

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

Posted July 3, 2025  
12:15 pm

REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 7, 2025  
3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Recognize and receive the annual report from Allison Elnaggar, LSU Ag Center.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on June 9, 2025 as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to Open for Public Auction and record Ordinance of Sale for the following Abandoned/Adjudicated Properties as presented by private attorney:

<u>Tax Debtor</u>	<u>Description</u>
Larwood Properties	Lot Nine (9), Square Twenty (20), West Alexandria Addition Bearing the municipal address of: 215 16th Street, Alexandria Parcel ID No. 2404109580021801 Assessment No. 4010337830 Misc-7086
Sheldon Antwine	Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Square “A” Broadway Subd No.2 Bearing the municipal address of: 1108 Broadway, Alexandria Parcel ID No. 2400501310000201 Assessment No. 5010040700 Misc-7049

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Edward Kelly	Lot Eight (8) A and Part of Lot Eight (8), Block Four (4), Home Acres Subdivision Bearing the municipal address of 3215 Hudson Road, Alexandria Parcel ID No. 2304104320006801 Assessment No. 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 No. 2405608310003901 Assessment No. 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 No. 2400708630080901 Assessment No. 5011261500 Misc – 7151
Esau Baldwin	Lot Three (3), Square Fifty-Six, S. A. L. Co Addn. Bearing the municipal address of: 733 Houston Street, Alexandria Parcel ID No. 2400708630080801 Assessment No. 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 No. 2400708630081001 Assessment No. 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 No. 2400708630081101 Assessment No. 5010420200 Misc – 7149
(Mr. Moreau)	

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

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

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expired April 12, 2025.

\*\*\*Les West on the Waterworks District 11A Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire July 12, 2025.

4. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on June 9, 2025 and July 1, 2025.  
(Finance 07/01)
5. Motion to open a Public Hearing to discuss and take action to accept or deny the Industrial Tax Exemption Application: Plastipak Packaging, Inc., Industrial Tax Exemption Application No.20230163-ITE.  
(Finance 07/01)
6. Motion to open a Public Hearing to discuss and take action to accept or deny the Industrial Tax Exemption Application: Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company, Industrial Tax Exemption Application No.20220075-B-ITE.  
(Finance 07/01)
7. Motion to reenact Chapter 23 – Taxation and License; Article III – Sales and Use Tax; Division 4 – Collection of tax by dealer, Section 23-28 (4.10) – Compensation of dealers for accounting for and remitting tax ordinance that was adopted December 11, 2000, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator.  
(Finance 07/01)
8. Motion to authorize a lease agreement for one (1) Ford Explorer thru Enterprise Fleet Management for use by the Sales and Use Tax Department and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator.  
(Finance 07/01)
9. Motion to authorize the transfer of responsibility of Asset No. 12881 – 2021 Ford Explorer, from Sales & Use Tax Department to the Office of Economic Workforce and Development, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator and OEWD Executive Director.  
(Finance 07/01)

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10. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 17 Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment due to it no longer being suitable for public use and recommended by motion passed on June 3, 2025 by the Forest Hill Fire Department Board of Directors:

<b>Asset No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Method of Disposal</b>
12862	2007 Ferrara Engine VIN No. 1F94042277H140505	public bid/where is/as is

(Finance 07/01)

11. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise to receive bids for Various Road Materials and award to the lowest bidder, to be paid from various funds, as recommended by the Public Works Director.  
(Public Works 07/01)
12. Motion to adopt an ordinance to change speed limit on E. Deville Road, Ward 11, District C from 35 mph to 20 mph, and authorize the Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.  
(Public Works 07/01)
13. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids for Cheneyville-Echo Road, to be paid out of Road District 3A, District H, cost not to exceed \$1,250,000.00  
(Public Works 07/01)
14. Motion to approve the transfer of responsibility of Asset No. 12990, Lazer E Series Mower; SN 411492592 from Cotile Recreation to Public Works Department, as recommended by the Public Works Director.  
(Public Works 07/01)
15. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for overlay on Sandy Lane, to be paid out of Road District 2C, District H, cost not to \$160,000.00.  
(Public Works 07/01)
16. Motion to accept Project No. 3336 – Downs Lane Rehabilitation 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 07/01)

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17. Motion to award to the lowest bidder for Project No. 3378 – ID/IQ Roadside Open Ditch and Culvert Maintenance – 2025, to the lowest bidder, Descant Excavating & Construction Services, LLC and to the second lowest bidder, Maverick Construction.  
(Public Works 07/01)
18. Motion to authorize Pan American Engineers to survey the unused portion of the rear section of tract area of Parish Library Branch located at Provine Place for possibility to explore options available with said portion of the tract.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 07/01)
19. Motion to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and appoint Dr. Robert Wright, nominee by LSUA, to serve on the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term. New Term will expire July 29, 2028.  
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 07/01)
20. Motion to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 employees effective July 27, 2025, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 2 funds.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
21. Motion to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 employees effective July 27, 2025, as recommended by Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 funds.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
22. Motion to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 employees effective July 27, 2025, as recommended by Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 4 funds.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
23. Motion to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 employees effective July 27, 2025, as recommended by Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 funds.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)

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24. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 425 Wilson Road, Alexandria, LA, OWNER: Fernandez Limited Partnership, Danny Fernandez, 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.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
25. Motion to approve the creation of a Mechanic position for Rapides Parish Fire District No.10, not exceed thirty-two (32) hours per week, rate of pay is set at \$10.50 per hour, as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and motion passed on June 8, 2025 by the Board.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
26. Motion to grant a forty-five (45) day extension to the purchaser of property located at 1411 Singer Drive (LA 623-old Maxey property), to clear the condemnation off the property.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)
27. Motion to amend a certain motion passed on June 9, 2025 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 April 24, 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
<b>Additional Certifications</b>	
Firefighter 2/Instructor 1	\$0.50
Driver Operator	\$0.50
Officer 1	\$0.50

(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)

28. Motion to amend a certain motion passed on June 9, 2025 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 \$194.28 for each twelve (12) hour shift worked and the Assistant Chief will receive \$168.72 for each twelve (12) hour shift worked.  
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)

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29. Motion to set a public hearing for August 11, 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	LOCATION, DESCRIPTION & SERVICE REPORT
Shirley Johnson 7000 Hwy 1 N. Boyce, LA 71409 Ward 1, District F	LOT 76, SHERWOOD PARK No.3 (PB 12-234)(CB 829-742 LIPSEY)(CB 1968-706 JOP: B. PATTON)(CB 1982-486 2013 3RD PARTY PARISH TAX SALE) (CB 2037-067 2015 3RD PARTY PARISH TAX SALE) (CB 2119-913 2018 3RD PARTY PARISH TAX SALE) ***PARCEL I.D. No. 23-23-8490-76*** (2436 DOGWOOD LANE) (CB 829-742)

OWNER	LOCATION, DESCRIPTION & SERVICE REPORT
Curtisteen T. Matthews, Et Al 113 Sunridge Road Alexandria, LA 71302 Ward 1, District F	---LOT 9, GREENWAY PARK --- (CB 736-35 H.U.D.)(CB 1744-857 WEATHERFORD)(CB 1752-653 WEATHERFORD)(CB 1945-74 JOP: A. MATTHEWS) (CB 2090-628 2017 PARISH ADJUDICATION) ***PARCEL I.D. No. 23-23-3690-9*** (2405 DOGWOOD LANE)

(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 07/01)

30. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for May 2025:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	563	80%	92.83%
Pineville - 8 minute	221	80%	87.33%
Rapides - 12 minute	251	80%	94.82%
Rapides - 20 minute	143	80%	83.92%

(Ambulance, Fire, Health 07/01)



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**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**

31. Motion to authorize the President to execute a Change Order with ENFRA MCC, LLC (formerly Bernhard MCC, LLC) for the Courthouse HVAC Air Quality Improvements at the Rapides Parish Courthouse in an amount not-to-exceed \$185,000 for the installation of a new transformer, structural rack, temporary generator and miscellaneous work elements and modifications to accommodate the installation; with funding approved under the American Rescue Plan Act Final Rule Funding Plan.  
(Mr. Smith)
32. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 to submit application for the 2025 Forestry Grant not to exceed \$8,500.00, as requested by the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Mr. Giles)
33. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Fire Protection District No. 14 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (ii) Fire Protection District No. 16 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.  
(Mr. Smith)
34. Motion to delete the following assets from Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 – Ruby/Kolin and authorize the donation of the asset to the Winnsboro Fire Department and recommended by the Fire Chief and motion passed on June 23, 2025 by the Ruby/Kolin Fire Department Board of Directors.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
12374	Apple Ipad – 6 <sup>th</sup> generation	Donation
12375	Apple Ipad – 6 <sup>th</sup> generation	Donation
12376	Apple Ipad – 6 <sup>th</sup> generation	Donation
12378	Apple Ipad – 6 <sup>th</sup> generation	Donation
12379	Apple Ipad – 6 <sup>th</sup> generation	Donation

(Mr. Smith)



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35. Motion to accept Project No. 3391 – Old River Road at Persimmon Bayou Cross Drain Replacement 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.  
(Mr. Overton)

36. Motion to delete the following asset from the Transportation Grant Asset Inventory listing, as recommended by the Rapides Parish Senior Citizens Center.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
12094	2017 Van VIN No. 2C7WDGBG1HR562875	Auction

(Mr. Smith)

37. Motion to grant a 2% pay rate increase for one (1) full time firefighter at Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 who does not meet the requirements for the state mandated annual 2% pay increase, as requested by the Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief, motion passed by the board on July 2, 2025.  
(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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