

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

Posted April 11, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 14, 2025
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Swearing in of Mr. Randy Wiggins, Police Juror District B and Ms. Karan Corley, Rapides Parish Clerk of Court.

Recognize Mr. Daniel Lonsberry for his service as Interim Police Juror, District B.

Recognize and present plaques to Mr. Fred Thomas and Mr. Ike Wilson for their retirement from Fire District No. 2.
(Mr. Overton)

Recognize and present plaques to Glenmora High School Bass Team.
(Mr. Giles)

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 10, 2025, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on April 7, 2025.
(Finance 04/07)

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

- ***Brandon Lee Blaney on the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term will expired November 10, 2023.**
- ***Lance Speer on the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term expired April 12, 2025.**
- ***Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Mar. 2025 Agenda)**
- ***Chris Lacombe on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Mar. 2025 Agenda)**
- ***Mark Scarber on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024. (Sept.-Mar. 2025 Agenda)**
- ***Jack Daughtry on the Zachary Taylor Parkway Board for a two (2) year term. Term expired August 8, 2024. (July-Mar. 2025 Agenda)**

4. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.
5. Motion to accept Project No. 3155 – Work Order No. 21 – Renovations to Police Jury Administration Lobby, Suite 201 as “Substantially Complete” and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by Pan American Engineers.
(Finance 04/07)
6. Motion to ratify the resolution passed on September 10, 2024, authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with LA DOTD for Esler Field Airport project no. AIP No. 3-22-0002-036-2024 and SPN TBA, Master Plan Update, Airport Layout Plan and Exhibit “A” Airport Property Inventory Map and reimburse the sponsor up to corrected amount of \$34,500.00 of project cost. The original resolution listed the amount as \$56,000.00.
(Finance 04/07)
7. Motion to authorize the purchase of a Dodge Durango, State Contract No. 4400023795, for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview VFD, cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, as recommended by Plainview Board of Directors and motion passed by the Board on March 16, 2025.
(Finance 04/07)

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8. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 2438 Hickory Hill 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 04/07)
9. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1429 Bathel Drive, 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 04/07)
10. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1416 Singer Drive, 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 04/07)
11. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 133 Bankston Street, 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 04/07)
12. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 147 Bankston Street, 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 04/07)
13. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 153 Bankston Street, 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 04/07)

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14. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 3309 Shreveport Highway, 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 04/07)
15. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 905 Tioga 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 04/07)
16. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1812 Henry Avenue, 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 04/07)
17. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1819 Henry Avenue, 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 04/07)
18. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1723 Ulster 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 04/07)
19. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1711 Latimer 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.
(Public Works 04/07)

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20. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids for the West River Road Lane Widening project, to be funded by Road District 6A, District H. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$543,000.00.
(Public Works 04/07)
21. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to receive price quotes for the failed cross drain replacement on Old River Road at Persimmon Bayou, to be funded by Road District 2C, District F. The estimated cost of the project is \$60,500.00.
(Public Works 04/07)
22. Motion to award Bid No. 3321 – B Miller Road, No. 3322 – Nation Road, and No. 3324 – St. Clair Ryder Road to the lowest bidder, Diamond B Construction, to include Additive Alternate No. 1, total cost \$1,941,890.00, project to be funded by Act 776 of 2024 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities State General Fund Direct, any overage to be funded by the corresponding Road District Fund, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Public Works 04/07)
23. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise to receive bids for CRS-2 Liquid Asphalt (Annual Bid), to be paid from various funds as recommended by the Public Works Director.
(Public Works 04/07)
24. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise to receive bids for MC-30 Liquid Asphalt (Annual Bid), to be paid from various funds as recommended by the Public Works Director.
(Public Works 04/07)
25. Motion to authorize to advertise for proposals for grass cutting services on various parish rights of way and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Works 04/07)
26. Motion to authorize to advertise for proposals for roadside spraying services on various parish rights of way and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Works 04/07)

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27. Motion to authorize to advertise for proposals for Standby/as needed Disaster Debris Removal Contract and Standby/as-needed Disaster Debris Removal Management and Financial Recovery Services Contract for future disasters (hurricanes, etc.) and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Works 04/07)
28. Motion to extend the agreement with Richard's Bush-Hogging Services, to mow the levees at Cotile, Kincaid and Indian Creek, twice per year for a charge of \$10,528.00 per time, for a total of \$21,056.00, (same price as previous year) to begin as soon as possible, as per recommendation by Public Works Director and agreed upon by Vendor.
(Public Works 04/07)
29. Motion to award Bid No. 3392 – District A Road Improvements for 2025, to the lowest bidder, Apeck Construction, total cost \$127,750.00, project to be funded by Road District 10A – District A, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Public Works 04/07)
30. Motion to adopt a resolution to designate the Rapides Senior Citizens Center, Inc. to be the Contractor, to prepare a grant with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 for operational funding, to provide rural transportation services in rural parts of Rapides Parish and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 04/07)
31. Motion to authorize the Parish President to approve the submittal of the LWDA 61 Regional and Local Plan for PY 2024-2027, to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). During the comment period of February 7, 2025 through March 10, 2025 no public comments expressing disagreement with the regional/local plan were received.
(Workforce & Grants 04/07)
32. Motion to authorize participation in the Community Heart Project and purchase a customized design heart and place it on the front lawn of the Rapides Parish Courthouse. Cost of the heart is \$1,250.00, to be funded from General Fund.
(Tourism & Economic Planning 04/07)

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33. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids on interior and exterior lighting and lighting upgrades at the Records Storage Building (Bid No. 3350 – Renovations to Bumper-to-Bumper Building), as recommended by Pan American Engineers.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Facilities 04/07)
34. Motion to accept Project No. 3350 – Records Storage Building – Roofing Project (Renovations to Bumper-to-Bumper Building) as “Substantially Complete” and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate upon completion of the punch list items, as recommended by Pan American Engineers.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Facilities 04/07)
35. Motion to appoint Ms. Jackie Wilson to the Rapides Parish Library Board, representing District C, term will expire September 14, 2029.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 04/07)
36. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February 2025:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	519	80%	87.86%
Pineville - 8 minute	156	80%	86.54%
Rapides - 12 minute	211	80%	87.20%
Rapides - 20 minute	152	80%	81.58%

(Ambulance, Fire & Health 04/07)

37. Motion to authorize the renewal the Memorandum of Understanding between Rapides Parish Police Jury, Rapides Parish Sheriff, American Red Cross, Rapides Parish Coliseum, St. Martin Parish and St. Mary Parish, for assistance in sheltering the critical transportation needs Evacuees and their pets, for a three (3) year term, May 25, 2025 to May 25, 2028. Use of the facility will be a daily rental rate plus a fee for sanitation, garbage and electrical, to be covered by St. Mary/St. Martin Parish Government and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.
(Ambulance, Fire & Health 04/07)
38. Motion to ratify acceptance of a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$8,601.85 for Fire District No. 10. Matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 10 funds. The purpose of this U.S. Forest Service grant is to assist rural fire departments in building firefighting capacities.
(Ambulance, Fire & Health 04/07)

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39. Motion to initiate the condemnation process of the following properties and order the Parish Engineer of Record to inspect the properties and provide a report to the Jury:

Property Locations:

1. 4903 Shreveport Hwy
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A
2. 4907 Shreveport Hwy
Pineville, LA 71306
Ward 10, District A

(Personnel, Elections, Legal 04/07)

40. Motion to proclaim the week of May 4 – 10, 2025, as Public Service Recognition Week in Rapides Parish.
(Personnel, Elections, Legal 04/07)

41. Motion to adjust the salary plan for Auditor I and Auditor II under Rapides Parish Civil Service, to-wit:

- Auditor I – New Labor Grade Range 22
Class A - \$20.7032 per hour
Minimum qualifications: BS in related field/18hrs in accounting

Class B – \$20.1982 per hour
Minimum qualifications: BS in related field/1yr experience
- Auditor II – New Labor Grade Range 24
Class A - \$23.1593 per hour
Minimum qualifications: BS in related field/18hrs in accounting/2yrs experience/CTE license

(Personnel, Elections, Legal 04/07)

**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**

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42. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$740,000 of Limited Tax Bonds of Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Smith)
43. Motion to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Giles)
44. Motion 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 Route La 1200, project runs approximately from LA 121 to LA 1, State Project No. H.015292, approximately 130 cubic yards.
(Mr. Smith)
45. Motion to ratify acceptance of a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$8,189.49 for Fire District No. 14. Matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 14 funds. The purpose of this U.S. Forest Service grant is to assist rural fire departments in building firefighting capacities.
(Mr. Bordelon)
46. Motion to ratify acceptance of a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$5,020.00 for Fire District No. 5. Matching funds to be paid from Fire District No. 5 funds. The purpose of this U.S. Forest Service grant is to assist rural fire departments in building firefighting capacities.
(Mr. Giles)
47. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay on Avon Willis Road, Road District 6A, District H, project to be funded by corresponding road district and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Giles)
48. Motion to grant approval to Riviere Rouge RV Park, thirty-six (36) Lots, located at 3121 Hwy 457, Poland, LA, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.
(Mr. Smith)

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49. Motion to authorize the submission of an amendment for LGAP#2223-RPD-001, amended purpose for the grant is to purchase equipment for the Public Works Department and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)
50. Motion to extend contract for existing ambulance services with Acadian Ambulance.
(Mr. Smith)
51. Discuss the proposed timeline and transition from Acadian Ambulance to Pafford EMS for Rapides Parish.
(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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