

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11, 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, May 11, 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 Harris, Danny Bordelon, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, Parrish Giles and Jay Scott.

Absent: Randy Wiggins.

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Mr. Ryan Elkins; Ms. Betty Jo Bourgeois; Ms. Sharon Neal; Ms. Linda Sanders; Chief David Corley; Judge Beard; Ms. Sarah Vidrine; Ms. Debra Wess; Ms. Devon Davis; Mayor David Butler; Mr. Rhett Desselle; Mr. Caleb Pope; Ms. Melissa Gregory; Ms. Jessica Trichel and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ollie Overton.

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.

Mr. Ollie Overton recognized members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Ms. Mitzie LaSalle addressed those in attendance and stated they are looking forward to working with the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the community.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on April 13, 2026, Special Session on April 20, 2026, and Special Session on April 28, 2026 as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Rapides Parish Police Jury:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	4.04

Exempted Municipalities	2.02
Fire Protection District No. 3	22.57
Fire Protection District No. 4	15.34
Fire Protection District No. 5	41.66
Fire Protection District No. 6	20.02
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance A	26.04
Fire Protection District No. 7 Maintenance B	14.26
Fire Protection District No. 8	44.82
Fire Protection District No. 9	24.02
Fire Protection District No. 9, Bond	13.00
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance A	24.40
Fire Protection District No. 10 Maintenance B	29.11
Fire Protection District No. 11	37.77
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 1	53.72
Fire Protection District No. 11 Service Area No. 2	53.67
Fire Protection District No. 14	21.93
Fire Protection District No. 15	25.00
Fire Protection District No. 16	15.00
Fire Protection District No. 19	26.48
Road District 1A	25.03
Road District 1B	15.32
Road District 2B Sub-Road District No.2	15.00
Road District 2C	24.48
Road District 3A	32.07
Road District 6A Maintenance A	30.16
Road District 6A Maintenance B	63.07
Road District 7A	5.57
Road District 9B	10.98
Road District 10A	10.04
Road District 36	10.77
Renaissance (Juvenile Corr/Det)	2.06
Coliseum (Maint.)	1.00
Coliseum Bond (\$23M)	1.45
Health Unit	1.06
Library (Parish wide)	7.08
Buckeye Recreation District	6.09
Senior Citizens Services	1.06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Randy Wiggins

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to reappoint Ms. Gertrude Moore on the Central Louisiana Human Service District Board for a three (3) year term. Term will expire June 11, 2029. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to reappoint Ms. June Arrington on the Library Board, representing District A, for a five (5) year term. Term will expire July 9, 2031. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to reappoint Ms. Donna Rivers-Doyle on the Library Board, representing District H, for a five (5) year term. Term will expire July 9, 2031. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to appoint Mr. Rodney Hatch to the Buckeye Recreation District Board for a five (5) year term. Term will expire November 10, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to approve the Treasurer's report as presented in the Committee Meeting on May 4, 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 & FY 2025 audit report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to approve the Intent to Sell on the Abandoned/Adjudicated property listed below:

Tax Debtor

Arzard Izel, Est

Description

Part of Lot One (1) of Square Fifty (50) of the City of Alexandria, fronting 36 feet on 6th Street and being more fully described as per Conveyance Book 0839, Page 0581, records of the Rapides Parish Clerk of Courts office
Bearing the municipal address of: 1402 Sixth Street, Alexandria, LA 71301

Dewitt M. Luttrell et al

A strip 35' X 143.5' X 45.2' X 153.26' in SE 4, Sec 17, TSR2W
Bearing no municipal address in Glenmora, LA

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 bid for various asphalt overlay within the Town of Cheneyville, cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, to be paid from Road District 3A, District H Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to approve various road improvements and overlay on Pryor Street, not to exceed \$28,000, to be paid from Road District 9B, District D Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve various road improvements and overlay on Allen Drive and Roberts Court, not to exceed \$35,000, to be paid from Road District 10A, District B Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize Pan American Engineers to advertise and receive bids for Bid No. 3555 – Munson Road – Widening Only, estimated project cost is \$476,000.00, project to be funded by Road District 3A, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to initiate the condemnation process of the following properties and order the Parish Engineer of Record to inspect the property and provide a report to the Jury:

Property Location:
3406 Shreveport Highway
Pineville, LA 71360
Ward 10, District A

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles to ratify authorization and adopt a resolution to designate the Rapides Senior Citizens Center, Inc. to be the Contractor, to prepare a grant with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, State Project No. RU-18-40-27, for operational funding, to provide rural transportation services in rural parts of Rapides Parish and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Parrish Giles, 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 11th day of May, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize the Parish President to sign Amendment No. 2, for the 9th JDC Behavioral Health Court Grant, administered by the Louisiana Department of Health, Central Louisiana Human Services District (CLHSD), FY 2026, increase of \$61,845.44. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin the following resolution was presented and unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Southern Craftsman Construction, the Contractor for the Courthouse Jail Wall Covering and Roof Deck Repairs project has “Substantially Completed” the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Southern Craftsman Construction, 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 11th day of May, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve a 2% pay increase for two (2) full-time firefighters who do not meet the requirements for the state mandated annual 2% pay increase, effective July 26, 2026, as requested by the Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board and Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to approve the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 employees, effective July 26, 2026, to be paid out of Rapides Parish Fire District No. 2 funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire District No. 4 employees, effective July 26, 2026, to be paid out of Rapides Parish Fire District No. 4 funds, as requested by the Holiday Village Volunteer Board and Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to receive the required report from **PAFFORD EMS** under the Contract for March 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</u> (Alexandria/Pineville)						
• 8 Minute Zone	695	6:09 min	90%	77.65%	78.10%	94.30%
Life Threatening 8:00 min	58			84.13%	84.36%	96.42%
8:01-8:59	51			89.83%	89.94%	97.43%

10 min 10:03 min Non-Life Threatening	91 284	7:44 min		90%		
<u>Zone 2 (Outside Urban Area)</u> • 12 Minutes or Less Life Threatening 12:00 min 12:01-12:59 14 min 13:02 min Non-Life Threatening	241 18 10 20 103	8:31 min 9:47 min	90%	83.39% 89.62% 93.08% 90%	83.74% 89.62% 93.08%	94.81% 96.89% 97.92%
<u>Zone 3 (Rural Areas)</u> • 20 Minutes Less Life Threatening 20:00 min 20:01-20:59 22 min 21:23 min Non-Life Threatening	161 6 5 17 41	13:44 min 16:11 min	90%	85.19% 88.36% 91.01% 90%	85.19% 88.36% 91.01%	95.77% 97.35% 97.88%
<u>Emergency Hospital</u> 30:00 min 31 min 33 min 36:18 min	52 1 0 8	17:04	90%	85.25% 86.89% 86.89% 90%	85.25% 86.89% 86.89%	91.80% 93.44% 93.44%
<u>Non-Emergency</u> 90:00 min	1,252	17:17	90%	99.52%	99.52%	99.92%
TOTAL	3,114					

On vote the motion carried. Mr. McGlothlin voted nay.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to renew the Fire Service Agreement with the Flatwoods Volunteer Association, Inc., for a ten (10) year period, beginning June 1, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional ten (10) years and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the purchase of a Kubota Tractor and attachments from Louisiana State Contract No. 4400033930, for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 – Oakhill VFD, as recommended by the Fire Chief and motion passed by the Oakhill Volunteer Board of Directors on April 21, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive quotes and award to the lowest bidder for purchase of a trailer for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 – Oakhill VFD, as recommended by the Fire Chief and motion passed by the Oakhill Volunteer Board of Directors on April 21, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve an increase from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per call for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 – Oakhill VFD, as recommended by the Fire Chief and motion passed by the Oakhill Volunteer Board of Directors on April 21, 2026. 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 for the purchase of Amkus Battery Tools for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 – Oakhill VFD, as recommended by the Fire Chief and motion passed by the Oakhill Volunteer Board of Directors on April 21, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton 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: Bubba Moreau, Sean McGlothlin, Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott,
Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Ollie Overton and Craig Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Randy Wiggins

ABSTAINING: None

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 17, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 18 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 20 mills (the "Tax") (an estimated \$436,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning

with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, and including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Randy Wiggins

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Theresa Pacholik

Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Craig Smith

President

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the President to sign and approve the first optional extension of the One-Stop Operator Contract with Louisiana State at Alexandria (LSUA) for an additional one-year term from July 1, 2026, thru June 30, 2027. The contract will be funded through the WIOA grant funds. Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ollie Overton and seconded by Mr. Randy Harris:

RESOLUTION

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$930,000) of Limited Tax Bonds of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), authorizes political subdivisions to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to be realized from special taxes to be used only for the purposes for which the tax was voted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of

Louisiana (the "Issuer"), desires to incur debt and issue not exceeding Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$930,000) of Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of constructing and acquiring fire protection facilities, vehicles, and equipment necessary for the provision of fire protection in the Issuer, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, said Bonds to be payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of (i) a special ad valorem tax of 14.26 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) authorized at an election held on October 14, 2017, which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect each year through 2027 (together with any renewal or extension thereof, the "2017 Tax") and (ii) a special ad valorem tax of 26.04 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) authorized at an election held on April 30, 2022, which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect each year through 2034 (together with any renewal or extension thereof, the "2022 Tax" and, together with the 2017 Tax, the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding \$930,000 of Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purpose of (i) constructing and acquiring fire protection facilities, vehicles, and equipment necessary for the provision of fire protection in the Issuer, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, said Bonds to be secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of the Tax. The Bonds will be issued at an interest rate not exceeding 6% per annum and shall mature no later than March 1, 2035; provided, however, that if the renewal of the 2017 Tax is approved by voters on May 16, 2026, the Bonds shall mature no later than March 1, 2036. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission Approval. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer.

By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other

forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and payment for the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 4. Appointment of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby retains Argent Advisors, Inc., of Ruston, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The President and/or Secretary-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 5. Sale of Bonds. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to a purchaser, and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer are each hereby authorized to execute a Commitment Letter, in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor to the Issuer, provided the sale of the Bonds is within the parameters set forth in Section 1 hereof.

YEAS: Bubba Moreau, Sean McGlothlin, Danny Bordelon, Jay Scott,
Randy Harris, Parrish Giles, Ollie Overton and Craig Smith.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Randy Wiggins

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Theresa Pacholik
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Craig Smith
President

ENGAGEMENT LETTER

May 11, 2026

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury
Alexandria, State of Louisiana

Re: \$930,000 of Limited Tax Bonds of
Fire Protection District No. 7 of the
Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana

Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the role we will serve and the legal services we will provide as bond counsel to Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds will be issued for the purpose (the "Project") described in the resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, on May 11, 2026.

As bond counsel, we will prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all of the legal proceedings required for the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and provide advice of a traditional legal nature as to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Our job is principally to render certain opinions to the Issuer regarding (i) the validity of the Bonds under applicable Louisiana law, (ii) the exemption of interest paid on the bonds from federal and/or state taxes, and (iii) other matters as may be applicable. The bond opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering such opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to our firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws and other resolutions relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely upon the staff of the Issuer and the Governing Authority to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds.

In our engagement as bond counsel, we will:

- Confer with members of the working group, including you and other officials of the Issuer, relating to the Project and review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue;
- Prepare the Bond Resolution and all related financing documents (collectively, the "Bond Documents");
- As requested, attend meetings of the Governing Authority at which the Bond Documents are adopted;
- Prepare the application for approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission and attend the State

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Bond Commission meeting at which such approval will be considered;

- Prepare the closing index and various closing certificates, including the Tax Compliance Certificate, and supervise the execution of certain closing documents by the various parties thereto;
- Prepare and file Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, as required by Federal law;
- Prepare the Bonds and supervise their execution and authentication;
- Prepare complete transcripts of record covering the issuance of the Bonds and furnishing the transcripts to various parties in connection therewith; and
- Submit applicable post-closing reports to the State Bond Commission.

Our fee as bond counsel is based upon the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, the services provided, and the responsibilities assumed; however, our fee will not exceed that permitted by guidelines set forth by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and is subject to approval of the Attorney General. Our fee as bond counsel is a "contingent fee," meaning you are required to pay for our legal services only in the event the Bonds are actually sold and delivered. Other vendors or members of the working group may charge additional fees or costs for their services, which may not be contingent upon a successful delivery.

We will continue to serve as bond counsel until the delivery of the Bonds; however, the Issuer and our firm each have the right to terminate this engagement at any time after providing reasonable advanced written notice, subject to the applicable rules of professional responsibility. Upon conclusion or termination of our representation of the Issuer, papers and property furnished by the Issuer will be returned promptly upon request.

Please note that we are not municipal advisors, and we do not render financial advice or other financial services to the Issuer; however, in the course of providing traditional legal services, we may provide factual information to the Issuer that is not specifically tailored to the Bonds or that does not rise to the level of a recommendation concerning a course of action. We will, however, analyze and advise the Issuer regarding the legal ramifications of the structure, timing, terms and other provisions of the Bonds, as these functions are essential to developing a plan of finance.

On behalf of the Issuer, you have represented to us that in connection with the issuance of the Bonds the Issuer is represented by, and with respect to financial matters will rely on the advice of Argent Advisors, Inc., a registered municipal

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advisor under the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. By obtaining such representation from you, our firm is not a municipal advisor and is not subject to the fiduciary duty established in Section 15B(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Applicable ethical rules in Louisiana prohibit us from undertaking this representation if we represent another party that is directly adverse to the Issuer or if there is a significant risk that other considerations will materially limit our representation of the Issuer. As you are aware, our firm represents many political subdivisions, including others in Rapides Parish. At this time, we do not believe any other current or past engagement of our firm adversely affects our ability to represent the Issuer as provided in this letter; however, we invite you to discuss any concerns you have with us.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may (i) send documents, information or data electronically or via the Internet or (ii) store electronic documents or data via computer software applications hosted remotely or utilize cloud-based storage. Confidential electronic documents or data of the Issuer may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third party service providers to store or transmit these documents or data. In using these electronic communication and storage methods, we employ reasonable efforts to keep such communications, documents and data secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards; however, the Issuer recognizes and accepts that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications, documents or data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or by our third party service providers. By acceptance of this letter, the Issuer consents to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to or through third party service providers during this engagement.

FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.
BY:

BRENNAN K. BLACK, PARTNER

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 OF THE
PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NAME: CRAIG SMITH
TITLE: PRESIDENT

DATED: MAY 11, 2026

cc: Beck Hanes, Argent Advisors, Inc.

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On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the purchase of a security system to be installed at 711 Washington Street and the Public Meeting Room. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve entering into a three (3) year agreement with JUSTICE Systems, LLC for online credit card processing services for the Rapides Parish Sales Tax Office and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Danny Bordelon to authorize striping on Burma Road within the Town of Ball, estimated cost of project \$2,800.00, project to be funded by Road District 10A, District A maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau to authorize entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rapides Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 2 for removal of storm placed vegetative debris across Bayou Rapides and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents, pending approval from Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to approve the creation of five (5) part-time seasonal positions for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department to perform the duties of a reseal crew, hourly rate of pay between \$15.00 - \$20.00 depending on experience. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive bids for three (3) new dump trucks for the Rapides Parish Public Works Department and secure financing for a five (5) year term. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Randy Harris, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to permanently relocate the voting place for Precincts C11-A and C11-B from Julius Patrick Elementary/Head Start (1402 Reed Avenue, Alexandria, La. 71301) to Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Life Center (11 16th Street, Alexandria, LA 71301), due to the school being shut down and inhabitable because of mold and enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Life Center with the option to automatically renew for a like term of one (1) year at the same rental rate. A copy of this resolution to be sent to Louisiana Department of Elections and registrar of Voters. Discussion ensued. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to adopt a resolution to receive a donation of the sum of \$30,600.00 to be used solely and exclusively for the demolition of an existing structure located behind the Pineville Library Branch and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents relating to the sale of property at 5416 Provine Place to Caroline Dessens, lowest bidder. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Parrish Giles, seconded by Mr. Randy Harris to amend a certain motion that passed on April 13, 2026 to authorize the leasing of three (3) 1-ton trucks, ~~three (3) $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks~~, **to four (4) $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks** and ~~four (4) $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks~~ **three (3) $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury