

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

Posted December 5, 2025

REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 8, 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 November 10, 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 December 1, 2025.
4. Service Awards:

Public Works

William Coker	10 Years
Matthew Hill	10 Years
Cordis Thompson	10 Years

Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2

James Babb	20 Years
Jeremy Brown	10 Years
Stephen Garcia	15 Years
Jonathan Guillot	20 Years
Benjamin Halloway	20 Years

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Travis Melder	15 Years
Dalton Ray	10 Years
Justin Smith	20 Years
Austin Vidrine	10 Years

Sales & Use Tax Department

Sherrie Newcomb	20 Years
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Rapides Parish Civil Service

Linda Sanders	20 Years
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*****APPOINTMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED*****

- ***President to the Chamber of Commerce for a one (1) year term. Term will expire January 12, 2026.
- ***President to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a one (1) year term. Term will expire January 12, 2026.
- ***President to the Regional Infrastructure Beltway for a one (1) year term. Term will expire January 12, 2026.
- ***President to the Transportation Policy Committee for a one (1) year term. Term will expire January 12, 2026.
- ***Belton Bailey to the Fire Protection District No. 17 Board (Board Member Appointment) for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2026.
- ***Chauncey Nichols to the Fire Protection District No. 17 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2026.
- ***Harold "Ronnie" Roberts to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2026.
- ***Tim Brasseaux to the Fire Protection District No. 18 Board for a two (2) year term. Term will expire January 1, 2026.
- *****Les West to the Waterworks District 11A for a five (5) year term. Term expired July 12, 2025.**
- *****Mark Scarber to the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired October 11, 2024.**
- *****Chris LaCombe to 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 expired April 12, 2025.**

5. Motion to open a Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2026 budget, as requested by the Secretary/Treasurer.
(Finance 11/10)
6. Motion to close Public Hearing.

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7. Motion to adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of abandoned/adjudicated property located at: Part Lot Nineteen (19), Block Two (2) of a Subd of Lots 11,12,13,15 & PT “D-E”, Willow Glen Plant, Bearing the municipal address of: 3826 Southland Street, Alexandria, Misc-7165, to Thurla Dancy, for the consideration of \$2,666.66 cash.
(Finance 12/01)

8. Motion to halt the process to sell the Abandoned/Adjudicated property listed below. The potential purchaser made the decision to stop the purchase due to vandalism. The property was publicly auctioned on October 6, 2025.

Tax Debtor	Description
Louisiana Tax 1, Inc.	Part of Lots 8,9 & 10, Square 22 West Alexandria Addition fronting 71’ on 16 th Street x 110’ and Part of Lot 8, Square 22 West Alexandria Addition Fronting 39’ on 16 th Street x 121’

(Finance 12/01)

9. Motion to authorize the President to sign the engagement letter for Payne, Moore, and Herrington for the 2025 audit.
(Finance 12/01)

10. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 206 McConnell Drive, Pineville, 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 12/01)

11. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for various road improvements on Monk Road, cost not to exceed \$140,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 6A, District H.
(Public Works 12/01)

12. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 249 McConnell Drive, Pineville, 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 12/01)

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13. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 217 McConnell Drive, Pineville, 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 12/01)

14. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 311 Brent Street, Pineville, 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 12/01)

15. Motion to accept Project No. 3321, Project No. 3322 and Project No. 3324 – District C Road Improvements – Act 776 Appropriation, PAE Job No. 13181, as “Substantially Complete” and final payment to be made upon satisfactory completion of punch list items and presentation of Clear Lien Certificate and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by Pan American Engineers, LLC.
(Public Works 12/01)

16. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 125 Williams Road, Pineville, 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 12/01)

17. Motion to receive proposals to conduct a comprehensive efficiency study of the Public Works Department and provide a report to the Jury when complete.
(Public Works 12/01)

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18. Motion to authorize the Cotile Events Association to host the following events at Cotile Recreation in 2026:
- February 7, 2026 – Mardi Gras Event
 - April 18, 2026 – Spring Fest
 - September 19, 2026 – Fall Fest
 - October 24, 2026 – Halloween Bash
 - December 5, 2026 – Christmas on the Lake

Authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, pending legal counsel approval.

(Tourism & Economic Planning 12/01)

19. Motion to approve Emergency Declaration Change Order for unanticipated damages uncovered during Courthouse Repair, Joint Cleaning, and Sealing Bid No. 3455 in the amount of \$41,520.00 and ratify same and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Facilities 12/01)

20. Motion to authorize the renewal of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2026 with PGRMA/CCMSI for \$183,134.00 and authorize the President to sign the same.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)

21. Motion to authorize to renew the Worker's Compensation Policy for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 for Policy Period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Treasurer.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)

22. Motion to approve a professional services contract with SSA Consultants to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rapides Parish Civil Service employee's compensation plan and classifications and authorize the President to sign the contact, subject to approval of legal counsel.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)

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23. Motion to approve the name change of the part-time maintenance position to part-time firefighter and update the job duties accordingly for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, starting hourly pay is \$10.50 per hour, not to exceed 32 hours per week, as recommended by the Fire Chief and approved by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors on November 9, 2025.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)
24. Motion to opt out of the statewide solar sighting requirements under Act 279 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, as recommended by Rapides Area Planning Commission.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)
25. Motion to receive the required report from **PAFFORD EMS** under the Contract for October 2025 as reviewed by the Rapides Parish Ambulance Control Board:

Response Zone	# of Responses	Average Response Time	Contract % Goal	Compliance
<u>Zone 1 (Alexandria/Pineville)</u> • 8 Minute Zone Life Threatening 8:00 minutes 8:01-8:59 10 minutes 10:10 minutes Non-Life Threatening	773 64 60 108 268	6:01 minutes 7:06 minutes	90%	76.92% 83.28% 89.25% 90%
<u>Zone 2 (Outside Urban Area)</u> • 12 Minutes or Less Life Threatening 12:00 minutes 12:01-12:59 14 minutes 13:48 minutes Non-Life Threatening	239 17 5 28 81	8:31 minutes 11:11 minutes	90%	82.70% 88.58% 90.31% 90%
<u>Zone 3 (Rural Areas)</u> • 20 Minutes Less Life Threatening 20:00 minutes 20:01 – 20:59 22 minutes 23:25 minutes Non-Life Threatening	160 6 5 26 60	13:31 minutes 15:42 minutes	90%	81.22% 84.26% 86.80% 90%
<u>Emergency Hospital</u> 30:00 minutes 31 minutes 32 minutes 41:38 minutes	41 0 0 9	20:51 minutes 	90%	82.00% 82.00% 82.00% 90%
<u>Non-Emergency</u> 90:00 minutes	1025	16:16	90%	100%
TOTAL	2,975			

Contract Exceptions Taken – 0 – Reasons Stated (For Transparency) = 0.00% of Response Calls Total (2,975)

(not included in the Response time calculations above)
(Ambulance, Fire, Health & Homeland 12/01)

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26. Motion to adopt a resolution on carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) in Rapides Parish and authorize the Parish President to form a Taskforce comprised of seventeen (17) members to engage in a transparent and thorough research exercise for the next ninety (90) days to provide the citizens of Rapides Parish a valid and unbiased report on any safety concerns or risks of the Beaver Lake Project and hold a public hearing to receive the results of the requested GEC independent geological study.
(Personnel, Elections, Insurance & Legal 12/01)

**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**

27. Motion to adopt a resolution wherein Rapides Parish does: (1) oppose the utilization of Eminent Domain/Expropriation of property related to the carbon capture operations within Rapides Parish; (2) fully supports State legislation being filed to allow Parish wide local option elections for the citizens, including Rapides Parish, to render a decision on carbon capture operations within Rapides Parish.
(Mr. Smith)
28. Motion to adopt a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Fire Protection District No. 19 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (iv) Road District No. 2C of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal and continuation of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
(Mr. Smith)
29. Motion to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections 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, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.
(Mr. Bordelon)

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30. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 to secure financing for a term of five (5) years, as recommended by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and Fire Chief and authorize President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Moreau)
31. Motion to receive the recommendation from the Selection Committee for Engineering Services and award RFQ# - 3477 – Engineering Services for Cloverdale Drainage Improvement Project.
(Mr. Scott)
32. Motion to declare Friday, December 26, 2025, as a parish holiday, in accordance with Proclamation 71 JML 2025, issued by Governor Jeff Landry on November 4, 2025 and ask Rapides Parish Civil Service to concur.
(Mr. Smith)
33. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing an airfield lighting rehabilitation site assessment and preliminary engineering report for Esler Regional Airport, anticipated cost for the project not to exceed \$40,000.00. Project to be funded 100% by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents.
(Mr. Moreau)
34. Motion to delete the from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview VFD Asset/Inventory Listing the following equipment and place for auction as requested by the Fire Chief and approved by the Plainview VFD Board of Directors:
- | Asset No. | Description | Method of Disposal |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 10859 | 2008 Ford F-250 | Auction |
- (Mr. Giles)
35. Motion to adopt a resolution in support of S.356-Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2025 and authorization the President to send a letter to Congressional and Local Delegation asking for their support for Rapides Parish.
(Mr. Smith)

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36. Motion to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 7018 Isabella 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.
(Mr. McGlothlin)

**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.