

April 21, 2021

On Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Public Comments
8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held March 17, 2021
9. Planning Commission
10. The Coordinating & Development Corporation
11. Mr. Brett Mears – Discuss the Intersection of Paige Lee Lane and Highway 191
12. Lindsey Turnage - Discuss Colonial Life Insurance Supplemental Insurance for Employees
13. Gloria Stewart – Lease of Property Located at Pleasant Hill
14. Consider Entering Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ebarb Waterworks District
15. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Not Exceeding \$2,855,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana
16. Review and Award Bids for Purchase of Culverts
17. Consider Adopting a Resolution Ordering and Calling Special Elections to be Held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein; Making Application to the State Bond Commission and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith.
18. Review and Award Bid for Purchase of Stationary Compactor and Standard Duty Octagon Receiver Container
- 18a. Consider the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Road Districts
- 18b. Discuss the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Parish Transportation Act Account
- 18c. Discuss Amendments to Ordinance 1 of 2018 and Ordinance 2 of 2018
19. Discuss Highway 6 Speed Limit
20. Discuss Asphalt Zipper
21. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List to Asphalt Rocky Mount, Holly Grove, and Geoghagan Roads
22. Consider Amending the Annual Budget to Provide Additional Gravel and Rock Funds for Certain Road Districts
23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$250,000)
25. Committee Reports
26. Operations
27. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Mike McCormic called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: Mike McCormic, William E. Ruffin, Melissa Brown, “Jeff” Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenneth M. Ebarb, and “Randy” Byrd.

The following juror arrived late: “Bo” Stewart.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Eric Garcie.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to the vote to add items to the agenda. There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 8770

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Davidson to amend the agenda to include the following items:

- Item 18a - Consider the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Road Districts
- Item 18b - Discuss the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Parish Transportation Act Account
- Item 18c - Discuss Amendments to Ordinance 1 of 2018 and Ordinance 2 of 2018

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

Yeas: 8 - McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Stewart

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8771

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Ruffin to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 8 - McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Stewart

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Mike McCormic, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. McCormic advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. “Bo” Stewart joined the meeting at this time.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held March 17, 2021

All police jurors have previously been provided a written copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 17, 2021.

Resolution No. 8772

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Davidson to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held March 17, 2021.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

9. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was in attendance.

10. The Coordinating & Development Corporation

Mr. Jack Skaggs and Mr. Austin Vaughn presented a brief history of The Coordinating & Development Corporation (the CDC) to the Police Jury. It is designed to assist governmental entities in dealing with Federal and state agencies, especially with grants.

Currently the CDC is working to get Sabine Parish included in the Delta Regional Authority. The CDC also represents the Police Jury with the Economic Development Administration and works closely with the Sabine Parish Police Jury to obtain Louisiana Community Development Block Grants that provide funds for road improvements within the Parish.

The CDC administers the Work Force Development Program for the Parish which assists unemployed persons obtain training for various jobs.

President McCormic noted that the Police Jury desires to have more input selecting the parish roads to be included in future Louisiana Community Development Block Grant applications. Mr. Vaughn assured the Jury that the engineers will work closely with them to include qualifying roads that the Police Jury selects in future grant applications.

11. Mr. Brett Mears – Discuss the Intersection of Paige Lee Lane and Highway 191

No action was taken on this item.

12. Lindsey Turnage - Discuss Colonial Life Insurance Supplemental Insurance for Employees

Ms. Lindsey Turnage gave a presentation to the Jury describing the benefits available to employees through Colonial Life Insurance supplemental insurance plans. These plans would be supplemental to the health and dental plans provided by the Jury and the cost of participation in these supplemental plans would be the sole responsibility of the employee.

Ms. Turnage discussed the advantages offered by the Colonial Life Insurance supplemental insurance plans.

Resolution No. 8773

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Davidson to approve presentation of Colonial Life Insurance supplemental insurance plans to police jury employees.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13. Gloria Stewart – Lease of Property Located at Pleasant Hill

Ms. Gloria Stewart, mayor pro tempore of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, requested the Police Jury to rent property owned by the Sabine Parish Police Jury located at 2258 Main Street, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana to the Village.

Mr. Sepulvado recommended leasing the property to the Village for a period of ten (10) years and President McCormic suggested that the lease be for one dollar per year with the Village carrying liability insurance coverage on the property.

Resolution No. 8774

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Davidson to authorize the president of the Police Jury to execute a lease of the property owned by the Sabine Parish Police Jury located at 2258 Main Street, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana to the Village of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, for a period of ten (10) years for one Dollar (\$1.00) per year with the Village carrying liability insurance coverage on the property.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

14. Consider Entering Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ebarb Waterworks District
Mr. Eric Garcie informed the Jury that there were several families on Ed Callie Road that do not have access to water through the Ebarb Waterworks District. He requested the Jury to consider entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the District to assist in providing water service to Ed Callie Road.

Mr. P. M. Woods stated that the requested addition to the water system will cost approximately \$30,000.

President McCormic noted that there are many grants available for water system expansion and improvements. Mr. Ebarb suggested that the District consider applying for a Community Water Enrichment Fund grant to fund the proposed expansion. Mr. McCormic requested the District investigate possible grants prior to the Jury making a decision about a cooperative endeavor agreement.

15. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Not Exceeding \$2,855,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana

Resolution No. 8775

The following resolution was offered by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$2,855,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Board"), acting as the governing authority of South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State Louisiana (the "District"), and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board on April 8, 2021, proposes to issue not exceeding \$2,855,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of the District (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, to provide funds to pay costs of constructing and acquiring improvements and replacements to the drinking water system of the District, including equipment and fixtures therefor, and providing for other matters in connection therewith (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the District has requested this Police Jury approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the wish of this Police Jury to approve the issuance of the Bonds;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "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 South Toledo Bend Waterworks District of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, this Governing Authority hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$2,855,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of the District, in one or more series, in accordance with the parameters and provisions of the Resolution. The Bonds will be limited and special revenue Bonds secured by and payable, equally with the District's issue of Water Revenue Bonds, dated May 20, 1997 (the "1997 Bonds"), or any water revenue refunding bonds which may be issued by the District to refund all or a portion of the 1997 Bonds, solely from the income and revenues derived or to be derived by the operation of the drinking water system of the District (the "System"), after there have been paid from those revenues the reasonable and necessary costs of operating and maintaining the System, all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:524 and Sub-Part A, Part II, Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and/or other applicable laws.

SECTION 2. Neither the Parish of Sabine nor this Governing Authority shall be liable in any manner for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Bonds.

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

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Thomas Bo Stewart	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mike McCormic	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Melissa Brown	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
William E. Ruffin	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jeff Davidson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Eric Garcie	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ricky Sepulvado	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth Ebarb	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Randy Byrd	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2021.

 /s/ William E. Weatherford
 William E. Weatherford
 Secretary-Treasurer

 /s/ Richard M. McCormic
 Richard M. McCormic
 President

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted bids for road culverts until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at which time the bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Proper bids were received from two vendors: Rambin Construction and Family Farm and Garden. One bid, from Coastal Culvert, was received after 10:00 a.m. and was returned unopened to the bidder. The responsive bids are as follows:

Galvanized- 2&2/3 x 1/2 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	16	\$16.94/ft.	\$13.96/ft.
15"	16	\$20.33/ft.	\$17.36/ft.
18"	16	\$25.41/ft.	\$20.80/ft.
21"	16	\$28.80/ft.	\$24.24/ft.
24"	16	\$32.19/ft.	\$27.72/ft.
24"	14	\$40.66/ft.	\$33.28/ft.
30"	16	\$40.66/ft.	\$34.72/ft.
30"	14	\$50.82/ft.	\$41.76/ft.
36"	14	\$60.98/ft.	\$50.00/ft.
42"	14	\$79.69/ft.	\$58.40/ft.
48"	14	\$93.51/ft.	\$66.80/ft.

Galvanized- 3 x 1 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
60"	16	\$111.80/ft.	\$82.44/ft.
60"	14	\$136.20/ft.	\$98.12/ft.
66"	16	\$121.97/ft.	No Bid
66"	14	\$150.43/ft.	No Bid
72"	14	\$171.52/ft.	\$118.60/ft.
84"	14	\$199.05/ft.	\$137.20/ft.
96"	12	\$311.27/ft.	\$211.84/ft.
108"	10	No Bid	\$302.24/ft.
120"	10	No Bid	\$335.84/ft.

Poly-Coated- 2&2/3 x 1/2 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	16	\$21.18/ft.	\$20.94/ft.
15"	16	\$25.41/ft.	\$26.04/ft.
18"	16	\$31.76/ft.	\$31.20/ft.
21"	16	\$36.00/ft.	\$36.36/ft.
24"	16	\$40.23/ft.	\$41.58/ft.
24"	14	\$50.82/ft.	\$49.92/ft.
30"	16	\$50.82/ft.	\$52.08/ft.
30"	14	\$63.53/ft.	\$62.64/ft.
36"	14	\$76.23/ft.	\$75.00/ft.
42"	14	\$99.61/ft.	\$87.60/ft.
48"	14	\$116.89/ft.	\$100.20/ft.

Poly-Coated- 3 x 1 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
60"	16	\$139.76/ft.	\$123.66/ft.
60"	14	\$170.25/ft.	\$147.18/ft.
66"	16	\$152.46/ft.	No Bid
66"	14	\$188.03/ft.	No Bid
72"	14	\$214.40/ft.	\$177.90/ft.

84"	14	\$248.81/ft.	\$205.80/ft.
96"	12	\$389.09/ft.	\$317.76/ft.
108"	10	No Bid	\$453.36/ft.
120"	10	No Bid	\$503.76/ft.

Plastic (Dual Wall):

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	N/A	\$8.65/ft.	\$9.00/ft.
15"	N/A	\$11.81/ft.	\$12.00/ft.
18"	N/A	\$17.25/ft.	\$15.00/ft.
21"	N/A	No Bid	No Bid
24"	N/A	\$25.76/ft.	\$26.00/ft.
30"	N/A	\$41.40/ft.	\$36.00/ft.
36"	N/A	\$50.73/ft.	\$49.00/ft.
48"	N/A	\$76.40/ft.	\$84.00/ft.

Resolution No. 8776

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado to accept the low bid on each type, size, and gauge of culvert as presented below:

Galvanized- 2&2/3 x 1/2 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	16		\$13.96/ft.
15"	16		\$17.36/ft.
18"	16		\$20.80/ft.
21"	16		\$24.24/ft.
24"	16		\$27.72/ft.
24"	14		\$33.28/ft.
30"	16		\$34.72/ft.
30"	14		\$41.76/ft.
36"	14		\$50.00/ft.
42"	14		\$58.40/ft.
48"	14		\$66.80/ft.

Galvanized- 3 x 1 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
60"	16		\$82.44/ft.
60"	14		\$98.12/ft.
66"	16	\$121.97/ft.	
66"	14	\$150.43/ft.	
72"	14		\$118.60/ft.
84"	14		\$137.20/ft.
96"	12		\$211.84/ft.
108"	10		\$302.24/ft.
120"	10		\$335.84/ft.

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Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	16		\$20.94/ft.
15"	16	\$25.41/ft.	
18"	16		\$31.20/ft.
21"	16	\$36.00/ft.	

24"	16	\$40.23/ft.	
24"	14		\$49.92/ft.
30"	16	\$50.82/ft.	
30"	14		\$62.64/ft.
36"	14		\$75.00/ft.
42"	14		\$87.60/ft.
48"	14		\$100.20/ft.

Poly-Coated- 3 x 1 Corrugation:

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
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60"	14		\$147.18/ft.
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Plastic (Dual Wall):

Diameter	Gauge	Rambin Construction	Family Farm & Garden
12"	N/A	\$8.65/ft.	
15"	N/A	\$11.81/ft.	
18"	N/A		\$15.00/ft.
21"	N/A	No Bid	No Bid
24"	N/A	\$25.76/ft.	
30"	N/A		\$36.00/ft.
36"	N/A		\$49.00/ft.
48"	N/A	\$76.40/ft.	

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

17. Consider Adopting a Resolution Ordering and Calling Special Elections to be Held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein; Making Application to the State Bond Commission and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

Resolution No. 8777

The following resolution was offered by Sepulvado and seconded by Ebarb:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to

authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2 (LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of five and five hundredths (5.05) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,161,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of the administration, improvement, operation, maintenance and support of the Sabine Parish Library and its branches, including the costs of any capital improvements thereto?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2 (HEALTH UNIT TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$229,900 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of operation, administration, support and maintenance for the Sabine Parish Health Unit, including the costs of any capital improvements thereto?

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, WARD 7 PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a thirteen and eighty-eight hundredths (13.88) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$311,650 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or repairing public roads and bridges in the District, including ditching and drainage therefor and purchasing equipment therefor, said millage to represent a one and thirty-two hundredths mills (1.32) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12.56 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2021 pursuant to an election held on November 2, 2010?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the *Sabine Index*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish and District, published in Many, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish and District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021**, at **NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish and District will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Sabine Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Sabine Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of April, 2021.

s/William E. Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer

s/Richard M. McCormic
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on April 21, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of five and five hundredths (5.05) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,161,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the

levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of the administration, improvement, operation, maintenance and support of the Sabine Parish Library and its branches, including the costs of any capital improvements thereto?

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(HEALTH UNIT TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$229,900 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of operation, administration, support and maintenance for the Sabine Parish Health Unit, including the costs of any capital improvements thereto?

**ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, WARD 7
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a thirteen and eighty-eight hundredths (13.88) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$311,650 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or repairing public roads and bridges in the District, including ditching and drainage therefor and purchasing equipment therefor, said millage to represent a one and thirty-two hundredths mills (1.32) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12.56 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2021 pursuant to an election held on November 2, 2010?

Said special election for the Parish of Sabine will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Sabine, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

Said special election for Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

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The polling places at the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of the Parish of Sabine election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$40,000.

The estimated cost of Road District No. 4, Ward 7 of Sabine Parish election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$7,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021, at NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All

registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Many, Louisiana, on this, the 21st day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

s/ Richard M. McCormic

President

s/ William E. Weatherford

Secretary-Treasurer

18. Review and Award Bid for Purchase of Stationary Compactor and Standard Duty Octagon Receiver Container

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted bids for a stationary compactor and a standard duty octagon receiver container until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021, at which time the bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Proper bids were received from one vendor as follows:

Vendor	Description	Bid Amount
Wastequip	Stationary Compactor with 40 Cubic Yard Standard Duty Octagon Receiver Container	\$20,369.84

Resolution No. 8778

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Ebarb to accept the bid from Wastequip for a stationary compactor and a standard duty octagon receiver container in the amount of \$20,369.84.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18a. Consider the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Road Districts

There was a general discussion of the need for additional funds in the individual road districts for critical road repairs. President McCormic recommended a transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the individual road districts (\$50,000 transferred to each road district). Mr. McCormic noted that this will be a total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) transferred from the General Fund for road repairs during 2021.

Resolution No. 8779

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Davidson to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to each individual road district with a total of \$500,000 to be transferred.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18b. Discuss the Transfer of Money from the General Fund to the Parish Transportation Act Account

No action taken at this time.

18c. Discuss Amendments to Ordinance 1 of 2018 and Ordinance 2 of 2018

President McCormic reminded the Police Jury that Ordinance 1 of 2018 and Ordinance 2 of 2018 needed to be enforced. He stressed the need to use fines resulting from violation of these ordinances to offset enforcement costs and noted that collection of these fines should be done by the Police Jury. To do this, the ordinances need to be amended to contain only civil penalties with no incarceration.

President McCormic instructed the Secretary Treasurer to prepare amendments to the ordinances for presentation to the Police Jury during the May 19, 2021 regular meeting.

19. Discuss Highway 6 Speed Limit

Mr. Jeff Davidson reported that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is planning to conduct a study of the traffic on Highway 6. He noted that a serious speeding problem continues to exist on Highway 6.

20. Discuss Asphalt Zipper

President Mike McCormic reported that the Road and Shop Committee has been investigating the possible purchase of an Asphalt Zipper (grinding) machine. The Road Superintendent and members of the committee travelled to Claiborne Parish to view a machine in operation. He noted that all were impressed by the equipment. President McCormic then gave the Jury a short power-point presentation about the Asphalt Zipper.

President McCormic suggested that the Sabine Parish Police Jury might be better served by a self-propelled grinder. The Committee is analyzing the benefits of purchasing a self-propelled grinder compared to the Asphalt Zipper which is moved by a front-end loader.

21. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List to Asphalt Rocky Mount, Holly Grove, and Geoghagan Roads

Currently the Parish Transportation Act Priority List for 2021 provides for applying oil sand on .5 mile of Rocky Mount Road, .5 mile of Holly Grove Road, and 1 mile of Geoghagan Road. Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes expressed a desire to apply asphalt rather than oil sand to the surface of these roads.

Resolution No. 8780

Motion by Brown and seconded by Stewart to amend the 2021 Parish Transportation Act Priority List to apply asphalt to .5 mile of Rocky Mount Road, .5 mile of Holly Grove Road, and 1 mile of Geoghagan Road.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Consider Amending the Annual Budget to Provide Additional Gravel and Rock Funds for Certain Road Districts

No action taken.

23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8781

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Davidson to pay the approved bills.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$250,000)

Resolution No. 8782

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to appropriate and transfer \$250,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for April 2021 operations.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Committee Reports

Road and Shop Committee:

President McCormic reported that the committee had met to discuss trees located in Parish right of ways. He noted that the Police Jury is receiving increased requests for removal of trees along Parish roads.

He informed the Jury that the Committee recommends that the decision to remove trees along the roads be made on a case-by-case basis. In determining whether to remove a tree, consideration should be given to the following:

- Does the tree obstruct a driver's line of sight and present a safety hazard?
- Does the tree present a hazard to property?
- Is the tree diseased?

26. Operations

No action taken.

27. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8783

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Brown, Davidson, Garcie, Sepulvado, Ebarb, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President