

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

Posted August 7, 2025

**REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on July 7, 2025, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee meeting on August 4, 2025.

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

*****Dennis Frazier on the England Authority and Industrial Development Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire September 9, 2025.**

*****Myron K. Lawson, Jr. on the England Authority and Industrial Development Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire September 9, 2025.**

*****Le'Anza Jordan on the Library Board, representing District I. Term will expire September 13, 2025. (This is the 2nd five (5) year term and a new appointment has to be made.)**

*****Lance Speer to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term. Term expired April 12, 2025.**

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

*****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.**

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Term expired October 11, 2024.

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

4. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of the following adjudicated property located at: 3923 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, 71301, Parcel ID No. 2304508660001101, Assessment No. 5010558825, MISC-7137, to the highest bidder, David Culbert, for the amount of \$3,333.33 and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Finance 08/04)

5. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of the following adjudicated property located at: 204 Ogden Street, Alexandria, 71301, Parcel ID No. 2400734001001801, Assessment No. 4018954425, MISC-7076, to the highest bidder, Ronnie Williams, for the amount of \$3,000.00 and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Finance 08/04)

6. Motion of Intent to Sell the below listed adjudicated properties as requested by the Attorney hired through the City of Alexandria to help move blighted, abandoned, adjudicated property:

Tax Debtor

Bertha Lee Henry, et al

Address

Lot Seventy-One (71) George Moore
Subdivision
Parcel ID No. 2304406410004101
Assessment No. 5010630200

Bearing the municipal address of:
3636 Vermont Street, Alexandria
MISC-7114

Curtisteen T. Matthews, et al

Lot Six (6), Square Seventeen (17),
South Alexandria Land Company
Addition
Parcel ID No. 2400708630022701
Assessment No. 5010923600
Bearing the municipal address of:
2037 Overton Street, Alexandria
MISC-7138

Demetris Donnell Stewart

Lot Thirty-Nine (39) and ADJ 38.1'
of Lot Forty (40), Williamson
Addition
Parcel ID No. 2400509830003701

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Assessment No. 5010528125
Bearing the municipal address of:
625 Williamson Street, Alexandria
MISC-7050

James A. Day

Five (5) Acres on Left Disc Bank of
Red River at Confluence of Bayou
Marie
Parcel ID No. 0403547019001101
Assessment No. 3180000850
Bearing **no** municipal address.
MISC-7120

Katherine Yong

Part of Lot Eleven (11), Square
Twenty-Four (24), South Alexandria
Land Co., Addition fronting Twenty-
Eight (28) feet on Harris Street x One-
Hundred and Fifty (150) feet.
Parcel ID No. 2400708630034901
Assessment No. 5011538660
Bearing the Municipal address of:
2134 Harris Street, Alexandria
MISC-7121

Charles E. Ewing III, et al

Part of Lot Eleven (11), Square
Twenty-Four (24), S. A. L. Co.
Addition
Parcel ID No. 2400708630034801
Assessment No. 501050538
Bearing the municipal address of:
2136 Harris Street, Alexandria
MISC-7077

Louisiana Tax 1, Inc.

Part Lots 8,9 and 10, Square 22, West
Alexandria Addition, fronting 71' on
16th Street x 110' and Part of Lot 8,
Square 22, West Alexandria Addition,
fronting 39' on 16th Street x 121'
Parcel ID No. 2404109580024001
Assessment No. 5010360000
Bearing the municipal address of:
61 & 63 Sixteenth Street
MISC-7047

(Finance 08/04)

7. Motion to delete from the Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment:

Courthouse & Jail

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<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
12536	Dryer	2001035635	Replaced 07/25
12537	Dryer	2001035634	Replaced 07/25

Police Jury Admin/Finance

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
12631	Computer	MXL0132P7S	Auction

FD#5 - Oakhill Fire Department

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
13564	Chainsaw	N/A	Scrap – car accident

Buckeye Recreation

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
9004	John Deere Mower	TCO797C020696	Scrap for parts

Health Unit

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10739	2011 Ford Fusion	3FAHPOGA4BR337695	Auction
10740	2011 Ford Fusion	3FAHPOGA4BR337694	Auction

(Finance 08/04)

8. Motion to accept Mr. Danny Deville at 88 Bell Road, Deville, LA 71328, District C, as a hardship. Proper certification has been received.
(Public Works 08/04)

9. Motion to award contract for Project No. 3438 – Esler Drainage Rehabilitation (Work Area 3), to the lowest bidder, Pineland Equipment Group, LLC of Pineville, Louisiana in the amount of \$1,631,529.50, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Public Works 08/04)

10. Motion to ratify acceptance of 18’- 6” wide x 741 feet, approximately .14 miles of Shree Lane, Ward 11, located in Hari Oaks Subdivision for parish maintenance, as recommended by the Public Works Director.
(Public Works 08/04)

11. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Public Works Department to cut and remove limbs on Stokes Lane, within the town limits of Forest Hill, as requested by Mayor Jeter and authorized by the annual IGA. Funding to be paid out of Road District 1A, Town of Forest Hill.

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(Public Works 08/04)

12. Motion to adopt an ordinance to enact speed limit on E R Slay Road, Ward 11, District C to 25 mph and install a “Dead End” sign at the end of the road and authorize the Public Works Department to erect speed limit signs.
(Public Works 08/04)
13. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Annual Certificate of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program to include the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Public Works 08/04)
14. Motion to accept Bid No. 3392 – District A Road Improvements, 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 08/04)
15. Motion to adopt a resolution to the LA DOTD, Division of Administration, to provide reimbursement of funds, not to exceed \$21,500.00 for Update Master Plan & Exhibit “A”, AIP No. 3-22-0002-036-2024 and SPN H.016180, and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents, as requested by the Esler Airport Manager.
(Public Works 08/04)
16. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to accept grants, execute agreements and amendments as necessary and furnish any additional information as required by the grant, project to be funded by grants administered thru the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) and LA DOTD for Esler Field Regional Airport Drainage Rehabilitation Construction (Phase III), projected cost \$1,791,330.00.
(Public Works 08/04)
17. Motion to authorize the Parish President 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.
(Workforce & Grants 08/04)
18. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit requests for qualifications for Engineering Services for engineering services for DR-4559 – Hurricane Laura – Hazard Mitigation Funds for infrastructure project, Cloverdale Drainage.

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(Workforce & Grants 08/04)

19. Motion to ratify authorization for the grant application submission for FTA 5339 – Fleet Modernization and Circulator Transit Route in Central Louisiana and partnering with LITACorp for the required grant funds match and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Workforce & Grants 08/04)

20. Motion to authorize the President to sign and approve the contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) for the PY25/FY26 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program (Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth) for the total grant amount of \$878,763.00 (an increase of \$23,449.00 from the previous year) and for the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary.
(Workforce & Grants 08/04)

21. Motion to adopt a Proclamation in Recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Rapides Parish Library - Martin Branch on September 18, 2025.
(Parochial & Municipal Liaison 08/04)

22. Motion to extend for an additional one (1) year the resolution authorizing Nowlin Law Firm, LLC, d/b/a Keiser & Nowlin Attorneys at Law, to represent on several employee claims against the Police Jury and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Term will be effective September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 08/04)

23. Motion to permanently relocate Precinct C10 which is located at Rapides Alternative Positive Program (RAPP) (2212 Mason Street, Alexandria, LA 71301) to Precinct C09 which is located at Alma Redwine Elementary School (1321 Vance Street, Alexandria, LA 71301). The reason for combining Precincts C10 and C09 is because the number of voters at Precinct C10 is less than 300. A copy of this resolution to be sent to Secretary of State, Elections Division, Clerk of Court and Registrar of Voters.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 08/04)

24. Motion to receive the required report from ACADIAN AMBULANCE under the Contract for June 2025 (For June 1 – 9, 2025) as reviewed by the Ambulance Services Sub-Committee (see attached):

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Average

<u>Response Zone</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>Contract % Goal</u>	<u>Compliance</u>
Alexandria - 8 minute	152		80%	91.44%
Pineville - 8 minute	53		80%	90.57%
Rapides - 12 minute	59		80%	91.53%
Rapides - 20 minute	<u>47</u>		80%	83.92%
TOTAL	311			

Contract Exceptions Taken – 139 – Reasons Stated (Excess Calls) = 31% of the Response Calls Total (450)

(not included in the Response time calculations above)

(Ambulance, Fire, Health & Homeland Security 08/04)

25. Motion to receive the required report from **PAFFORD EMS** under the Contract for June 2025 (For June 10 – 30, 2025) as reviewed by the Ambulance Services Sub-Committee (see attached):

<u>Response Zone</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>Contract % Goal</u>	<u>Compliance</u>
<u>Zone 1 (Alexandria/Pineville)</u>				
Life Threatening	8.00 minutes	674	6:19 minutes	90%
	10:55 minutes			75.52%
Non-Life Threatening	216	11:56 minutes		90%
<u>Zone 2 (Outside Urban Area)</u>				
Life Threatening	12:00 minutes	192	9:52 minutes	90%
	15:25 minutes			76.56%
Non-Life Threatening	64	14:52 minutes		90%

<u>Response Zone</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Average Response Time</u>	<u>Contract % Goal</u>	<u>Compliance</u>
<u>Zone 3 (Rural Areas)</u>				
Life Threatening	20:00 minutes	118	14:10 minutes	90%
	25:29 minutes			77.97%
Non-Life Threatening	42	20:03 minutes		90%
<u>Emergency Hospital</u>				
	30:00 minutes	23	18:28 minutes	90%
	39:43 minutes			82.60%
Non-Emergency	90 minutes	<u>355</u>	16:22 minutes	90%
TOTAL	1,684			99.30%

Contract Exceptions Taken – 0 – Reasons Stated (For Transparency) = 0.00% of Response Calls Total (1,684)

(not included in the Response time calculations above)

(Ambulance, Fire, Health & Homeland Security 08/04)

26. Motion to confirm the Ambulance Control Board approval of contract with Contract Administrator and approved by the Ambulance Services Sub-Committee.

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(Ambulance, Fire, Health & Homeland Security 08/04)

27. Motion to proclaim the month of September as Volunteer Firefighters Month in Rapides Parish. Firefighter Appreciation to be celebrated on September 20, 2025. Appreciation Day will begin at 9:00 am at the LSUA Mega Shelter.
(Ambulance, Fire, Health & Homeland Security 08/04)

**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**

28. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$2,294,000 of Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds of Sewerage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Overton)
29. Motion to cancel the proposed Sales Tax Election for Road District No. 5A, Sales Tax District of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, scheduled for October 11, 2025. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of State, Elections Division, Registrar of Voters and Clerk of Court.
(Mr. Giles)
30. Motion to authorize participation in the State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP 2025), \$61,247.50 to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents.
(Mr. Smith)
31. Motion to authorize participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG 2025), \$56,618.17, to be administered by the Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Office and to authorize the Parish President to sign related documents.
(Mr. Smith)
32. Motion to authorize repairs, joint cleaning and sealing to the exterior walls at the Rapides Parish Courthouse, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, project to be funded from General Fund, and authorize the Parish President to sign all

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necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)

33. Motion to authorize the donation of Asset No. 12094 – 2017 Van, VIN No. 2C7WDGBG1HR562875, to the Rapides Parish Senior Citizen Center to be used for transportation services for senior citizens of Rapides Parish.
(Mr. Smith)

34. Motion to authorize the President to execute Beneficial Occupancy documents related to the Courthouse Restroom Renovation Project, construction by DSW Construction, for the first-floor restrooms (men and women) and second floor men’s handicap restroom, as recommended by the Project Engineer and approved by Fire Marshal. The one-year warranty will begin today upon approval of beneficial occupancy.
(Mr. Smith)

35. Motion to delete from the Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment:

Fire District No. 11

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
12876	2004 Ford Expedition	1FMPU15535LA38563	Auction
10186	1998 GMC	1GTGK29F4WE553631	Auction
9154	1991 Ford	1FTWF14Y9MNA79722	Auction
10110	Husqvarna UTV	HP0539-553303	Auction

(Mr. Giles)

36. Receive an update from Pan American Engineers on the status of the declaration of the public emergency on May 12, 2025, for the Parish Courthouse Jail on negotiating 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)

37. Motion to approve renewal proposal from Brown and Brown for Police Jury auto/equipment insurance, to be paid from various fund accounts and authorize the President or Secretary/Treasurer to sign all necessary

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documents. Policy to be effective 09/06/2025 at 12:01 am.
(Mr. Smith)

38. Motion to adopt 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, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

(Mr. Bordelon)

**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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to attend this public meeting, please contact the Police Jury Office at (318) 473-6660, describing the assistance that is necessary.