

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 10, 2025

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, March 10, 2025, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Absent: None.

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Sharon Neal, WOD/OEWD Director; Honorable Monique Rauls; Ms. Karan Corley; Ms. Linda Sanders; Chief Jody Glorioso; Ms. Angie Branton; Ms. Sherry Ledington; Mayor David Butler; Mayor Gail Wilkings; Mr. Matt Johns; Chief Barry Tull; and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Randy Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Parrish Giles.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Craig Smith, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on January 13, 2025 and February 10, 2025, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Sgt. Mark Tigner to the Communications District Board for a four (4) year term. New term will expire March 17, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on March 6, 2025. The report contained budget to actual revenue and expenses for all funds and status of audit findings. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes for restroom upgrades at Buckeye Recreation as recommended by Project Engineer, Fontenot and Associates, LLC. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the purchase of a John Deere Z970R Mower, State Contract No. 4400025219, cost not to exceed \$17,500.00, to be funded by Cotile Improvement Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the purchase of electric gate arms for Cotile Recreation Area and a credit card payment machine for collection of after-hours entrance fee, cost not to exceed \$33,120.00, to be funded by Cotile Improvement Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On amended motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau on intent to sell the listed of abandoned/adjudicated property as presented by a private attorney:

<u>TAX DEBTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Hattie Mae Linscomb et al c/o Dorothy Dixon	Lots One (1) and Two (2) of a subd of Lot Forty-Six (46), Leland College Subdivision Parcel ID No. 2400305745000101 Assessment No. 5010845300 Bearing the municipal address of: 2304 Willow Glen River Road Alexandria, LA
John Taylor c/o Jamison Taylor	Lot Nine (9), Square Five (5) of S. A. L. Co., ADDN; Less Rear Fifty (50)’ of Lot Nine (9) Parcel ID No. 2400708630003601 Assessment No. 5010200001 Bearing the municipal address of: 1804 Mason Street, Alexandria, LA
Alice Hammond	Lot Three (3) of Square One (1) Silver City Subd. Parcel ID No. 2400408510000301 Assessment No. 5010085075 Bearing the municipal address of: 2928 Third Street Alexandria, LA
Jamison D. Taylor	Lot Ten (10), Square Five (5), S. A. L Co., ADDN; Less Rear Fifty (50)’ of Lot Nine (9) Parcel ID No. 24007086300003701 Assessment No. 5010530185 Bearing the municipal address of: 1824 Mason Street Alexandria, LA
Juanita B. Joshua et al	Lot “G” of Lot Four (4) Square One (1) Shell Road

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Parcel ID No. 2304408440001801
Assessment No. 5010757000
Bearing the municipal address of:
3830 Hudson Blvd
Alexandria, LA

Alice Hammond

Lot “B” of Lot Four (4), Square One
(1) Shell Road
Parcel ID No. 2304408440001701
Assessment No. 5010758100
Bearing the municipal address of:
3812 Hudson Blvd
Alexandria, LA

Liberty Loan Corporation

Lot Three (3), Square Six (6), Willow
Glen Plantation Subdivision
Parcel ID No. 2304109855006901
Assessment No. 5010337015
Bearing the municipal address of:
5009 Morgan Street
Alexandria, LA

On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Cory Ashmore gave the Public Works Director's Report and was filed as presented.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the following ordinance was presented to prohibit through truck traffic on Havens Road, Ward 5, District H, and authorize the Parish Highway Department to erect signs and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.4 THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC SO AS TO PROHIBIT THROUGH TRUCK ON HAVENS ROAD, WARD 5, DISTRICT H.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 10th day of March, 2025, that Section 18-4.4 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include the following restriction on Havens Road as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.4. Through truck traffic.

Through truck traffic is prohibited on the following streets and public ways:

Havens Road, Ward 5, District H

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Penalty. 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 that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to delete from the Rapides Parish Public Works Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment and place for online auction on GOV Deals Website as requested by the Public Works Director:

Asset No.	Description	Method of Disposal
12345	2017 Volvo Excavator Model No. EC140EL	to be auctioned
11514	2015 Chevy Van	to be auctioned
10635	1999 International 4700 DT466 (Spray Truck)	to be auctioned
12348	2011 Ford F750 Dump Truck	to be auctioned
10765	2011 Kobelco 70 Excavator	to be auctioned
6761	1994 John Deere 544-G Front End Loader	to be auctioned
10779	2011 Kobelco SR140 Excavator	to be auctioned
11428	2013 Kobelco K140SR Excavator	to be auctioned
5929	1991 126 CAT Grader	to be auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of McNary for the donation of Asset No. 12747, 2003 Ford 150 XL, from the Public Works Department to the Village of McNary and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents and authorize the deletion of Asset No. 12747 from the Public Works Asset Inventory. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to approve the installation of a mini library at Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6 – Deville VFD for an Eagle Scout Project for a member of Troop 626 and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

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WHEREAS, Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor for the project entitled, Peart Road Widening has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor for said work, is hereby accepted as “Substantially Complete” with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Resolution of Contract Acceptance by the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor for the project entitled, Tiger Lake Road Roadway Improvements has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Diamond B Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor for said work, is hereby accepted as “Substantially Complete” with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Resolution of Contract Acceptance by the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for road construction on Leblanc Lane,

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not to exceed \$60,000.00, to be funded from Road District 2C, District H funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for overlay project on various roads in Road District 10A, District A. Project to be funded by Road District 10A, District A. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to contract with Fontenot & Associates, LLC for engineering services for design and plans for a new Fire Station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 18. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 for Downs Lane Rehabilitation.

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
1. Apeck Construction	\$172,545.00
2. TL Construction	\$172,755.00
3. Diamond B Construction, LLC	\$185,195.00
4. Regional Construction, LLC	\$221,615.00

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, Apeck Construction, LLC for the Base Bid of 172,545.00.

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 March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Daniel Lonsberry, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to lowest bidder for asphalt overlay on Hollymoore Road, Parish Portion, cost not to exceed \$225,000.00, project funded by Road District 9B, District B funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay on a portion of Stagecoach Lane, cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, project funded by Road District 1A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Daniel Lonsberry, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to table until the next meeting in April a motion authorizing the President to 1) sign the nomination form for the Rapides Workforce Development Board (RWDB) for Mary E. “Beth” Palmer, Ph.D., with Louisiana State University – Alexandria to replace Haywood Joiner, Ph.D., as the WDB’s required Representative from Institution of Higher Education; and 2) to sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission concerning the appointments and removal of RWDB member.

Members (Additions or Modifications)	Initial Term Dates
Mary E. “Beth” Palmer, Ph.D. (New Appointment)	03/10/2025-11/01/2027

Members Removed
Haywood Joiner, Ph.D.
On vote the motion was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Daniel Lonsberry, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to table until the next meeting in April a motion to authorizing the President to 1) sign the nomination form for the Rapides Workforce Development Board (RWDB) for Latonya Smith, with Department of Children and Family Services to replace Twanda Hamilton, as the WDB’s required Representative from Department of Children and Family Services; and 2) sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission concerning the appointments and removal of RWDB member.

Members (Additions or Modifications)	Initial Term Dates
Latonya Smith (New Appointment)	03/10/2025-11/01/2027

Members Removed
Twanda Hamilton
On vote the motion was tabled.

Mr. Shane Trapp provided an update on the Courthouse and Coliseum.

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

RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer has made an inspection of the structure located on the following listed property, which structure, due to its reported dilapidated condition, has been designated as a candidate for condemnation and demolition:

Case File No.	Property Description or Street Address	Property Owner
2025-01	5281 Oaklane Drive Pineville, LA	Floyd V. Hutto Route 2, Box 441-L Pineville, LA 71360

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to service notice to the property owner herein listed above and to notify them of

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scheduling of a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to consider whether or not the structure located on the subject property should be condemned and the structure demolished due to its reports dilapidated condition.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2025.

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

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WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer has made an inspection of the structure located on the following listed property, which structure, due to its reported dilapidated condition, has been designated as a candidate for condemnation and demolition:

Case File No.	Property Description or Street Address	Property Owner
2025-02	2303 Culpepper Road Alexandria, LA	Betty A. White 3801 Halsey St., Apt 108 Alexandria, LA 71301

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to service notice to the property owner herein listed above and to notify them of scheduling of a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to consider whether or not the structure located on the subject property should be condemned and the structure demolished due to its reports dilapidated condition.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2025.

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

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WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer has made an inspection of the structure located on the following listed property, which structure, due to its reported dilapidated condition, has been designated as a candidate for condemnation and demolition:

Case File No.	Property Description or Street Address	Property Owner
2024-02	1411 Singer Drive Pineville, LA	Clay Austin Maxey Sr. c/o Denise Antley 331913 S. State Rt. D. Drexel, MO 64742

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to service notice to the property owner herein listed above and to notify them of

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scheduling of a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to consider whether or not the structure located on the subject property should be condemned and the structure demolished due to its reports dilapidated condition.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 480 Frost 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. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Cory Ashmore gave an update on the status of cleanup on the following properties:

Property Locations:
6007 Dublin Street
6009 Dublin Street
6015 Dublin Street

Quotes have been received for all three properties on Dublin Street and they are waiting the lowest bidder to provide a date to start working on cleaning up the properties.

Property Location:
130 Pellon Street
Pineville, La

The property owner on Pellon Street started cleaning up the property, however he stopped. The Inspector will visit the property to check the status.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for January, 2025:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	575	80%	88.52%
Pineville - 8 minute	175	80%	81.14%
Rapides - 12 minute	210	80%	87.62%
Rapides - 20 minute	196	80%	82.65%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to appoint Mr. Cedric Green to fill the unexpired four (4) year term of Mr. Cornelious Coleman on the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 Board. Term will expire January 15, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to appoint Mr. Bill French to fill the unexpired two (2) year term of Mr. Henry Corley on the Fire District No. 12 Board, due to health reasons. Term will expire January 14, 2027.

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On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to proclaim the month of April as Rapides Parish Litter Awareness Month. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to participate in the Annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Love the Boot Week held during the week of April 5-13, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles, the following Proclamation was unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION
National 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Week
April 13-19, 2025

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

WHEREAS, the ENHANCE 9-1-1 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-494) established enhanced 9-1-1 as a high national priority as part of our Nation's homeland security and public safety; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages use 9-1-1, and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and individuals with speech disabilities increasingly communicate with nontraditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and anticipate that these services will be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1, resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President of Rapides Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2025 as National 9-1-1 Education Month. I call upon all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, businesses, leaders, non-profit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this month with training, events, and activities to educate the public on 9-1-1 and its services.

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THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans by delivering essential and necessary services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties foster economic opportunities, provide health services, administer justice and keep communities safe and much more; and

WHEREAS, Rapides Parish takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in cost-effective and efficient ways; and

WHEREAS, under National Association of Counties, NACo is demonstrating how "Counties Matter" especially during this challenging era of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise awareness of county responsibilities, services and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April as "National County Government Month" in Rapides Parish;

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris that the following Proclamation was unanimously adopted:

National Library Week 2025
Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities, and our Rapides Parish Library is the heart of our community; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and

WHEREAS, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops; and

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WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all;

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; from producing PPE for healthcare personnel to promoting literacy to our youth, in dire circumstances, the Rapides Parish Library, in particular, has been attentive to the needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, our Library is expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Craig Smith, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury proclaim National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025. During National Library Week, I encourage all residents to visit their library online or at their local facilities to access resources and services. Because of our library, opportunities and resources are available for all.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans-individually and collectively-to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exist; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as FAIR HOUSING

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MONTH in the Parish of Rapides.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income person; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water, and street improvements projects, economic development projects, and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 21-25, 2025 has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-25, 2025, as Community Development Week in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th of March, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith the following item(s) were placed on the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and are now being added in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Daniel Lonsberry, Bubba Moreau, Ollie Overton,
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish
Giles, Sean McGlothlin and Craig Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation for the donation of reclaimed asphalt from the location of State

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Route La 1207, project runs approximately from LA 115 to LA 28, State Project No. H.014891, approximately 254 cubic yards. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to confirm appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Lindsay to the Renaissance District Board of Commissioners pursuant to LSA-R.S. 15:1109.22. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the purchase of a Ford F350, from Courtesy Automotive, State Contract No. 4400023793, cost not to exceed \$51,500.00, for Fire District No. 18, as approved by the Fire District No. 18 Board on February 3, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for Soil Pak-250 material, up to 260 gallons, to be used on various roads within Ward 11, Road District 2B-1 and Road District 2B-2, cost of material to be allocated to the corresponding Road District Fund for quantity used. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lonsberry to receive update on 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 that was given a thirty (30) day extension from January 13, 2025 meeting.

OWNER	LOCATION, DESCRIPTION & SERVICE REPORT
MOR INC. 4702 Shreveport Hwy Pineville, LA 71360	Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 4718 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 26, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

Discussion ensued. Mr. Rhett Desselle stated the property owner has three (3) more days left for the extension that was granted in January. He started cleaning the property however, he has not finished cleaning up the debris. Mr. Moreau stated he had spoken to the property owner and will give him until Thursday of this week to start working on it again. If not, he would like to pursue the cleanup with a contractor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to accept the resignation of Mr. Sam Spurgeon from the England Authority Board and appoint Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Jr., to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire on September 9, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the purchase of the replacement of two (2) heated cabinets for the Jail, total cost not to exceed \$19,500.00, as recommended by the Building Superintendent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize President to execute a change order amendment to Williams Fence & Aluminum for additional exterior security fencing to create a secure enclosure for the HVAC equipment, the pedestrian door, and the overhead door; and relocation of the existing

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chain link fencing and gates to accommodate new surety fencing at the Public Records Storage Building (former Bumper to Bumper Building), with change order totaling \$24,258, as recommended by the Parish Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the President to execute a change order amendment for pressuring washing the exterior block wall and installation of a masonry high-build coating to prevent water penetration of the wall at the Public Records Storage Building (former Bumper to Bumper Building), with change order totaling \$2,832.00, as recommended by the Parish Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Ambulance Advisory Committee information status – proprietary business interests. Not a selection of any Provider at this point in time. On vote the matter carried unanimously at 3:24 p.m.

Roll call vote was as followed:

YEAS: Daniel Lonsberry, Bubba Moreau, Ollie Overton,
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish
Giles, Sean McGlothlin and Craig Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to come out of Executive Session. On vote the motion carried unanimously at 4:23 p.m.

The President called the meeting back into Open Session at 4:23 p.m. and stated the following:

As you know, there is no vote to be taken today on the selection of a “sole provider” ambulance company for Rapides Parish;

However, the Police Jury would like to thank the Ambulance Advisory Committee for their exemplary work and due diligence that they have performed to date and the excellent information they have provided to the Police Jury; and

Whereas, the Police Jury has received the results of the February 26, 2025, meeting of the committee wherein the scoring and the ranking is extremely close between two (2) of the ambulance providers, Pafford EMS and Acadian Ambulance, and the selection of a “sole provider” in accordance with the parish ordinances is paramount for the safety of the citizens of Rapides Parish, and the Police Jury deems that more pertinent information is necessary for the Jury to make a well informed decision for our citizens.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to refer the Ambulance “Sole Provider” issue back to the Ambulance Advisory Committee for the committee to:

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- 1) review the proposals again by Pafford EMS and Acadian only;
- 2) research references in Parishes/Counties/Municipalities where each of these providers are currently operating;
- 3) research current response times (or response times compliance) by each of these providers in Parishes/Counties/Municipalities where each provider is currently operating, where said information is available;
- 4) research the size, capacity, and financial stability of each provider company for operations by each company;
- 5) research or produce any other information that the committee deems necessary for selecting a qualified “sole provider” ambulance service;
- 6) conduct additional interviews of each of these providers in reference to the proposal of each and the results of the research above; and
- 7) attempt as much as possible to provide a recommendation for one (1) ambulance provider to the Police Jury with forty (40) days if possible, at the discretion of and under the best procedure(s) that the committee deems necessary.

Roll call vote was as followed:

YEAS: Daniel Lonsberry, Bubba Moreau, Ollie Overton,
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish
Giles and Craig Smith.

NAYS: Sean McGlothlin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-1.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury