

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

Posted April 6, 2023

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**APRIL 10, 2023**  
**3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

JURORS COMMENTS

Recognize and present plaques to the Northwood Gators Boys Basketball team for winning the 2022-2023 State Championship.

1. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 13, 2023, as published in the Official Journal.
2. Motion that approved bills be paid.
3. Motion to delete from the Rapides Parish Police Jury Administration Office the equipment listed below as it is no longer suitable for public use.

<b>Asset Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Disposal</b>
10259 (Finance 04/03)	Laser Printer	To be auctioned
4. Motion to award contract for the Base Bid to The Migues Deloach Company, LLC., the Low Bidder, in the amount of \$1,241,000.00, for the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, Rapides Parish Fire District No. 9, New Fire Station, contingent upon a contemporaneously negotiated deductive Change Order be executed between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and The Migues Deloach Company, LLC., to deduct certain work to within funds available, as recommended by the Engineer.  
(Finance 04/03)

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5. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.  
(Finance 04/03)
  
6. Motion to authorize the purchase of twenty-two (22) SCBA's and forty-four (44) cylinders in the amount of \$226,596.07 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure financing for a five (5) year term for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8, as recommended by the Fire Chief and Cotile VFD Board.  
(Finance 04/03)
  
7. Motion to allow Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 to apply for the 2023 Forestry Grant, not to exceed \$20,000.00, as requested by the department.  
(Finance 04/03)
  
8. Motion to accept the donation of two (2) shipping containers from CLEAN to be used at Cotile Recreation Park for storage of equipment.  
(Finance 04/03)
  
9. Motion to authorize site improvements to Cotile Recreation Park for the placement of the donated shipping containers. Cost not to exceed \$16,000.00.  
(Finance 04/03)
  
10. Motion to adopt an ordinance to establish 25 mph speed limit on Occupy No. 1 Road, Ward 6, District H, and authorize the Parish Highway Department to erect speed limit signs.  
(Public Works 04/03)
  
11. Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to receive price quotes and award to the lowest bidder for asphalt overlay to certain sections of four (4) roads: Brannon Road, Booner Miller Road, Varvarosky Road and Denny Road in Road District 2B – Subdistrict 2, due to failures over six (6) tankcar culvert cross drains. Cost not to exceed \$130,000.00.  
(Public Works 04/03)

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12. Motion to award an asphalt overlay project to the lowest bidder on the following roads: Hooper Road, Brannon Road, Newsome Road, Woodson Landing, Nation Road, Hickory Grove Road. Project to be funded by Road District 2B-1 and Road District 2B-2, District C. Cost not to exceed \$195,000.00.  
(Public Works 04/03)
13. Motion to ratify the acceptance of the grant award for the Rapides American Job Center Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S) Grant as part of the Rapides Foundation Reconnecting Cenla Program for \$300,000.00 over the next three (3) years and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Workforce & Grants 04/03)
14. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to solicit requests for qualifications from qualified consultants for engineering services at the Esler Regional Airport for the Esler Regional Airport Terminal Repairs.  
(Workforce & Grants 04/03)
15. Motion to authorize a written request to the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program to fund necessary improvements at the Cotile Recreation Park and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Tourism & Economic Planning 04/03)
16. Motion to authorize to participate in the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart National Opioid Settlement, Reference No. CL-386036 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 04/03)
17. Motion to declare an Emergency for the storage of Parish public records due to the deplorable conditions at the current storage building at 1546 Jackson Street, Alexandria, LA.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 04/03)
18. Motion to deposit the \$71,000.00 check received from Rick Reno with ASM Global, into the Rapides Parish Coliseum Operating Fund and allocate the funds to be reinvested for the daily operations of the facility.  
(Courthouse, Coliseum & Legal 04/03)

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19. Motion to proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week and Rapides Parish Library Week.  
(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 04/03)
  
20. Motion to adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of April 10-14, 2023, as National Community Development Week in Rapides Parish.  
(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 04/03)
  
21. Motion to proclaim the month of April 2023, as Fair Housing Month in Rapides Parish.  
(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 04/03)
  
22. Motion to proclaim the month of April 2023, as National County Government Month in Rapides Parish.  
(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 04/03)
  
23. Motion to renew the lease for the Johnson Branch (Lecompte) Library with the LHS Corporation for a one (1) year period, beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024, as recommended by the Library Board of Control and authorize the President to sign same.  
(Parochial Board & Municipal Liaison 04/03)
  
24. Motion to rescind the motion passed on October 10, 2022, for the addition of one (1) permanent Maintenance Technician position for Rapides Parish Police Jury Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Department under the Rapides Parish Civil Service.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 04/03)
  
25. Motion to create one (1) permanent Painter position for Rapides Parish Police Jury Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Department under the Rapides Parish Civil Service, pending Civil Service approval.  
(Personnel, Elections & Health 04/03)

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26. Motion to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February, 2023:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	383	80%	85.64%
Pineville - 8 minute	130	80%	83.85%
Rapides - 12 minute	164	80%	88.41%
Rapides - 20 minute	145	80%	82.76%

((Insurance, Ambulance, Fire & Homeland Security 04/03))

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

- \*\*\*Henry Blake on the Rapides Housing Authority Board for a six (6) year term. Term expired October 9, 2022. (From September agenda)
- \*\*\*Henry Corley on the Fire Protection District No. 12 Board for a two (2) year term. Term expired January 14, 2023. (From February agenda)
- \*\*\*Robert Wooley on the Sewerage District No. 1 Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire May 10, 2023. (From March agenda)
- \*\*\*Samuel Stokes on the Fire Protection District No. 17 Board for a two (2) year term. Term expired January 1, 2023.
- \*\*\*Richard Bardwell on the Ward 10 Recreation Board for a five (5) year term. Term expired December 12, 2022.

**ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE JURY BUT WERE POSTED ON THE AGENDA AFTER THE COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW AND ARE NOW CONFIRMED AS HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PUBLISHED AGENDA BY 2/3RD VOTE**

27. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Fire Protection District Number 9 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (ii) Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, (iii) Road District Number 7A of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, (iv) Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana and (v) Road District Number 36 of Rapides Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein.  
(Mr. Bishop)

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28. Motion to create the temporary position of Service Navigator for the Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) Grant and authorize advertisement and hiring of one (1) full-time position and one (1) part-time position at an hourly rate of \$21.22 per hour. Funding for the positions will be paid 100% from the Y.E.S. grant and employable for the duration of the grant (April 3, 2023 – April 3, 2026).  
(Mr. Scott)
  
29. Motion to approve the creation of a salaried Fire Chief position for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 10 – Plainview, effective April 1, 2023 with an annual salary of \$9,000.00 as recommended by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.  
(Mr. Johnson)
  
30. Motion to temporarily designate the Highway Superintendent as the point of contact for the Rapides Parish Highway Department.  
(Mr. Bishop)
  
31. Motion to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 15 to purchase 4.992 acres located on Hwy 1, Lena, Louisiana as recommended by the Taylor Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board and authorize the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. Purchase price not to exceed \$5,500.00 per acre.  
(Mr. Wilder)

**ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE JURY AND WERE NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA  
BUT ARE NOW ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

ADJOURNMENT

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