

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 12, 2023

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, June 12, 2023, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President, Sean McGlothlin, Vice President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., David Johnson and Jay Scott.

Absent: Theodore Fontaine, III

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Mr. Shane Trapp, Building Superintendent; Ms. Angie Branton, 911 & OEP Director; Ms. Sharon Neal, OEWD/WOD Director; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Mr. Phillip Terrell, 9th JDC District Attorney and Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ollie Overton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. David Johnson.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Joe Bishop, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any public comments on any agenda items, to which there was no response.

President Joe Bishop asked if there were any juror comments, to which Mr. Jay Scott thanked everyone for his birthday wishes.

President Joe Bishop presented Ms. Donna Andries with a plaque thanking her for her years of dedicated service to Rapides Parish as Sales Tax Administrator and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement in July 2023.

Mr. Craig Smith presented plaques to the Buckeye Softball Team for winning the 2023 State Softball Championship for Division II Select.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on May 8, 2023, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Michael Grant on the Central Louisiana Port Authority Board for a four (4) year term. Term will expire on July 20, 2027. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Michael Shuler on Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board, employee elected position, for a three (3) year term. Term will expire on July 29, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Michael Nugent on the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a five (5) year term. Term will expire on July 8, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Kenneth Wilson on the Waterworks District 11A for a five (5) year term. Term will expire on July 13, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 17 Asset/Inventory Program the below listed equipment as it was damaged by power surge. This equipment is still under warranty and will be replaced at no cost to the Fire District.

<u>Asset No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
13027	Kohler Generator SN# 339TGVJR0159	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 Asset/Inventory Program the below listed as it is not repairable and is considered scrap as requested by the Department Chief.

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10947	EF Johnson VP600 Model II Radio SN# 51700130502112	Scrap to be used for parts

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to accept the Public Works Directors annual review of the Rapides Parish Police Jury Stormwater Ordinance, as required by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and LDEQ Permit. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to grant a new overhead primary electric line right-of-way to CLECO Power, LLC, for an electrical service line for the maintenance shop at Cotile Recreation Park and authorize the President to sign necessary paperwork. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to reject all bids received for the Hoyt Road Asphalt Roadway Improvements on May 25, 2023, due to errors discovered in the bidding process, and to authorize Pan American Engineers, LLC to re-advertise and receive bids for the project, as recommended by Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to grant fifty (50') feet of servitude of passage to Robert C. Slay for property located off of Lee Bridge Road and authorize the President to sign any necessary paperwork. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth for repair work to Clubhouse Drive, to be paid out of Road District 1B, District E Maintenance Funds, cost not to exceed \$6,100.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize the President to sign an amendment to the Ninth JDC Behavioral Health Court (BHC) Grant for additional funding through MHBG COVID Supplement for FY 24. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Craig Smith, to grant approval of Lone Pines Subdivision, located at Highway 28 West and Miller Road, Gardner, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to approve the revocation of a part of right-of-ways and alleys in Neal Heights Subdivision located at Hot Wells Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and Pan American Engineers and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to name "The Town Talk" as the Official Journal for a one (1) year period ending June 30, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Esler Regional Airport has received grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for improvements to their terminal for which there is no required local matching of funds; and

AND WHEREAS, the Airport and Rapides Parish Police Jury publicly advertised and solicited qualifications for professional design services for this project titled: Esler Regional Airport Terminal Repairs; and

AND WHEREAS, the selection committee has reviewed the submitted qualifications and has selected an engineering firm based upon the criteria stated in the request for qualifications; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, does hereby authorize, mandate and direct the President to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. to provide planning, engineering and related services for the Esler Regional Airport Terminal Repairs project as subject to review by the Federal Aviation Administration.

This Resolution being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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YEAS: Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Jay Scott, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.
NAYS: none
ABSTAINED: none
ABSENT: Theodore Fontaine, III

And the Resolution is declared adopted on this the 12th day of June, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Revised Statute Title 33 Section 1411 of the State of Louisiana requires all parish governing authorities to determine whether there exists substantial variation in the representation of the election districts within six months after the official release of every decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, the present apportionment plan of the Parish has been examined as a committee as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has determined its existing apportionment is not equitable and, in accordance with the law, a new apportionment plan must be drawn, which plan shall be effective at the end of the term of the incumbent Police Jurors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY:

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Rapides Parish is hereby redistricted into nine (9) Police Jury Districts, whose boundaries are described as follows, to be composed of the following precincts of Rapides Parish:

- (1) **District A.** Precincts N6, N14A, N15, N16, N17, N18A, N18B, N19(A—K), N19(L—Z), N20(A—K), N20(L—Z), N21.
- (2) **District B.** Precincts N1, N2, ~~N4~~, N5, N7, N8(A—K), N8(L—Z), N9, N10(A—K), N10(L—Z), N11, N13A, N13B, N14B, N29.
- (3) **District C.** Precincts N12, ~~N13A, N14B~~, N22, N23, N24(A—K), N24(L—Z), N25, N26(A—K), N26(L—Z), N27, N28.
- (4) **District D.** Precincts N3, N4, C1, C2, C3, C4(A—K), C4(L—Z), C7, C10, C11B, C15, C18.
- (5) **District E.** Precincts C22, C23, C37A, C37B, C38A, S1, S2, S4, S5, S6A, S7, S8, S9, S11, S14.
- (6) **District F.** Precincts C5, C6, C8, C9, C20, C21(A—K), C21(L—Z), C24, C25, S15, S20.
- (7) **District G.** Precincts C26, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34, C35, C36(A—K), C36(L—Z), C41, C42.

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- (8) **District H.** Precincts S10(A—K), S10(L—Z), S13, S16, S17, S18, S19, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28, S29.
- (9) **District I.** Precincts C11A, C13(A—K), C13(L—Z), C14, C17, C19, C27, C28, C38B, C39, C40, S6B.

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All of the above-described districts are particularly shown on the map of Rapides Parish, which is marked "Exhibit A" and paraphed "Ne Varietur" as identification with this resolution.

SECTION 2. The Rapides Parish Police Jury shall be composed of nine (9) members with one (1) member being elected from each of the above described districts.

SECTION 3. This redistricting and reapportionment shall not affect existing tax or bonding districts, which tax and bond districts shall remain in full force and effect as otherwise provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the ordinances of the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted on the 12th day of June, 2023, are hereby amended and re-enacted.

SECTION 4. This reapportionment of the Rapides Parish Police Jury shall be effective at the end of the term of the incumbent Police Jurors.

SECTION 5. A certified copy of this ordinance for a reapportionment plan shall be sent to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Registrar of Voters in accordance with LARS 18:532.1.D(2)(c).

This Ordinance, having been presented, and having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin, Joe Bishop, David Johnson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Theodore Fountaine, III

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 12th day of June, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to add Friday, June 16, 2023, to the 2023 Holiday Schedule in observance of Juneteenth and recommend Rapides Parish Civil Service to concur and conduct a survey of the employees to add Juneteenth to the Holiday Schedule in place of All Saints Day for future years. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to add Friday, June 16, 2023 to the 2023 Holiday Schedule in observance of Juneteenth and recommend Rapides Parish Civil Service to concur. The observance of Juneteenth for future years will be discussed in December 2023. On vote the amended motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for April, 2023:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	424	80%	86.32%
Pineville - 8 minute	120	80%	81.67%
Rapides - 12 minute	161	80%	86.96%
Rapides - 20 minute	197	80%	84.26%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, that 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: Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Craig Smith, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson, Jay Scott, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Sean McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Theodore Fontaine, III

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize roadwork under the Master Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pineville for striping and reflectors on Stilley Road, to be paid out of Road District 9B, District B funds and fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the project to be reimbursed by the City of Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to execute an Engineering Agreement with Pan American Engineers, LLC. to develop bidding documents for District A – District Wide Asphalt Roadway Improvements and authorize Pan American Engineers, LLC. to advertise and receive bids for the same. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,330,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 0 Henry Avenue, 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. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Jay Scott, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to delay the authorization of cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 0 Henry Avenue, Alexandria, LA and place a motion on the July 10, 2023 Jury Meeting to authorize the cleanup of garbage, trash, weeds and debris at 0 Henry Avenue, 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.

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On motion by Mr. Craig Smith, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to award contract for the Base Bid to Tudor Inc., the Low Bidder, in the amount of \$887,000.00, for the Rapides Parish Fire District No.6-Deville Volunteer Fire Department Living Quarters contingent upon a contemporaneously negotiated deductive Change Order be executed between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Tudor Inc., to deduct certain work to within funds available, as recommended by the Engineer and authorize the Parish President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5 to submit a grant application to the USDA for the construction of a new station, as requested by Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors and Chief and authorize the President to sign necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, to authorize to contract with Fontenot and Associates (Engineering Firm) to start the design phase of a new station for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5, as requested by the Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize purchase of security cameras to be placed in the Courthouse & Jail, State Contract No. 4400022170, not to exceed \$80,000.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to grant approval to Eagle Ridge Subdivision, located off of Belgard Bend Road (Boyce), as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and approved by the Parish Engineer and Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to approve stipend to volunteer firefighters for expenses incurred performing firefighting duties and training classes attended for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 – Flatwoods VFD, as recommended by the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to discuss sending thank you letters to all State of Louisiana Senators and Representatives for their support of HB-533. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McGlothlin stated he placed this motion on the agenda because he felt it was important that the Police Jury show their appreciation to the Senators and Representatives that voted yes for HB-533. Some of the legislators faced strong opposition from constituents and other legislators but they still voted in favor of this bill. Mr. Bishop stated it took all nine (9) of the jurors reaching out to the Representatives and Senators and the office sending letters from us to get this bill passed and the passage of this bill now gives Rapides Parish three (3) representatives to serve on the RRABB board, instead of one (1) representative. Honorable Terrell commented the Police Jury made a huge effort to get this bill passed and Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Representative Mike Johnson and Senator Luneau were instrumental in accomplishing the task. He believes this is truly a milestone for Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

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There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jay Scott, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Theresa Pachoik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury