

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

Posted May 9, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
MAY 12, 2025
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Recognize Secretary Charlton Meginley, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Special Session on April 10, 2025 and Regular Session on April 14, 2025, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.

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

- ***Vernon Creecy on the Communications District, representing Minority, for a four (4) year term. Term will expire June 8, 2025.
- ***John Turnage on the Communications District, representing Volunteer Fire Departments, for a four (4) year term. Term will expire June 8, 2025.
- ***Emile Williams, Jr. on the Gravity Drainage No. 2 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire June 12, 2025.
- ***Ronnie Venson on the Gravity Drainage No. 2 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire June 12, 2025.
- ***Jeff DeKeyzer on the Gravity Drainage No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire June 12, 2025.
- ***Michael Norwood on the Gravity Drainage No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire June 12, 2025.
- ***Peter DeKeyzer on the Gravity Drainage No. 2 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire June 12, 2025.
- ***Lance Speer to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term

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expired April 12, 2025.

***Brandon Lee Blaney to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term will expired November 10, 2023.

***Ricky Roy on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024.

***Mark Scarber on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024.

***Chris LaCombe on the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024.

3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on May 5, 2025.
(Finance 05/05)

4. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to Pleasant Green Baptist Church, for the consideration of \$1,168.29 cash.
(Finance (05/05)

5. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to Lee Hamilton, for the consideration of \$3,800.00 cash.
(Finance 05/05)

6. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to New Scott Olly Baptist Church, for the consideration of \$1,507.73 cash.
(Finance (05/05)

7. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to Lee Hamilton, for the consideration of \$3,800.00 cash.
(Finance 05/05)

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8. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: Lot “G” of Lot Four (4) Square One (1) Shell Road, Parcel ID No. 2304408440001801, Assessment No. 501075700, Bearing the municipal address of 3830 Hudson Blvd, Alexandria, LA, to Kevrick Davis, for the consideration of \$666.66 cash.
(Finance 05/05)
9. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to Kevrick Davis, for the consideration of \$666.66 cash.
(Finance 05/05)
10. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: 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, to Lucindy Alexander for the consideration of \$3,333.33 cash.
(Finance (05/05)
11. Motion to approve the Intent to Sell for the following Abandoned/Adjudicated Property:
- | <u>Tax Debtor</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| Larwood Properties | Lot Nine (9), Square Twenty (20), West Alexandria Addition
Bearing the municipal address of:
215 16 th Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2404109580021801
Assessment # 4010337830
Misc-7086 |
| Sheldon Antwine | Lots two (2) of Block “A” Broadway Subd #2
Bearing the municipal address of:
1108 Broadway, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2400501310000201
Assessment # 5010040700
Misc-7049 |
| Edward Kelly | Lot Eight (8) A and Pt Lot Eight (8), Block Four (4), Home Acres Subdivision
Bearing the municipal address of
3215 Hudson Road, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2304104320006801 |

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Assessment# 5010326000
Misc-7048

Henry Smith Jr. Lot Ten (10), Square Three (3) Samtown Subd.
Bearing the municipal address of:
3620 Bloch Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2405608310003901
Assessment# 5010516000
Misc-7164

Neal Small Lot Four (4), Block Fifty-Six (56), S. A. L. Co. Addn.
Bearing the municipal address of:
2729 Houston Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2400708630080901
Assessment # 5011261500
Misc – 7151

Esau Baldwin Lot Three (3), Square Fifty-Six, S. A. L. Co Addn.
Bearing the municipal address of:
2733 Houston Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2400708630080801
Assessment# 5010010250
Misc-7150

Jack R. Roy Lot Five (5), Square Fifty-Six (56), S. A. L. Co. Addn.
Bearing the municipal address of:
2711 Houston Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2400708630081001
Assessment# 5010468012
Misc-7158

Thurman Perry Lot Six (6), Square Fifty-Six (56), S. A. L. Co. Addn.
Bearing the municipal address of:
2709 Houston Street, Alexandria
Parcel ID# 2400708630081101
Assessment# 5010420200, Misc – 7149

(Finance 05/05)

12. Motion to authorize the purchase of twelve (12) used portable radios and accessories by Fire District No. 2, in the amount of \$28,800.00, to be paid by Fire District funding, as recommended by the Fire Chief.
(Finance 05/05)

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13. Motion to amend a certain motion passed on April 10, 2025, to authorize Fire District No. 10 – Plainview VFD to piggyback on City of Alexandria Ordinance 109-2024, Contract No. 2480, to purchase a Dodge Durango, cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, City of Alexandria has approved the request to piggyback on said contract, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Plainview Board of Directors. Motion passed by the Board on April 27, 2025.
(Finance 05/05)

14. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Public Works Asset/Inventory Program as it is no longer suitable for public use by this department. This equipment is to be placed for auction on Gov Deals.

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10778	Excavator	Auction

(Finance 05/05)

15. Motion to award contract for Project No. 3389 – Buckeye Recreation Restroom Upgrades to the low bidder Bayou Rapides Corporation, in the amount of \$191,420.00, as recommended by Fontenot & Associates, LLC and Buckeye Recreation Board of Directors, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Finance 05/05)

16. Motion to award the contract for Project No. 3361 – Hay Lease Cutting to Landry Ducote, in the amount of \$300.00 per year, for a period of three (3) years, beginning May 12, 2025 and ending May 11, 2028, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Finance 05/05)

17. Motion to amend certain motion passed on March 10, 2025 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 \$40,000.00, to be funded by Cotile Improvement Fund.
(Finance 05/05)

18. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment:

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10721	Radio – Portable	205CMD0057	Broken
11478	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA47097	Broken – will be replaced
11479	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA47178	Broken – will be replaced

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11480	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA47468	Broken – will be replaced
11488	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA47764	Broken – will be replaced
11489	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA44540	Broken – will be replaced
11490	Laptop – Notebook	2BTYA47134	Broken – will be replaced
11665	Computer	2CTYA54336	Broken – will be replaced
11666	Computer	1LTYA33709	Broken – will be replaced
11667	Computer	1ITYA18107	Broken – will be replaced
11668	Computer	1ITYA17380	Broken – will be replaced
11669	Computer	1JTYA20952	Broken – will be replaced
11670	Computer	1ITYA18541	Broken – will be replaced
11671	Computer	1KTYA30714	Broken – will be replaced

(Finance 05/05)

19. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment:

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
9081	Refrigerator	Broken

(Finance 05/05)

20. Motion to rescind a certain motion passed on March 10, 2025, to delete Asset No. 11428 - 2013 Kobelco SR140 Excavator and Asset No. 12348 – 2011 Ford F750 Dump Truck. The Public Works Department will place these two (2) pieces of equipment back in service.
(Finance 05/05)
21. Motion to place a 1987 Chevy (VIN #1GCGD34J1HF305524) from Fire District No. 10 up of public auction, as recommended by the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 Board of Directors. This equipment is to be placed for auction on Gov Deals.
(Finance 05/05)
22. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes on the construction of a building for the Public Works Department – Glenmora worksite, cost not to exceed \$70,000.00, project to be funded by the Public Works Operating Fund.
(Public Works 05/05)
23. Motion to award a forty-eight (48) month lease for three (3) trackhoes from John Deere, total cost to lease the equipment is \$6,015.00 per month and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Public Works 05/05)

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24. Motion for the Workforce Operations Department to hire one (1) temporary part-time teacher, up to 32 hours per week, beginning May 13, 2025, until August 23, 2025, to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program, \$25 hourly, to be paid out of WIOA funds. This instructor will also facilitate the academic component required by the program
(Workforce & Grants 05/05)
25. Motion to approve the date change for CLEAN to host a boat racing event by Southern 3 Cylinder Outlaw Drag Club at Cotile Lake on June 28-29, 2025, instead of June 7-8, 2025 as originally approved on September 10, 2024. Boat landing within the park to be closed on the event dates.
Dates should be June 7 – 8, misunderstanding between CLEAN and Southern 3.
(Tourism & Economic Planning 05/05)
26. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise to receive bids on the construction of Pickleball Courts at Ward 9 Recreation, as recommended by the Ward 9 Recreation Board of Directors and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 05/05)
27. Motion to authorize entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Pineville, Ward 9 Recreation and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for a joint project for the construction of Pickleball Courts at the Ward 9 Recreation, project to be funded by the City of Pineville and Ward 9 Recreation.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 05/05)
28. Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Alma Moore on the Housing Authority as tenant representative and appoint Ms. Keidra Smith to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire July 14, 2028. Send a thank you letter to Ms. Moore for her service.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 05/05)
29. Motion to initiate the condemnation process of the following property and order the Parish Engineer of Record to inspect the properties and provide a report to the Jury:
Property Locations:
2436 Dogwood Lane
Alexandria, LA 71301
Ward 1, District F

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2405 Dogwood Lane
Alexandria, LA 71301
Ward 1, District F
(Personnel, Elections & Legal 05/05)

30. Motion to request Rapides Parish Civil Service to conduct job evaluations for classified positions under Rapides Parish Civil Service in preparation for a compensation study.
(Personnel, Elections & Legal 05/05)

31. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for March 2025:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	629	80%	89.51%
Pineville - 8 minute	223	80%	85.20%
Rapides - 12 minute	278	80%	91.73%
Rapides - 20 minute	170	80%	80.17%

(Ambulance, Fire & Health 05/05)

32. Motion to adopt and follow Louisiana Revised Statue 40:1566 as policy for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6, authorizing the Chief Officer to investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring within its jurisdiction.
(Ambulance, Fire & Health 05/05)

**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**

33. Motion to proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Rapides Parish.
(Mr. Harris)
34. Motion to approve the revised job description for the permanent Rapides Parish Civil Service, Office of Economic and Workforce Development MIS Manager position, to incorporate previously assigned duties from the Office Manager role; authorize the adjustment of the MIS Manager classification from Grade 19 to Grade 20 in the pay scale; and approve the revision of the

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position qualifications to require either a bachelor's degree OR high school diploma and five years of experience in related field. Funding for this position will be paid out of WIOA funds. Authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary.
(Mr. Wiggins)

35. Motion to receive report from the Engineer and set a public hearing for June 9, 2025, on proposed condemnation of the following property in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Section 8-1/4, as authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

OWNER

Bakies Properties, LLC
P.O. Box 13313
Alexandria, LA 713015

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 4907 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 26, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

(Mr. Moreau)

36. Motion to adopt a resolution to allow Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) to offer a bond program in addition to their current grant programs to citizens looking to purchase homes in Rapides Parish. CAFA is a Local Housing Finance Agency, not a state agency and has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Rapides Finance Authority.
(Mr. Overton)

37. Motion to declare public emergency at the Parish Courthouse Jail due to water intrusion into the jail facilities and to authorize the Parish Engineer to negotiate contracts with contractors, as necessary, to expeditiously move forward with waterproofing of exterior walls at the recreation area and the roofing system in the area of the recreation area to eliminate rainwater intrusion into jail security areas, offices, and mechanical rooms; which water intrusion is threatening the operational safety of the jail and is a threat to the health and safety to both jail staff and inmates.
(Mr. Smith)

38. Motion to award proposal for electrical upgrades for Project No. 3350 – Public Records Storage Building (former Bumper to Bumper Building) to Gunn Electric Company, in the amount of \$24,878.00, as recommended by the Project Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC., project to be funded under ARPA/LATCF funds and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)

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39. Motion to authorize the President to sign and approve Revision No. 1 to the contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) for the PY24/FY25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program for the amount of \$110,751.50 of Dislocated Worker Program Funds to transfer to FY25 Adult Program funds and authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. The revision does not change the total contract amount.
(Mr. Smith)
40. Motion to amend and reenact Chapter 6 - Animals and Fowl, Article V. – Beaver Control, Section 6-131 (b)(4) from \$35.00 per tail to **\$50.00 per tail;** and (c) Prior to payment of the beaver bounty, the trapper and landowner shall execute the following document **and the original signed document must be sent in for processing of payment along with a date stamped picture of beaver tails. Photo to be taken by the Public Works Director or Highway Superintendent.**
(Mr. Smith)
41. Motion to award repairs to the failed cross drain on Old River Road at Permission Bayou to River Runs Dirt Service, LLC, for the amount of \$42,735.00, project to be funded by Road District 2C, District F, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC. and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Overton)
42. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 to purchase 5.00 acres of land from Martin Timberlands, LLC, property located at 0 Highway 121, Hineston, Louisiana, purchase prices of \$25,000.00, as recommended by the Oakhill Fire Department Board of Directors and Fire Chief, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Giles)
43. Motion to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 to provide support to the local Veterans' Service Office, cost of \$44,842.00, as recommended by the Treasurer and authorize the President to sign same.
(Mr. Smith)
44. Motion to authorize the President to execute Change Order No. 4 for Work Order No. 6 – Courthouse Restroom Renovations under ARPA Grant, for the amount of \$86,433.00 as recommended by the Project Engineer, Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Mr. Smith)

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45. Motion to authorize the Parish President to submit an application under the LCDBG FY 2026/2027 for Street Improvements and sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)
46. Motion to obligate and commit to pay for all related grant administration, not to exceed \$50,000.00 and engineering services for the Parish's FY 2026/2027 LCDBG Application; and select Pan American Engineers, LLC to provide the required engineering services and administrative services.
(Mr. Smith)
47. Receive and approve recommended Sole Provider Ambulance Contract language provisions from the Ambulance Advisory Board for the Sole Provider Contract awarded to Pafford EMS by majority vote on April 10, 2025, for signing by the President.
(Mr. Smith)
48. Motion to remove Ryan E. Spiller as Ex-officio Notary from Rapides Fire District No. 2 and appoint Austin Vidrine, as recommended by Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 Fire Chief.
(Mr. Smith)

**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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