

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 13, 2026

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, April 13, 2026, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Craig Smith, President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Randy Wiggins, Randy Harris, Danny Bordelon, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, Parrish Giles and Jay Scott.

Absent: None.

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Mr. Ryan Elkins; Ms. Linda Sanders; Chief Jody Glorioso; Ms. Angie Branton; Chief David Corley; Chief April Ward; Chief Roger Ramos; Judge Beard; Mr. Rick Ducote; Ms. Sarah Vidrine; Ms. Debra Wess; Ms. Devon Davis; Mayor David Butler; Mr. Rhett Desselle; Mr. Caleb Pope; Mr. Matt Johns; Ms. Celise Reece-Harper; Mr. Mike Prejean, LWCC Representative; Ms. Jessica Trichel and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Randy Harris

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.

Mr. Danny Bordelon, Mr. Craig Smith and Mr. Randy Harris presented certificates to the Holy Savior Menard Girls Basketball Team for District 5 - 2A Championship and winning Division III Select State Runner-up.

Ms. Celise Reece-Harper gave a quarterly update on the Rapides Parish Library.

Mr. Mike Prejean presented the Rapides Parish Fire Districts a trophy for their nomination and winning the LWCC 2025 Safest 70 Award.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 9, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on March 2, 2026. The report contained budget to actual revenue and expenses for all funds and status of audit findings and an update on the FY 2024 audit report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to amend motion

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of December 8, 2025 to correct the asset number from Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview VFD Asset/Inventory Listing, ~~10859~~ to 10359 – 2008 Ford F-250. Equipment to be placed for auction as requested by the Fire Chief and approved by the Plainview VFD Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to approve the purchase of a 50KW Generator for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 18, to be installed at Station No. 3, Hwy 112, Lecompte, Louisiana, as recommended by the Fire Chief and approved by the Fire District Board of Directors on March 20, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to delete from the Rapides Parish Police Jury Finance Asset/Inventory program the equipment listed below as it no longer suitable for public use:

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
12065	Folding Machine	Auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

Sale of Adjudicated Property
ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
TO SELL TO: STEVEN WILLIAMS
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1,986.15 CASH

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and/or the City of Pineville and/or Parish of Rapides owns property described as follows:

A CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON LOCATED, AND ALL RIGHTS, WAYS AND PRIVILEGES THEREUNTO BELONGING, BEING, LYING AND SITUATED IN ALEXANDRIA, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Tisonville Subdivision of Lot Fifteen (15) of Leland College Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 215 of the records of Rapides Parish, Louisiana

LESS & EXCEPT: Part expropriated in Suit #155,362 State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation & Development Vs. Ruby Lee Hammond, dated June 30, 1989, filed and recorded July 7, 1989, Conveyance Book 1267, Page 490 of the records of Rapides Parish, Louisiana (Receipt in Conveyance Book 1267, Page 492)

Bearing the municipal address of: 3744 Bethel Street, Alexandria, LA, 71302

said property having been adjudicated to either of aforementioned cities and/or the parish for unpaid property taxes; and

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WHEREAS, a request has been received from Steven Williams purchase said property for the consideration of **ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND 15/100 CENTS (\$1,986.15) Dollars** cash, at the time of sale, said consideration representing the total of the statutory impositions, governmental liens, and costs of sale or two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value of the property; and,

WHEREAS, this Jury is of the opinion that it would be in the public interest to convey the above-mentioned property to Steven Williams whose current mailing address is 3729 Bethel Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, for the offered consideration.

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

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON LOCATED, AND ALL RIGHTS, WAYS AND PRIVILEGES THEREUNTO BELONGING, BEING, LYING AND SITUATED IN ALEXANDRIA, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Rapides Parish, Louisiana, should be re-entered into the stream of commerce thereby serving the public interest.

Section 2. The acquiring person shall certify, in writing, to the Purchasing Department that he/she or his/her agent has searched for all names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgages, and any other person(s) who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who have filed a request for notice as indicated in those records and has so examined:

- the mortgage and conveyance records of Rapides Parish,
- the current telephone book,
- any other examination resources, including Internet search engines, if any, the records of the Louisiana Secretary of State and the Secretary of States set forth by the names of identified entities

Section 3. The acquiring person shall submit the required notifications (R.S. 47:2206 A and B) to the Civil Sheriff for his/her signature, and then notify those persons identified via regular mail, certified mail*, publication and/or service of process. *Copies of the “green and white receipts” should be maintained by the purchaser as indicia of compliance with the notice requirements.

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Section 4. The acquiring person shall send a written notice notifying any tax sale party whose interest the successful bidder or done intends to be terminated that the party has until the later of the following to redeem the property or otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation:

(a) Sixty days from the date of the notice provided in this Subsection, if five years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate (formerly “process verbal”), or six months after the date of the notice provided for in this Subsection, if five years have not elapsed since the filing of the tax sale certificate (formerly “process verbal”);

(b) The filing of the sale or donation transferring the property.

(c) The written notice required by this Section shall be that which is included in R.S.47:2206 A. (2).

Section 5. The acquiring person shall cause to be published in the official journal of this parish (currently the Town Talk) a notice that any tax sale party whose interest the successful bidder or done intends to be terminated has to redeem the property, until the later of:

(a) Sixty days, for property on which a tax sale certificate (formerly “process verbal”) was filed over five years previous of the first publication, or six months if the tax sale certificate (formerly “process verbal”) was filed less than five years before the first publication of the notice provided for this Subsection.

(b) The filing of the sale or donation transferring the property.

(c) The publication required by this Section shall be that which is included in R.S. 47:2206 B. (2).

Section 6. The acquiring person may file with the recorder of mortgages a copy of one of the notices that was sent to the tax debtor or the current owner. A transfer, mortgage, lien, privilege or other encumbrance filed after the filing of the notice shall not affect the property. The recorder of mortgages or recorder of conveyances shall cancel, erase, terminate, or release the acts upon the request of the acquiring person.

Section 7. At any time after the expiration of the sixty-day or six-month periods, as applicable, set forth in R.S. 47:2206 (A) and (B), the acquiring person, or his/her successors and assigns, may send to this body a written notice requesting that the sale/donation to him/her be authenticated. The President of the Jury shall authenticate the sale or donation within ten days from the date of the request or as soon thereafter as practical. However, the President shall not execute the Act of Cash Sale or Act of Donation until the District Attorney’s office has certified in writing to the President that purchaser or done has complied with the mandates of this Ordinance. The sale price shall be paid by cashier’s check or money order at the time of sale.

NOTE: The initial application fee of \$75.00 and any other costs incurred by the purchaser shall not be applied to the purchase price and shall not be refundable if the purchaser elects not to complete the process.

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NOTE: The City of Alexandria and/or the City of Pineville and/or the Parish of Rapides shall reserve all oil, gas and other mineral rights in and to the property to be conveyed but shall convey the surface rights of said property.

Section 8. The acquiring person shall be responsible for filing the sale or donation and payment of all filing fees.

Section 9. The only warranty owed by the political subdivision or the municipalities shall be a warranty against eviction resulting from a prior alienation by the political subdivision or the municipality.

(a) All sales and donations shall be without warranty, either expressed or implied, even as to return or reduction of the purchase price, including without limitation the warranty against exhibitory defects or vices and the warranty that the thing sold is reasonably fit for its ordinary purpose or the acquiring person's intended or particular purpose.

(b) These waivers or exclusions of warranties shall be self-operative regardless of whether the waivers or exclusions are contained in the act of sale or donation, and regardless of whether they are clear and unambiguous, and regardless of whether they are brought to the attention of the acquiring person. This provision supersedes the requirements of any other law.

(c) The writing constituting the sale shall be in the form as provided in R.S. 47:2207 B. and the writing constituting the donation shall be that which is included in R.S. 47:2207 C.

Section 10. The provisions of R.S. 41:1338 shall not apply to the property being sold or donated in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 11. A certified copy of the sale or donation shall be prima facie evidence of the regularity of all matters dealing with the sale or donation and the validity of the sale or donation.

Section 12. Contemporaneously with or subsequent to the filing of the sale or donation of adjudicated property, the acquiring person, his/her successors or assigns, shall file with the recorder of mortgages an affidavit indicating how the tax sale parties whose interest the acquiring person, his/her successors or assigns, intends to be terminated were identified, how the address of each tax sale property was obtained, how the written notice was sent, the results of sending the written notice, and the dates of publication.

(a) The affidavit may also contain a statement of the interest of which the purchaser or donee takes subject. The recorder of mortgages shall index the affidavit only under the names of the owner filing the affidavit and the tax debtor, as mortgagors.

(b) The affidavit described herein shall be sufficient if it follows the form articulated in R.S. 47:2208.

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(c) With respect to a sale, the filing of the affidavit provided herein shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit.

(d) With respect to a donation, the filing of the affidavit provided herein shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit.

(e) Upon filing of the affidavit, the recorder of mortgages or the recorder of conveyances shall be treated as canceled, terminated, released, or erased, all those liens, privileges, mortgages or other encumbrances canceled, terminated, released or erased under subsections (c) or (d) of this Section, only insofar as they affect the property.

(f) The owner filing the affidavit shall be liable to and indemnify the recorder of mortgages, the recorder of conveyances, and any other person relying on the cancellation, termination, release, or erasure by affidavit for any damages that they may suffer as a consequence of such reliance if the recorded affidavit contains materially false or incorrect statements that cause the recorder to incorrectly cancel, terminate, release or erase any interest listed in the affidavit. The recorder of mortgages and the recorder of conveyances shall not be liable for any damages resulting to any person or entity because of the cancellation, termination, release or erasure of any interest in compliance with this Section.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the purchase of office furniture from Louisiana State Contract No. 4400032301 to be used for the Police Jury Administrative Office at 711 Washington Street. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the leasing of three (3) 1-ton trucks, three (3) $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks, and four (4) $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks for the Rapides Parish Highway Department thru Enterprise Fleet Management and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents, as recommended by the Interim Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to delete from the Rapides Parish Police Jury Public Works Asset/Inventory program the equipment listed below as it no longer suitable for public use:

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
11141	2015 Ford F250 VIN No. 1FT7W2B62FEA58746	Auction
11143	2015 Ford F250 VIN No. 1FT7W2B64FEA58747	Auction
12403	2019 Dodge Ram 1500 VIN No. 1C6RR7KG2KS659423	Auction

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12404	2019 Dodge Ram 1500	Auction
	VIN No. 1C6RR7KG4KS659424	
12405	2019 Dodge Ram 1500	Auction
	VIN No. 1C6RR7KG6KS659425	
12407	2019 Dodge Ram 1500	Auction
	VIN No. 3C6JR6DG5KG583286	

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise for bids for various road improvements in Curtis Park Subdivision, Road District 10A, District A, project construction cost estimated to be \$462,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 10A, District A. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to approve a one (1) year contract with 4-K Farm & Trucking, LLC for transporting waste tires as per the Environmental Regulatory Code, Section 10523, Parts A-K, pages 141-142. The contract will automatically renew after a one (1) year period unless cancelled by either party thirty (30) days prior to end date of the contract. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise for bids for various road improvements for patch base failures and overlay on Downs Lane, Road District 36A, District E, project construction cost estimated to be \$639,430.00. Project to be funded by Road District 36A, District E. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive bids for off road diesel fuel and storage tanks for the Public Works Department. Storage tanks to be placed at Area 1 – Rapides Parish Public Works Main Office, Area 2 - Esler Field site and Area 3 – Glenmora work site. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the trade in of Asset No. 12730 – Dodge Ram 1500, VIN No. 1C6RR6ST6MS506828 and Asset No. 12732 – Dodge Ram 1500, VIN No. 1C6RR6ST4MS506830, leased by Public Works Department thru Enterprise Fleet Management. Gain of trade in to be applied toward balance of the Enterprise Fleet Lease for the Public Works Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the leasing of two (2) Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab trucks, for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department as replacements for trading in Asset No. 12730 – Dodge Ram 1500 & Asset No. 12732 – Dodge Ram 1500. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 7019 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins to authorize cleanup

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of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 5106 Benjamin 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for chip sealing on various roads in Road District 2B-1, District C, cost not to exceed \$240,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1, District C Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for chip sealing on various roads in Road District 2B-2, District C, cost not to exceed \$240,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-2, District C Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton the following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Pineland Equipment Group, LLC, the Contractor for the Waters Bayou Drainage Improvements project 2025 has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Pineland Equipment Group, LLC, the Contractor, for said work is hereby accepted as “Substantially Complete” with the understanding that the final retainage payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Acceptance of Contract Resolution by the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise to receive bids and award to the lowest bidder, for a survey of GPS coordinates at Cotile Lake to identify the correct boat lanes and installation of buoys, as recommended by the Cotile Lake Study Committee and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to extend the agreement with Richard's Bush-Hogging Services, to mow the levees at Cotile, Kincaid and Indian Creek, twice per year for a charge of \$10,528.00 per time, for a total of \$21,056.00, (same price as previous year) to begin as soon as possible, as per recommendation by the Interim Public Works Director and agreed upon by Vendor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to accept the one (1) year extension of the Youth Empowerment Services Grant in the amount \$100,000.00 and approve a program extension through the Rapides Foundation to continue operating until March 31, 2027 and authorize Ms. Sharon Neal, Executive Director and the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT CRAIG SMITH
TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS
AND DOCUMENTS WITH LADOTD
FOR THE ESLER REGIONAL AIRPORT
BY
THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury, as the governing body responsible for the operation and management of Esler Regional Airport, seeks to ensure the efficient execution of official agreements and documents necessary for airport operations, development, and funding; and

WHEREAS, such documents include, but are not limited to, applications, grant agreements, capital improvement plans, local funding matches, enrollment forms, and other related documents required for state programs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to designate a qualified individual to act on its behalf to execute such agreements and documents to facilitate timely and effective administration of airport-related activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Rapides Parish Police Jury:

1. Authorization: That Craig Smith is hereby authorized and empowered to act as the official representative of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to execute, on

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its behalf, all necessary agreements, supplemental agreements, project applications, sponsor certifications, local funding matches, enrollment and certification forms, and other related documents required for the operation, maintenance, and development of Esler Regional Airport.

2. Scope of Authority: The authority granted herein includes the ability to sign, submit, and certify the accuracy and completeness of all such documents, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local regulations.
3. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for one year or until revoked or modified by subsequent action of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.
4. Notification: The Rapides Parish Police Jury shall provide an original of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and Development – Office of Multimodal Commerce, as required, to confirm Craig Smith's authority to act on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

SECTION I

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION II

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, Bubba Moreau, Sean McGlothlin,
Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish
Giles, Ollie Overton and Craig Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the President to execute Beneficial Occupancy documents related to the Courthouse Restroom Renovation Project, construction by DSW Construction, for the third-floor restrooms (men and women) as recommended by the Project Engineer and approved by Fire Marshal. The one-year warranty will begin today upon approval of beneficial occupancy. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to proclaim the month of April 2026 as Rapides Parish Litter Awareness Month. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following Proclamation was unanimously adopted:

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PROCLAMATION
National 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Week
April 12-18, 2026

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

WHEREAS, the ENHANCE 9-1-1 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-494) established enhanced 9-1-1 as a high national priority as part of our Nation's homeland security and public safety; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages use 9-1-1, and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and individuals with speech disabilities increasingly communicate with nontraditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and anticipate that these services will be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1, resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President of Rapides Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2026 as National 9-1-1 Education Month. I call upon all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, businesses, leaders, non-profit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this month with training, events, and activities to educate the public on 9-1-1 and its services.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans by delivering essential and necessary services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

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WHEREAS, counties foster economic opportunities, provide health services, administer justice and keep communities safe and much more; and

WHEREAS, Rapides Parish takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in cost-effective and efficient ways; and

WHEREAS, under National Association of Counties, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties Matter” especially during this challenging era of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise awareness of county responsibilities, services and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April as “National County Government Month” in Rapides Parish;

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton following Proclamation was unanimously adopted:

National Library Week 2026
Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities, and our Rapides Parish Library is the heart of our community

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community;

WHEREAS, today’s libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources;

WHEREAS, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops;

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all;

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; from producing PPE for healthcare personnel to promoting literacy to our youth, in dire circumstances, the Rapides Parish Library, in particular, has been attentive to the needs of its community.

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, our Library is expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons;

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WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Craig Smith, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026. During National Library Week, I encourage all residents to visit their library online or at their local facilities to access resources and services. Because of our library, opportunities and resources are available for all.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans-individually and collectively-to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exist; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the Parish of Rapides.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 13th of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris, the following Proclamation was presented and unanimously adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income person; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water, and street improvements projects, economic development projects, and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-10, 2026 has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Smith, President, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-10, 2026, as Community Development Week in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 13th of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize the Sales Tax Administrator to request Rapides Parish Civil Service to advertise for the IS Coordinator position at the Sales Tax Office, to allow the current employee to properly train a new hire, prior to the current employee’s retirement in December 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive proposals for drug screening services for Parish employees, as per the adopted Substance Abuse Policy. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to receive the required report from **PAFFORD EMS** under the Contract for February 2026 as reviewed by the Rapides Parish Ambulance Control Board:

Response Zone	# of Resp's	Average Resp Time	Contract % Goal	No Exceptions	With Contract Exceptions	With Acadian Exceptions
<u>Zone 1 (Alexandria/Pineville)</u>						
• 8 Minute Zone						
Life Threatening 8:00 min	726	5:49 min	90%	81.57%	83.71%	98.88%
8:01-8:59	46			86.74%	87.87%	99.21%
10 min	46			91.91%	92.58%	99.55%
9:29 min	72			90%		
Non-Life Threatening	270	7:09 min				
<u>Zone 2 (Outside Urban Area)</u>						
• 12 Minutes or Less						
Life Threatening 12:00 min	217	8:27 min	90%	84.44%	86.77%	99.22%
12:01-12:59	8			87.55%	89.88%	99.22%
14 min	8			90.66%	92.22%	99.22%

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13:41 min Non-Life Threatening	24 77	8:37 min		90%		
Zone 3 (Rural Areas)						
• 20 Minutes Less						
Life Threatening 20:00 min	145	12:53 min	90%	90.06%	90.68%	98.76%
20:01–20:59	6			93.79%	93.79%	99.38%
22 min	1			94.41%	94.41%	99.38%
20:00 min	9			90%		
Non-Life Threatening	47	14:50 min				
<u>Emergency</u> Hospital 30:00 min	30	15:56	90%	81.08%	81.08%	100%
31 min	0			81.08%	81.08%	100%
33 min	2			86.49%	86.49%	100%
36:03 min	5			90%		
<u>Non-Emergency</u> 90:00 min	1,115	15:23	90%	98.82%	98.82%	100%
TOTAL	2,854					

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott to approve the implementation of a volunteer pay per call for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7, per the policy approved and adopted by the Ruby Kolin Volunteer Board of Directors on March 20, 2026 and recommended by the Fire Chief. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins the following item(s) were placed on the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and are now being added in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Randy Wiggins, Bubba Moreau, Sean McGlothlin, Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott, Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Ollie Overton and Craig Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to delete from the Rapides Parish Police Jury Asset/Inventory program the equipment listed below as it no longer suitable for public use:

Rapides Parish Fire District #8

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
10714	Mobile Radio SN# 5377H1510C96169	Scrap

Rapides Parish Fire District #6

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
8145	1986 International Tanker	Auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive bids for a 2024 F550 Mini Pumper for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 6, as requested by the Fire Chief and Deville Volunteer Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to approve the purchase of a Gator Tail boat from Loewer Powersports by Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8 to be used for rescue efforts on the lakes within Fire District No. 8 boundaries, cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, as recommended by the Fire Chief and approved by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors on April 2, 2026. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise for bids for widening of Town and Country Road, Road District 2C, District H, project construction cost estimated to be \$418,550.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2C, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise for bids for road improvements and overlay of West River Road, Road District 6A, District H, project construction cost estimated to be \$912,010.00. Project to be funded by Road District 6A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris the following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Gilchrist Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor for the District H – Roadway Improvements 2025 – Echo-Cheneyville Road & River Road (RPPJ Project No. 3447 & 3485) project has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Gilchrist Construction Company, LLC, the Contractor, for said work is hereby accepted as “Substantially Complete” with the understanding that the final retainage payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Acceptance of Contract Resolution by the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

It is HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Danny Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve pay raises for part time employees at Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8 as approved by motion passed by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors on April 2, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins to grant 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 employees effective July 26, 2026, as recommended by Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris authorizing the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for clearing and grubbing needs for future parking lot expansion and improvements at Buckeye Recreation, cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, as recommended and approved by motion passed on April 6, 2026 by the Buckeye Recreation District Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for the construction and installation of batting cages at Buckeye Recreation, total project cost not to exceed \$240,000.00, as recommended and approved by motion passed on April 6, 2026 by the Buckeye Recreation District Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for the construction of a pickleball court at Buckeye Recreation, total project cost not to exceed \$245,000.00, as recommended and approved by motion passed on April 6, 2026 by the Buckeye Recreation District Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the installation of a culvert on Turkey Creek Road to improve roadside drainage, enhance road conditions and ensure safety within the town limits of Glenmora. Project to be funded from Town's portion of Road District 1A Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to approve various road improvements and overlay on 5th Avenue within the Town of Glenmora, project to be funded 50% by Road District 1A, District H and 50% by Road District 1A, town's portion. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve asphalt overlay on Britt Lane within the Village of McNary, as requested by the Mayor. Project to be funded by Road District 1A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau the following proclamation was unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of May 3-9, 2026, has been designated as Public Service Recognition Week, to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and Local Governments;

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WHEREAS, “Public Service Recognition Week” provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and honor the diverse men and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at all levels of government;

WHEREAS, millions of individuals work in government service, in every State, county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

WHEREAS, public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

WHEREAS, the ability of the Federal Government and State and local governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on outstanding performance of dedicated public servants;

WHEREAS, public servants have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas, and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants;

WHEREAS, amid the COVID–19 pandemic, federal workers continue to serve on the frontlines to keep our country running;

WHEREAS, the commitment and perseverance of public servants during the pandemic have allowed essential services to continue, mitigated the disruption to Americans’ daily lives, and played a critical role in protecting public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the week of May 3-9, 2026, marks the 42nd anniversary of “Public Service Recognition Week”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury supports the designation of “Public Service Recognition Week”;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of April, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to amend a certain motion passed on March 9, 2026 to correct the address from ~~1815~~ Georgia Drive to **1813** Georgia Drive. The inspection for condemnation proceeding was conducted on the correct address of 1813 Georgia Drive, Pineville, LA. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to receive report from the Engineer and set a public hearing for June 1, 2026, 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

Ricki Schneider
387 Dupree Street
Pineville, LA 71360

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 387 Dupree Street Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 21, 04N-01E, Ward 9,

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Discussion ensued. Mr. Rhett Desselle, Pan American Engineers presented the findings of their investigation and engineering recommend proceeding with the condemnation process due to structural failures, fire hazard and overall, structurally unsafe for the public.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Wiggins per recommendation of Pan American Engineers to proceed with the condemnation process and set a public hearing on June 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to receive report from the Engineer and set a public hearing for June 1, 2026, 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

Ray A Fain
1811 Georgia Lane
Pineville, LA 71360

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 1811 Georgia Lane Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 26, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

Discussion ensued. Mr. Rhett Desselle, Pan American Engineers presented the findings of their investigation and engineering recommend proceeding with the condemnation process due to structural failures, fire hazard and overall, structurally unsafe for the public.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris per recommendation of Pan American Engineers to proceed with the condemnation process and set a public hearing on June 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to receive report from the Engineer and set a public hearing for June 1, 2026, 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

Danny Gene Rogers &
Elizabeth Carolyn Sasser
Rogers Living Trust
1801 Georgia Lane
Pineville, LA 71360

**LOCATION, DESCRIPTION &
SERVICE REPORT**

Unsafe, unsanitary and dilapidated structure located at 1813 Georgia Lane Pineville, Louisiana 71360 Section 26, 05N-01W, Ward 10, Rapides Parish

Discussion ensued. Mr. Rhett Desselle, Pan American Engineers presented the findings of their investigation and engineering recommend proceeding with the condemnation process due to structural failures, fire hazard and overall, structurally unsafe for the public.

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton per recommendation of Pan American Engineers to proceed with the condemnation process and set a public hearing on June 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overly on Tiger Lake Road, cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2C, District H Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overly on Echo-Cheneyville Road, cost not to exceed \$40,000.00. Project to be funded by Road District 2C, District H Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve Act of Donation of immovable property for Pineville Library Branch, subject to approval by the Rapides Parish Library Board, and approval of documents by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury