, hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed thirty-four (34) hours per week.
(Personnel, Elections and Health 11/04)
25. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for September 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	531	80%	87.95%
Pineville - 8 minute	168	80%	85.71%
Rapides - 12 minute	231	80%	90.91%
Rapides - 20 minute	192	80%	85.42%

(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 11/04)

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26. Motion to accept the donation of two (2) 10R 22.5 tires and the cost of mounting, valued at \$500.00, from Phillips Logging to Rapides Fire District No. 14, as recommended by the Fire Chief. A letter be sent to Phillips Logging for their donation.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 11/04)
27. Motion to renew the FY 2025 Group Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of LA and maintain the current plan offered to active employees and retirees with cost sharing of 88%/12% for active employees and 90%/10% cost sharing for retirees.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 11/04)
28. Motion to renew the Humana Insurance Plan for Medicare Primary Retirees for 2025 and authorize the President to sign. Rate increase from \$385.09 in 2024 to \$400.21 per month in 2025.
(Insurance, Ambulance & Fire 11/04)

**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**

29. Receive an update from Betty Jo Bourgeois on the proposed tax bills.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
30. Motion to authorize State Project No. H.014261, Doshie Road Bridge Over Cherry Winche Creek Tributary as “Substantially Complete” and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Mr. Giles)
31. Motion to appoint one (1) of the nominees of Louisiana Christian University to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Beverly Ingram. Term will expire October 10, 2025.

NAMES SUBMITTED BY LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY:

Pamela Erwin
1140 College Drive, Box 564
Pineville, LA 71359

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Laurie Meche
1140 College Drive, Box 538
Pineville, LA 71359

Chief John Dauzat
1140 College Drive, Box 599
Pineville, LA 71359

(Mr. Smith)

32. Motion to receive report from the Parish Engineer on the following condemnations per Jury Meeting held on August 12 and September 10, 2024:

Property Locations – August 12, 2024, Meeting

1. 4718 Shreveport Hwy
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A
2. 1411 Singer Drive
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A
3. 5017 Oaklane Drive
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A

(Mr. Moreau)

33. Motion to hold a public hearing January 13, 2025, on proposed condemnation of the following properties in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Section 8-1/4, as authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

OWNER

MOR INC.
4702 Shreveport Hwy
Pineville, LA 71360

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 4718 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 26, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

OWNER

Clay Austin Maxey Sr.
c/o Denise Antley
331913 S. State Rt D.
Drexel, MO 64742

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 1411 Singer Dr., Pineville, LA 71360, Section 26 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

OWNER

LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &

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James P Finn, ET AL
5017 Oak Lane Road
Pineville, LA 71360

SERVICE REPORT

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structures located at 5017 Oak lane Rd., Pineville, LA 71360, Section 23, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish Structure No. 1 – House, Structure No. 2 – Collapsed House, Structure No. 3 – Shed, Structure No. 4 – Shop Building.

(Mr. Moreau)

34. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for Fire District No. 18 – New Fire Station at LSUA, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project No. 50-J40-23-01), and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by the Engineer.
(Mr. Overton)
35. Motion to award contract for ARPA – Work Order No. 11 – Renovations to Adult Drug Court Building, to the lowest bidder, Pat Williams Construction, LLC, for contract amount of \$1,096,600.00, and authorize the President to execute contracts, change orders, and other documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
36. Motion to open public hearing is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of Rapides Parish and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Clearance Program.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
37. Motion to close public hearing.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
38. McKenzie v. City of Alexandria: Civil Action 1:24-cv-01289; USDC Western District; Alexandria Division.
(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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