

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

Posted October 10, 2024

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**October 14, 2024**  
**3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Receive Quarterly Update on the Library from Celise-Reech Harper

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Special Session on September 10, 2024, Regular Session on September 10, 2024 and Special Session on September 16, 2024, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.

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

- \*\*\*Melvin Christy on the Rapides Fire District No. 3 Board, Police Jury appointment, for a three (3) year term. Term expired October 10, 2024. (September Agenda)**
- \*\*\*Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (September Agenda)**
- \*\*\*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 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, August, September Agenda)**
- \*\*\*Jason Dewitt on the Ward 9 Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 8, 2024.**
- \*\*\*Jim Atkins on the Waterworks 11A Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 8, 2024.**

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3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on October 7, 2024.  
(Finance 10/07)
  
4. Motion to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 776 of 2024 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for road repairs to Philadelphia Road, St. Clair Ryder Road, Nation Road and B. Miller Road and authorize the President to sign same and send a letter of appreciation to the local legislators responsible for securing the funds.  
(Finance 10/07)
  
5. Motion to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 776 of 2024 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for debris removal from Bayou Rapides and authorize the President to sign same and send a letter of appreciation to the local legislators responsible for securing the funds.  
(Finance 10/07)
  
6. Motion to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 776 of 2024 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for fire protection districts and authorize the President to sign same and send a letter of appreciation to the local legislators responsible for securing the funds.  
(Finance 10/07)
  
7. Motion to delete from the various departments and indicated and the various reasons as shown. These are all requested by the various department heads and fire chiefs.

**Judges Office**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10731	Recording Equipment	Auction
10737	Recording Equipment	Auction

**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
13085	2023 Ford Explorer	Damaged in accident Insurance Totaled
10820	Lifepak 12	Auction/Scrapped
12847	Extractor Delt 20lb SN# 1449252C21	Auction/Scrapped
13049	Winch	Auctioned

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**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
8363	Darley Pump SN# 28239	Auctioned
8267	A/C Heat Central Unit SN# WGJM008340	Trade-in
9500	Ward Winch SN# 824649	Auctioned/Broken
9850	Motorola Mobile Radio SN# 4B2B950730	Auctioned
11298	Copy Machine SN#QTW06908	Auction/Broker

**Rapides Parish Sales Tax**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10725	Folding Machine SN# 11DX5358	Traded in
10819	Printer – DTC 4500 SN# B1220510	Auctioned
10907	Security System	Broken/Discarded Replaced – 2023
11357	Computer	Scrapped
12579	Optiplex Computer SN# 1C22P23	Scrapped
12785	Latitude 5510 Laptop SN# SHV-024126	Scrapped

**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10762	Shed	Storm damage
8325	Chainsaw SN# YA8XC0625RA	Duplicate tag
9863	Chainsaw Stihl 20 SN# 45415202	Broken/Discarded
7125	Portable Building	Storm damage
10024	Thermal Imaging Unit SN# 38042	Broken/Discarded
10434	Chainsaw- Stihl MS360 SN# 276328419	Scrapped
10437	Generator	Damaged in storm
8324	Chainsaw Stihl 36 SN# 243975251	Broken/Discarded
10025	Thermal Imaging Unit SN# 38040	Broken/Discarded
10546	A/C Unit – 5 ton SN# 7307M280811149	Broken/Discarded
11008	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped
11028	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped
11039	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped

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11046	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped
11061	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped
11071	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Broken/Scrapped
11080	MSA Firehawk SCBA	Lost by vendor No report Filed
8287	Generator – Honda SN# 80561034	Broken/Discarded
9398	Chainsaw – Stihl 20 SN# 54930306	Broken/Scrapped
9399	Chainsaw – Stihl 20 SN# 55836876	Broken/Discarded

**Rapides Parish Communication Center**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
11094	Roof	Replaced in 2020
342	Watson Console	Replaced in 2023
343	Watson Console	Replaced in 2023
344	Watson Console	Replaced in 2023
345	Watson Console	Replaced in 2023
350	Watson Turn Table	Replaced in 2023
561	2017 Ford Explorer	Damaged in Accident Totaled in 2021
028	Autopatch PR1208 SN# 01750100	Auctioned - 2024
083	Dell Computer SN# FSGS121	Auctioned - 2024
10118	Camera and CCTC	Replaced in 2018
299	Radio Analyzer	Auctioned – 2024
421	Dictaphone	Auctioned – 2024
513	Server SN# MXQ3370409	Auctioned - 2024
514	Server SN# MXQ337040L	Auctioned – 2024
551	HP Probook 650 SN# 5CG5090TZW	Auctioned – 2024
567	Camera System	Replaced - 2024
590	Recorder System SN# 103065	Replaced – 2024
378	Computer – Best Power SN# FEI – 4K09854	Auctioned – 2024

**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
8816	Air Conditioning Unit	Replaced in 2017

**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 11**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10225	Jackrabbit Monitor	Salvaged for parts
9690	Lightbar with Ac.	Salvaged for parts

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**Rapides Parish Fire District No. 4**

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10202	Exhaust Fan with Ventilator SN# 4006	Scrapped
10203	Exhaust Fan with Ventilator SN# 4007	Scrapped
10212	Exhaust Fan with Ventilator SN# 31577	Scrapped
10229	Kenmore Washer SN# C60170294	Scrapped
10335	Card Imaging System SN# A73330564	Scrapped
10490	AirMask M7 SN# LAB 352206	Salvaged for parts
10492	AirMask M7 SN# LAB 351179	Salvaged for parts
10494	AirMask M7 SN# LAB 352299	Salvaged for parts
10503	AirMask M7 SN# LAB 352196	Salvaged for parts
10505	Airmask M7 SN# LAB352284	Salvaged for parts
10842	Zoll Autopulse SN# 20955	Scrapped
11391	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11392	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11393	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11394	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11395	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11396	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11397	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
11398	Carriers – Vest	Duplicate Tag Issued
12280	Radio – Portable SN# 543010821830057	Salvaged for Parts
6000	1988 Ford Truck VIN# 1FDX84A0JV48138	Donated 2022
7279	Pillow Air/Bag SN# 94009	Scrapped
7280	Pillow Air/Bag SN# 94001	Scrapped
7281	Pillow Air/Bag SN# 95016	Scrapped
7282	Ram – Jaws of Life SN# 01960047	Scrapped
7283	Power Unit for Jaws SN# 61272	Scrapped
7284	Rescue Tool for Jaws SN# 7575	Scrapped
7365	Fire Hose Tester	Salvage for Parts

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7674	Tank Pump SN# 96B1664	Scrapped
7779	Defibrillator SN# 6353643	Scrapped
8377	Skid Unit	Scrapped
9964	Radio – Portable SN# 91100595	Salvaged for Parts

(Finance 10/07)

8. Motion to extend Bid# 3227 – Bituminous Road Materials (Hot and Cold Mix) for thirty (30) days as Diamond B. Construction was unable to maintain bid price for an additional six (6) months.  
(Finance 10/07)
9. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise to receive bids for bituminous Road Materials (Hot and Cold Mix) for a six (6) month contract and award to the lowest bidder, to be paid from various Public Works and Road District Maintenance Funds.  
(Finance 10/07)
10. Motion to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Treasury related to Act 776 of 2024 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, for Fire District No. 6 – equipment purchase and authorize the President to sign same and send a letter of appreciation to the local legislators responsible for securing the funds.  
(Finance 10/07)
11. Motion to accept Change Order No. 3 for the Hurricane Laura Cotile Lake Recreation Area Bath House Restoration and Repairs Project, to increase total cost by \$4,971.90 and increase completion date by 28 days, as recommended by project engineer, Ballard CLC and Pan American Engineers.  
(Public Works 10/07)
12. Motion to allow Town of Boyce to annex five (5) foot strip down shoulder (no asphalt area) of Old La. Highway 1 from existing corporate limits to Sims Enterprise tract of property.  
(Public Works 10/07)

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13. Motion to authorize Ms. Brianna Lambert to perform beautification upgrades, repair the arch and install two (2) benches at Serenity Field Pauper Cemetery, located behind Buhlow Lake, for her Eagle Scout project.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
14. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 5707 Lanny Street, 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.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
15. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1402 Highway 1204, 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.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
16. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1797 Watson 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.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
17. Motion to amend and reenact an ordinance as to change the speed limit on Constant Road, Ward 2, District H from 25 mph to 15 mph, and authorize the Parish Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
18. Motion to award RFQ No. 3300 - Engineering Services at Esler Field to Pan American Engineers as recommended by the Selection Committee.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
19. Motion to adopt a resolution accepting as “Substantially Complete” the Rapides Parish Police Jury District No. A – Districtwide Asphalt Roadway Improvements – 2023, with Apeck Construction, LLC, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Public Works 10/07)

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20. Motion to adopt a resolution accepting as “Substantially Complete” the Gunter Road/Barron Chapel Road Street Improvements, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-22-01, with Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
21. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers, LLC. to advertise and receive bids for the Belgard Bend Road Widening project. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$550,000.00. Project is to be paid from Police Jury District E – Road District 36A funds.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
22. Motion to authorize the President to execute Partial Acceptance of Comfort Station #3 and the Picnic Shelter portion related to the Cotile Recreation Repairs and Improvements Project, under construction by Bayou Rapides Corporation, as recommended by Ballard CLC and Pan American Engineers.  
(Public Works 10/07)
  
23. Motion to authorize the Parish President to approve and sign a six (6) month extension for the One Stop Operator contract with Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA), contract to be extended until June 30, 2025, and funded through the WIOA grant funds. Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary.  
(Workforce & Grants 10/07)
  
24. Motion to ratify acceptance of a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$8,550.00 for Fire District No. 16. Matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 16 funds. The purpose of this U.S. Forest Service grant is to assist rural fire departments in building their firefighting capacities.  
(Workforce & Grants 10/07)
  
25. Motion to authorize participation in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (EMPG 2024), Grant No. EMT-2024-EP-05015, grant award \$56,618.17, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and for the Parish President to sign related documents.  
(Workforce & Grants 10/07)
  
26. Motion to authorize participation in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP 2024), Grant No. EMW-2024-SS-05277, to be administered by



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the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents.

(Workforce & Grants 10/07)

27. Motion to adopt a resolution to the LA DOTD, Division of Administration, to provide funds for Airport Improvements, Capital Improvement Program Application for State Assistance; certify all servitudes and titles are valid and indefeasible, hold the State harmless for any projects under the Program and authorize the President to sign subsequent related documents required by FAA and the State.  
(Workforce & Grants 10/07)
28. Motion to authorize participation in the FY 2025 LCDBG Clearance Program for clearance, demolition and the removal of residential or commercial structures on private property found to be detrimental to or endangering public safety, health or welfare and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Workforce & Grants 10/07)
29. Motion to enter into a lease agreement with Steth LLC for the Kilpatrick Building, located at 909 Foisy Street, Alexandria, LA, to be used for additional office space for various departments during renovations of the Courthouse and Annex Buildings. Tenant will be responsible for utilities and maintenance. Rate for one year term is \$5,000.00 per month; Rate for two-year term is \$4,600.00 per month.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 10/07)
30. Motion to extend for an additional one (1) year the resolution of September 18, 2023, that expired September 1, 2024, authorizing Keisler Law Firm to represent on several employee claims against Police Jury and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 10/07)
31. Motion to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel on J. Gamlin v. State of Louisiana et al; Civil Suit No. 260,394; 9<sup>th</sup> JDC; Parish of Rapides; State of Louisiana.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 10/07)
32. Motion to approve negotiations to purchase the building located at 1293 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA, to be used as a Public Records Storage facility, and report final negotiation to the Jury for final approval.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 10/07)

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33. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for August 2024:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	499	80%	86.77%
Pineville - 8 minute	191	80%	84.29%
Rapides - 12 minute	229	80%	91.70%
Rapides - 20 minute	214	80%	87.85%

(Insurance, Fire & Ambulance 10/07)

**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**

34. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1827 Community Lane, 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)
35. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 5215 Francis Street, 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)
36. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 521 Bayou Maria 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. Nelson)
37. Motion to authorize advertising and the hiring of a Purchasing Agent for the Police Jury office due to the upcoming retirement of Ms. Marla West.  
(Mr. Overton)

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38. Motion to authorize a two (2) month extension of the current Acadian Ambulance contract pending new request for proposals for ambulance service in Rapides Parish.  
(Mr. Giles)
  
39. Motion to authorize Fire District No. 16 – Alfalfa District to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, as recommended by the Fire Chief and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Bordelon)
  
40. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 7019 Isabella 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. McGlothlin)
  
41. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 6910 Isabella 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. McGlothlin)
  
42. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 6231 Antoinette Street, 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. McGlothlin)
  
43. Motion to authorize the Parish President to form a committee to review quotes received for Group Health Insurance for FY 2025 and make a recommendation to the Jury.  
(Mr. Giles)
  
44. Motion to discuss and take action against Optimum.  
(Mr. Smith)
  
45. Receive an update from Rhett Desselle on the Coliseum Parking Lot.  
(Mr. McGlothlin)

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ADJOURNMENT

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