

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
SPECIAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law, viz:

September 12, 2025

NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, Alexandria, Louisiana on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., for the following purposes to wit:

1. Motion to sit as a Board of Review for hearing complaints on property assessments, as advertised.
2. Recognize Mr. Rick Ducote, Rapides Parish Tax Assessor.

Open to receive the protests for those requests received and timely filed:

**** Devonshire Mason Estates, LLC, 2145 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria, LA 71301, represented by Angela Adolph, Kean Miller, LLP – Devonshire Mason Estates, LLC, Assessment No. 1010917631**

Fair Market Value	Land	Improvement	Pers. Prop
Assessor Determined	\$1,520,000	\$15,355,000	\$
		Total	\$16,875,000
Taxpayers Opinion	\$1,400,000	\$11,709,000	\$
		Total	\$13,109,000

**(Received Fax September 4, 2025)
(Withdrawn by Fax September 11, 2025)**

3. Motion to close public hearing.
4. Motion to adopt a resolution ratifying authorizing entering into an agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and LA DOTD (State Project No. H.007538) LA 498:England Air Park to LA 1 Gateway, Rapides Parish, and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Scott)
5. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 Project No. 3389 - Buckeye Recreation Restroom Upgrades, total amount of change order is \$2,899.00 for spray foam insulation and fire coating on roof deck and gable end walls and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Smith)

6. Motion to discuss and possibly take action on proposal received from Gulf Engineers & Consultants to perform an environmental and public health risk assessment.
(Mr. Smith)
7. Motion to adopt a resolution to designate the Rapides Senior Citizen Centers, Inc., to be the contractor to prepare a grant with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for FY 2025-2026 Operational Grant, CFDA No. 20.509, operational funding to provide rural transportation services in rural parts of Rapides Parish and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents.
(Mr. Wiggins)
8. Motion to review the following requests from Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director, to approve the following amendments for employable positions within his department, update the Public Works Organizational Chart and ask Rapides Parish Civil Service to concur with the changes:
 - Add five (5) additional Equipment Operator I positions
 - Add three (3) additional Equipment Operator II positions
 - Create three (3) Equipment Operator II “Class B” position – Class E Driver’s License/Non CDL; Range 13 - \$27,081.51
 - Create Shop Inventory Coordinator position; Range 16 - \$31,350.24
 - Position Title Change – Highway Superintendent to Public Works Superintendent
(Mr. Giles)

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

There were present: Craig Smith, President, Sean McGlothlin, Vice-President, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Randy Wiggins, Randy Harris, Danny Bordelon, Parrish Giles and Jay Scott

Absent were Police Jurors: Oliver “Ollie” Overton.

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel; Ms. Sarah Vidrine, Ms. Debra Wess, Mr. Rick Ducote, Mr. Carey Westbrook, Mr. Andrew Stokes, Ms. Caroline Simons, Mr. Cory Ashmore Ms. Linda Sanders and Ms. Melissa Newcomb.

The invocation was given by Mr. Parrish Giles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sean McGlothlin.

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.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon, to sit as a Board of Review for hearing complaints on property assessments, as advertised. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Rick Ducote gave a brief overview and the protest that was filed prior to the deadline was withdrawn via fax on September 11, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to close the public hearing. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted;

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Rapides Parish Police Jury desires to perform Pedestrian Enhancements along the La. 498 Corridor as LA DOTD Project Number H.007538; LA 498: England Air Park to LA 1 Gateway;

WHEREAS the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested appropriation of funds to finance a portion of the project as described herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that:

Section 1. The President is authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be required in connection with the LA 498: England Air Park to LA 1 Gateway Project; and,

Section 2. The President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative and is hereby given signature authority for all relative documents for the Rapides Parish Police Jury for any documents that directly pertain to the LADOTD LA 498: England Air Park to LA 1 Gateway Project (LaDOTD Project No. H007538).

Section 3. Craig Smith, President representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby given authorization to sign the Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as provided by LA DOTD and gives the President the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, and renew such documents relative to any such project.

Yeas Randy Wiggins, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Sean McGlothlin and Craig Smith.

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr.

On roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to approve Change Order No. 1 Project No. 3389 - Buckeye Recreation Restroom Upgrades, total amount of change order is \$2,899.00 for spray foam insulation and fire coating

on roof deck and gable end walls and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to discuss and possibly take action on proposal received from Gulf Engineers & Consultants to perform an environmental and public health risk assessment. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to table any action on the proposal received until the Committee Meeting to be held on October 6, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted;

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas
- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Rapides Parish Police Jury:

1. That the President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, effectuating the

purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

3. That the President of Rapides Parish Police Jury is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. That the President is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

The undersigned duly qualified President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held on 15th day of September, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to review the following requests from Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director, to approve the following amendments for employable positions within his department, update the Public Works Organizational Chart and ask Rapides Parish Civil Service to concur with the changes:

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Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business on motion by President Craig Smith the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury