

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 2025, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Craig Smith, President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Randy Wiggins, 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; Ms. Karan Corley; Ms. Angie Branton; Ms. Sherry Ledington; Mr. Daniel Lonsberry; Mr. Rhett Desselle; Mr. Thomas David, III; Hon. Loren Lampert; Mr. Rick Ducote; 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.

Honorable Loren Lampert swore in two (2) newly elected officials: Mr. Randy Wiggins, Police Juror District B and Ms. Karan Corley, Clerk of Court.

President Smith thanked Mr. Daniel Lonsberry for his service as Interim Police Juror, District B and presented him with a clock as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Ollie Overton recognized and presented retirement plaques to Mr. Fred Thomas and Mr. Ike Wilson, employees of Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2.

Mr. Parrish Giles congratulated and presented plaques to two members of the Glenmora High School Bass Team, Mr. Chance Babb and Mr. Justin Blais for winning first place in the LHSAA State Championship High School Fishing Tournament.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 10, 2025, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott that approved bills be paid. 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 April 7, 2025. The report contained budget to actual revenue and expenses for all funds and status of

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audit findings. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to reappoint Mr. Jack Daughtry to the Zachary Taylor Parkway Board for a two (2) year term. New term will expire August 8, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION  
BY  
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Cenla Contracting, LLC, the Contractor for the project entitled, RPPJ Lobby Suite 201 of the Rapides Parish Courthouse has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Cenla Contracting, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Esler Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Update Master Plan & Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to

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cooperate with the Rapides Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Update Master Plan & Exhibit A and reimburse the sponsor up to \$34,500 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0002-034-2024, and SPN H.016180, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Sean McGlothlin, Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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

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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.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize Pan

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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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION  
BY  
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Friday, March 28, 2025 for RPPJ District C Road Improvement Program for 2025.

CONTRACTOR		BASE BID	ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 1
1.	Diamond B. Construction Group, LLC	\$1,679,290.00	\$262,600.00
2.	Apeck Construction, LLC	\$1,799,779.00	\$309,060.00
3.	T.L. Construction, LLC	\$1,841,480.00	\$323,200.00

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 Diamond B Construction Group, LLC, the low Bidder, for the Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$1,941.890.00.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau 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. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles the following resolution was adopted:

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BY  
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Thursday, April 3, 2025 for District A Roadway Improvements for 2025.

CONTRACTOR		BASE BID
1.	Apeck Construction, LLC	\$127,750.00
2.	TL Construction, LLC	\$136,425.00

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 \$127,750.00.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins 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. Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote was as followed:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, 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.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION  
BY  
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, MorCore Roofing LLC, the Contractor for the project entitled, Records Storage Building – Roofing Project (Renovations to Bumper-to Bumper) has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of MorCore Roofing, 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,

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to appoint Ms. Jackie Wilson to the Rapides Parish Library Board, representing District C, term will expire September 14, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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 and the critical transportation needs for 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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



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Ward 10, District A

On vote the motion carried.

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

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the week of May 4-10, 2025, has been designated as Public Service Recognition Week, to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and Local governments;

WHEREAS, “Public Service Recognition Week” provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and honor the diverse men and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at all levels of government;

WHEREAS, millions of individuals work in government service, in every State, county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

WHEREAS, public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

WHEREAS, the ability of the Federal Government and State and local governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on outstanding performance of dedicated public servants;

WHEREAS, public servants have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas, and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants;

WHEREAS, amid the COVID–19 pandemic, federal workers continue to serve on the frontlines to keep our country running;

WHEREAS, the commitment and perseverance of public servants during the pandemic have allowed essential services to continue, mitigated the disruption to Americans’ daily lives, and played a critical role in protecting public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the week of May 4-10, 2025, marks the 41st anniversary of “Public Service Recognition Week”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury supports the designation of “Public Service Recognition Week”;

Thus done and signed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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

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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

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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: Randy Wiggins, 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.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jay Scott and seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton:

**RESOLUTION**

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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), by resolution adopted on March 18, 2025, proposes to issue not exceeding \$740,000 of Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") of Buckeye Recreation District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"). The Bonds will bear interest at a rate of not exceeding 6% per annum and shall mature not later than March 1, 2037. The Bonds will be issued for the purpose of (i) constructing recreational facilities for the Issuer and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued under the authority of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), to approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Governing Authority of the Issuer, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$740,000 of Limited Tax Bonds of the Issuer, said Bonds to be issued under the authority and for the purposes stated in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 2. Neither the Parish of Rapides nor this Police Jury shall be liable in any manner for the payment of the Bonds.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton,  
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Sean  
McGlothlin, and Craig Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

/s/Theresa Pacholik  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Craig Smith  
President

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Parrish Giles and seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton:

**RESOLUTION**

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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 30 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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PROPOSITION  
(SALES TAX)

Shall Road District No. 5A Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax of 2% (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$376,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing January 1, 2026, with the avails and proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges and related drainage facilities in the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the

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Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Rapides Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Rapides Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton,  
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Sean  
McGlothlin, and Craig Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

/s/ Theresa Pacholik  
Secretary

/s/ Craig Smith  
President

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott 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. On vote the motion carried. On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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

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grant is to assist rural fire departments in building firefighting capacities. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to extend contract for existing ambulance services with Acadian Ambulance for one hundred twenty (120) days under the same terms as provision as existing contract. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to discuss the proposed timeline and transition from Acadian Ambulance to Pafford EMS for Rapides Parish. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Daniel Cross with Pafford EMS addressed those in attendance and stated they are currently working on setting up their communication equipment, logistics, equipment, locations and personnel within Rapides Parish. He stated they will be ready in 120 days to start providing EMS service in Rapides Parish.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris the following proclamation was unanimously adopted:

**PROCLAMATION**

There are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

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WHEREAS, scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in the Rapides Parish play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, Parish President of Rapides Parish, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, as:

“National Therapy Animal Day”

in Rapides Parish, and encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, I publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

Thus done and adopted this 14th day of April, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids on Modifications and Additions to RV parking at Cotile Recreation Park, cost not to exceed \$350,000.00, project to be funded by Act 776 – Cotile Recreation Improvements. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to open the public hearing for condemnation of the following properties:

**OWNER**

Floyd Hutto  
Route 2, Box 441-L  
Pineville, LA 71360

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &  
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 5281 Oaklane Drive Hwy, Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 23, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

Mr. Thomas David provided a status report of the property and it is the recommendation of the Engineer of Record to proceed with condemnation of the property.

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

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RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION DECISION  
(CASE FILE NO. 2025-01)

WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC, has made an inspection of the structure located at 5281 Oaklane Drive described according to tax roll: 1.38 Ac: Frtg. 150' on Oaklane x 400' x 150' x 400' in Sec. 4 of Sec. 23, T5NR1W of City of Pineville, Louisiana 71360, and has prepared a Report of Structure Inspection, which recommends that the Rapides Parish Police Jury demolish and/or remove the structure due to its dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner, as shown in the records of the Rapides Parish Assessor's Office is Floyd V. Hutto, Route 2, Box 441-L., Pineville, LA 71360; and,

WHEREAS, a hearing was held at a meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in legal session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (local time) for the property owner to appear and show cause why the Rapides Parish Police Jury should not condemn said structure; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner was sent notification to appear at said hearing by U.S.P.S. certified mail which were un-delivered; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner was not present at meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by majority vote of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, the vote thereon being duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting that the following Condemnation Decision was made, to wit:

Condemnation Decision (Case File 2025-01)

1. The structure or structures located at municipal address 5281 Oaklane Drive described according to tax roll: 1.38 Ac: Frtg. 150' on Oaklane x 400' x 150' x 400' in Sec. 4 of Sec. 23, T5NR1W of City of Pineville, Louisiana 71360 (Parcel ID No. 25-23-68049-13) is hereby condemned; and
2. The property owner is hereby given thirty (30) days from the date of notification of this Condemnation Decision to voluntarily demolish or remove the structure or structures, cap all utilities, remove all debris, and grade the site for drainage; and
3. If the property owner fails to have the structure or structures demolished or removed, utilities capped, debris removed and the site graded before the expiration of thirty (30) day deadline, the Rapides Parish Police Jury will proceed with securing Bids for said demolition work and proceed with said demolition work with the cost thereof being placed as a lien against the property.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to take any and all actions required to execute this Condemnation Decision without further Jury authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to notify the property owner or his representative of this Condemnation Decision with the notice thereof being mailed to the last known address of said property owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with R.S. 33:4764, the owner, occupant, agent or other representative of the owner may appeal from this Condemnation Decision to the Ninth Judicial District Court for Rapides Parish, Louisiana, by filing a suit as provided in said R.S. 33:4764.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**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

Mr. Thomas David, III presented the recommendation by the Engineer of Record to proceed with condemnation.

The owner listed above was represented by Mr. Robert Beck III, Curator. Mr. Beck stated the owner would like to propose a ninety (90) day extension and sell the property as is.

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

**RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA**

**RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION DECISION  
(CASE FILE NO. 2024-02)**

WHEREAS, the Parish Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC, has made an inspection of the structure located at 1411 Singer Drive described according to tax roll: 0.11 Ac: Lot Frtg. on Singer Drive in NE4 OF NE4 Sec. 26, T5NR1W of City of Pineville, Louisiana 71360, and has prepared a Report of Structure Inspection, which recommends that the Rapides Parish Police Jury demolish and/or remove the structure due to its dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner, as shown in the records of the Rapides Parish Assessor's Office is Clay Austin Maxey, Sr. c/o Denise Antley, 31913 S. State Rt. D., Drexel, MO 64742; and,

WHEREAS, a hearing was held at a meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in legal session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (local time)

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for the property owner to appear and show cause why the Rapides Parish Police Jury should not condemn said structure; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner was sent notification to appear at said hearing by U.S.P.S. certified mail and U.S.P.S. mail; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Beck, Jr., was appointed as Legal Counsel for the out of state property owner; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Beck, Jr. was able to make contact with the property owner; and,

WHEREAS, the property owner stated they wanted to sell the property; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Beck, Jr., appeared at said hearing to represent the out of state property owner; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by majority vote of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, the vote thereon being duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting that the following Condemnation Decision was made, to wit:

Condemnation Decision (Case File 2024-02)

1. The structure or structures located at municipal address 1411 Singer Drive described according to tax roll: 0.11 Ac: Lot Frtg. on Singer Drive in NE4 OF NE4 Sec. 26, T5NR1W of City of Pineville, Louisiana 71360 (Parcel ID No. 25-26-68071-3) is hereby condemned; and
2. The property owner is hereby given thirty (30) days from the date of notification of this Condemnation Decision to voluntarily demolish or remove the structure or structures, cap all utilities, remove all debris, and grade the site for drainage; and
3. If the property owner fails to have the structure or structures demolished or removed, utilities capped, debris removed and the site graded before the expiration of thirty (30) day deadline, the Rapides Parish Police Jury will proceed with securing Bids for said demolition work and proceed with said demolition work with the cost thereof being placed as a lien against the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to take any and all actions required to execute this Condemnation Decision without further Jury authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to notify the property owner or his representative of this Condemnation Decision with the notice thereof being mailed to the last known address of said property owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with R.S. 33:4764, the owner, occupant, agent or other representative of the owner may appeal from this Condemnation Decision to the Ninth Judicial District Court for Rapides Parish, Louisiana, by filing a suit as provided in said R.S. 33:4764.

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Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025. Mr. Jay Scott opposed.

Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois gave the first quarter update on Sales Tax Collections and Distributions within Rapides Parish. She stated the numbers were not impacted by the change passed during the Special Legislative Session in 2024. The second quarter will reflect the change. She is keeping on close eye on proposed tax reform and will keep the Jury updated.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to enter into Executive Session R.S. 42:17 - Pending Civil Litigation:

- a) Continental Resources v. Sherman et al; Civil Suit No. 275,569; 9<sup>th</sup> JDC;  
and
- b) Bravo Securities v. David Nelson et al; Civil Suit No. 279,947; 9<sup>th</sup> JDC;

On vote the matter carried unanimously at 3:54 p.m.

Roll call vote was as followed:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, 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.

\*\*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION\*\*\*

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon, to come out of Executive Session. On vote the motion carried unanimously at 3:59 p.m.

The President called the meeting back into Open Session at 3:59 p.m. and stated the following:

On motion by Mr. Randy Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel on the two pending civil litigations listed above. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Craig Smith, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury