

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

Posted June 6, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 9, 2025
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Receive an update from Pafford EMS on the transition of ambulance services.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on May 12, 2025, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Adopt the adjusted millage rate(s).
4. Set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s).
5. Adopt other authorized millages or taxes.
6. Motion to open a public hearing for 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

(May 12, 2025 Jury)

**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

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

- ***Brandon Lee Blaney to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term 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.
- ***Lance Speer to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term expired April 12, 2025.
- ***Basil Smith on the Central Louisiana Regional Port Authority for a four (4) term. Term will expire July 20, 2025.
- ***Robert Wright on the Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term, Higher Education/LSUA appointee. Term will expire July 29, 2025.
- ***Chief Deputy, Michael W. Jones on the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term. Term will expire July 14, 2025.
- ***Les West on the Waterworks District 11A Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire July 12, 2025.

7. Motion to approve Intent to Sell on the Adjudicated/Abandoned Properties listed below:

Tax Debtor	Description
Fredrick Williams, et al	Lot Fifteen (15), Southern Heights Bearing the municipal address of: 3923 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, 71301 Parcel ID# 2304508660001101 Assessment# 5010558825 MISC-7137
Tootsie, LLC	Lot on Ogden & Second (2nd) Street X 34' X 74.17' Bearing the municipal address of 204 Ogden Street, Alexandria, 71301 Parcel ID# 2400734001001801 Assessment# 4018954425 MISC-7076

(Finance 06/05)

8. Motion to name "The Town Talk" as the Official Journal for a one (1) year period ending June 30, 2026.
(Finance 06/05)

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9. Motion to designate and name the Secretary/Treasurer as the Records Management Officer Liaison to act as liaison between the Division of Archives, Records Management and History and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the period of July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
(Finance 06/05)

10. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 4 Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment due to it no longer be suitable for use by the department as recommended by the Fire Chief and Holiday Village Fire Department Board:

Asset No.	Description	Method of Disposal
10565	Air Compressor	Auction

(Finance 06/05)

11. Motion to change the Regular Scheduled Committee Meeting from Monday, July 7, 2025 to Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. and change the Regular Scheduled Jury meeting from Monday, July 14, 2025 to Monday, July 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., due to NACO Conference in July 2025.
(Finance 06/05)

12. Motion to accept the Public Works Directors annual review of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Stormwater Ordinance, as required by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and LDEQ Permit and presented during the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 2, 2025.
(Public Works 06/05)

13. Motion to accept Project No. 3315 – Belgard Bend Road Lane Widening as “Substantially Complete” with exception of punch list items and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Public Works 06/05)

14. Motion to award Project No. 3404 – West River Road Lane Widening to the lowest bidder, TL Construction, in the amount of \$499,900.00 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. Project to be funded by Road District 6A, District H.
(Public Works 06/05)

15. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to procure a contractor for roadside shoulder improvements on Munson Road, cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. Project to be funded from Road District 3A, District H.
(Public Works 06/05)

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16. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 2432 Dogwood 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 06/05)
17. Motion to authorize the President to sign a contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) as the One-Stop Operator in compliance with:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sec. 121(d)(2)(A) which states “an entity shall be designated or certified as a one-stop operator through a competitive process;” and further defined in 20 CFR 678.605. the Rapides Workforce Development Board is to follow local/state procure policies, and/or Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.318 – 200.326 to procure a One-Stop Operator for the Rapides One-Stop Center. The selected contractor must be in place no later than July 1, in the amount of \$24,000.00, to begin July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2026, with option to renew for three (3) years and have the treasure amend budget accordingly. The funding for this contract will come from WIOA grant funds.
(Workforce & Grants 06/05)
18. Motion to adopt the required Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Policies, Office of Community Development, administer by the Division of Administration and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 06/05)
19. Motion to authorize Greenwood Memorials, LLC permission to clean and restore the Eternal Flame (Flame of Freedom) that is located at the front of the Rapides Parish Courthouse and owned by American Legion Post No. 3. The cost of cleaning and restoration is no cost to the Parish.
(Courthouse & Coliseum 06/05)
20. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Public Works Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment due to it being declared total loss by the Insurance Company:

Asset No.	Description	Method of Disposal
114302016	Dodge Ram	total loss due to accident

(Insurance & Legal 06/05)

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21. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for April 2025:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	574	80%	91.29%
Pineville - 8 minute	186	80%	86.02%
Rapides - 12 minute	243	80%	92.18%
Rapides - 20 minute	153	80%	86.27%

(Ambulance, Fire & Health 06/05)

**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**

22. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 8333 Highway 165 South, Woodworth, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive.
(Mr. Bordelon)
23. Motion to adopt an ordinance to prohibit thru truck traffic on Strothers Crossing Road, Price Crossing, Price Road, Big Creek Road, and Tolbert Loop, located in Ward 5, District H, and authorize the Parish Public Works Department to erect signs.
(Mr. Giles)
24. Motion to rescind a certain motion passed on March 10, 2025, to authorize reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for road construction on Leblanc Lane, not to exceed \$60,000.00, to be funded from Road District 2C, District H funds, as recommended by Mayor Butler.
(Mr. Giles)
25. Motion to rescind a certain motion passed on February 12, 2024, to delete Asset No. 10303 – Pumper, from Fire District No. 6 Asset Inventory, no bids were received and the department has decided to place the truck back in service, as per recommendation of the Fire Chief.
(Mr. Smith)

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26. Motion to authorize the President to contract with Southern Craftsman Construction, LLC for selective interior demolition and clean-up of the former Bumper-to-Bumper building in preparation for move-in for the purposes of Public Record Storage with a contract upset limit not-to-exceed \$10,000, with work as directed by the Parish Engineer.
(Mr. Smith)
27. Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend and reenact Section 18-4.2(f) Speed Limits so as to set a speed limit of 30 mph on the Buckhorn Road, Ward 5, District E and authorize the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.
(Mr. Bordelon)
28. Motion to adopt the following salary pay plan to increase the hourly base rate of pay by 4%, for Fire District No. 6 – Deville VFD and allocate the increase to current employees, effective May 22, 2025, as approved by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board and recommend by the Fire Chief.

Firefighter 1/EMT-P	\$17.31
Firefighter 1/Advance	\$16.22
Firefighter 1/EMT-B	\$15.14
Firefighter 1/EMR	\$14.06
EMR/EMT acquiring Firefighter 1	\$13.52
Additional Certifications	
Firefighter 2/Instructor 1	\$0.50
Driver Operator	\$0.50
Officer 1	\$0.50

- (Mr. Smith)
29. Motion to approve an increase in salary for working a twelve (12) hour shift for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief for Fire District No. 6 – Deville, as approved by Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board on May 22, 2025. The Fire Chief will receive \$186.72 for each twelve (12) hour shift worked and the Assistant Chief will receive \$168.72 for each twelve (12) hour shift worked.
(Mr. Smith)
30. Motion to approve a Preventive Maintenance Agreement for HVAC at the Rapides Parish Health Unit and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by the Courthouse Building Superintendent.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
31. Motion to discuss and possibly take action on the adoption of a Solar Farm Ordinance, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission.
(Mr. Smith)

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32. Motion to receive recommendation from Pan American Engineers and award to the lowest bidder for Project No. 3434 – ID/IQ Roadside Mowing Services – 2025.
(Mr. Smith)
33. Motion to receive recommendation from Pan American Engineers and award to the lowest bidder for Project No. 3432 – ID/IQ Roadside Herbicide Spraying – 2025.
(Mr. Smith)
34. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 1507 Karla Street, Alexandria, LA and authorize legal counsel to invoice the property owner for cost of cleanup. Public Works Department to complete the job if a contractor is unable to complete the job in a timely manner or if it is cost prohibitive.
(Mr. Scott)
35. Motion to authorize the renewal of five-year contract with Pan American Engineers, LLC, for Professional Engineering Services for the Parish, said contract terminable at any time by either party and said contract to be non-exclusive allowing the Police Jury to award contracts to other Engineers as it deems necessary or as required by law and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)
36. Motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Glenmora for guard rail installation on 8th Avenue and Division Street, work to be completed by the Rapides Parish Public Works Department and cost of project to be charged to Road District 1A, Town of Glenmora's portion and authorizes the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Giles)
37. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes for curtains and accessories for the curtains for the Coliseum and Entertainment Center and award to the lowest bidder.
(Mr. McGlothlin)
38. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids to purchase sound equipment and accessories for the Coliseum and Entertainment Center.
(Mr. McGlothlin)

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39. Motion to allow an additional mobile home at the property located at 63 Jack Deville Rd based on prior State Health Department approval regarding compatibility with sewer treatment and discharge regulations.
(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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