

June 20, 2024

On Thursday, June 20, 2024, 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. Senator Alan Seabaugh
9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
10. Representative Larry Bagley
11. Planning Commission
12. Mr. Norman Herrera- Chief Executive Officer, Sparq Renewables, LLC
13. Mrs. Gracie Skinner-Rural Transit Program Manager, Rural Public Transit Pilot Program (RPTP)
14. Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman- Revitalization of the Many Junior High School
15. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held May 15, 2024
16. Appoint the Sabine Index the Official Journal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury
17. 911 Board- Consider Appointment of Board Member to Replace Mr. P. M. Woods
18. Introduce an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcels 9087002000 & 9011013725) and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto
19. Introduce an Ordinance Concerning Noise Prevention and Prohibiting the Practice Known as “Jake-Braking” (Motor-Breaking) (On Highway 6 East From Many, LA City Limits to the End of the Many School Zone) and Providing for Penalties for Such
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29. Consider Hiring a Consultant to Train Motor Grader Operators
30. Consider Declaring July 5th a Holiday for Sabine Police Jury Employees
31. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
32. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for June Operations (\$450,000)
33. Committee Reports
34. Operations
35. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ricky L. Sepulvado called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: Barry Stevens, William E. Ruffin, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, and Kenny John Remedies.

The following juror was absent or arrived late:
“Bo” Stewart, Eric Garcie, and Randy Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ronny Bison.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9573

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to adopt the agenda.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda.

Mr. Everett Hebert commented on Agenda Item 19 and asked if the Jury could pass an ordinance to control the excessive sounds of airboats traveling on the lake during the late-night hours. The Jury informed Mr. Herbert that they had no jurisdiction over the lake.

8. Senator Alan Seabaugh

No representative from Senator Alan Seabaugh's office was present at the meeting.

9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

No representative from Representative Rodney Schamerhorn's office was present at the meeting.

10. Representative Larry Bagley

No representative from Representative Larry Bagley's office was present at the meeting.

11. Planning Commission

No representative from the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was present at the meeting.

12. Mr. Norman Herrera- Chief Executive Officer, Sparq Renewables, LLC

Mr. Norman Herrera provided the Police Jury with an update on the Renewable Energy Recovery Project occurring at the Sanitary Landfill. He stated that his company has been working with DT Midstream to get their project connected to one of DT Midstream's pipelines. He also informed the Jury that the permitting process, along with surveying will be taking place within the next few weeks.

13. Mrs. Gracie Skinner-Rural Transit Program Manager, Rural Public Transit Pilot Program (RPTP)

Mrs. Gracie Skinner was not present at the meeting.

14. Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman- Revitalization of the Many Junior High School

Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman gave an update on the Revitalization of Many Junior High School Project. She stated that they have received 1.8 million dollars in funding to date, with most of the funding stemming from grants. She expressed that one grant had been used to complete the asbestos abatement project and they were currently waiting on a second grant to fund a major plumbing repair. She gave future plans for the project and other sources of funding they hope to obtain. Mr. Ruffin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reminded the Jury they had entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Project Group last year to provide funding and would like the Finance Committee to review the possibility of making a yearly contribution as long as the Project is operational.

15. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held May 15, 2024

Resolution No. 9574

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held May 15, 2024.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

16. Appoint the Sabine Index the Official Journal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury

The Police Jury has received a letter from the Louisiana Secretary of State requesting that the official journal of the Parish be appointed by June 30, 2024.

Resolution No. 9575

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to appoint the Sabine Index as the official journal of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

17. 911 Board- Consider Appointment of Board Member to Replace Mr. P. M. Woods

Resolution No. 9576

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor to table consideration of appointment of a board member to the 911 Board to replace Mr. P.M. Woods until the next regular meeting.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

18. Introduce an Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Sabine to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcels 9087002000 & 9011013725) and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto

The Secretary Treasurer read the following proposed ordinance aloud.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF SABINE TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 9087002000 & 9011013725) AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, an offer has been made to the Parish by an individual who qualifies for the Parish Lot Next Door Program for *PARCEL# 9087002000 and Parcel 9011013725* further defined by Ordinance 1 of 2017 and such offer is for the sum that equates to the minimum bid in compliance with such Ordinance and with state laws:

- 1. PARCEL# 9087002000;*** A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT 1110 FEET EAST AND 306 FEET SOUTH FROM THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, SABINE PARISH, LOUISIANA, THENCE RUN EAST 94 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 100 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 94 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 100 FEET TO THE ORIGINAL POINT OF BEGINNING; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH IN 1996

Purchaser: DELMAR O. DERRY Bid: \$2,051.51 Auction Date: LOT NEXT DOOR

- 2. PARCEL# 9011013725;***S/2 OF LOT 6-7 OF BLK 41 OF FLORIEN, IN SEC 2-5-11, CONT. 1 AC M/L, #331727 - .01 AC TO DOTD; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 153 LOOP DRIVE, FLORIEN, LA;. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 09/11/2020

Purchaser: JOHN H. CORLEY Bid: \$738.95 Auction Date: LOT NEXT DOOR

WHEREAS, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 1 of 2017 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Sabine has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Sabine has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property and

WHEREAS, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Sabine and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
 - b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Sabine Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
 - c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Sabine Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

19. Introduce an Ordinance Concerning Noise Prevention and Prohibiting the Practice Known as “Jake-Braking” (Motor-Breaking) (On Highway 6 East From Many, LA City Limits to the End of the Many School Zone) and Providing for Penalties for Such

No action taken. Item was tabled until more research could be conducted with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

20. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the President to Execute for and on Behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, a Notice of Termination for American Environmental Group Ltd., LLC a Tetrattech Company, Contractor, Pertaining to the Completion of the Contract for “2023 Initial Gas Collection and Control System Installation for the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill” in accordance with the Plans and Specifications Contained in the Contract Documents Pertaining Thereto

Resolution No. 9577

A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the President to Execute for and on Behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, a Notice of Termination for American Environmental Group Ltd., dba American Environmental Group, LLC, Contractor, Pertaining to the Completion of the Contract for “2023 Initial Gas Collection and Control System Installation for the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill” in accordance with the Plans and Specifications Contained in the Contract Documents Pertaining Thereto.

On motion by Bison and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project was performed on March 7, 2024 and no incomplete miscellaneous work items were identified, and

WHEREAS, American Environmental Group Ltd. dba American Environmental Group, LLC as Contractor, has substantially completed the “2023 Initial Gas Collection and Control System Installation for the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill,” project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury that the President of said Jury be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Termination for and on behalf of the Sabine Parish Police Jury accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Notice recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

21. Consider Approval of Contract with Cornerstone Environmental Group (Tetra Tech) to Provide Operation and Maintenance Services for the Sabine Parish Landfill

Cornerstone Environmental Group, a Tetra Tech company has submitted a proposal, dated May 23, 2024, to provide well-field monitoring services at the Sabine Parish Landfill. The proposal is for the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and includes monthly monitoring of up to twenty-seven landfill gas extraction wells, inspection and testing of seven pneumatic pumps and one blower/flare station, and quarterly surface emissions monitoring of approximately 45 acres. The total cost for these services will be \$41,850.

Resolution No. 9578

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill has need of well-field monitoring services; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Environmental Group, a Tetra Tech company, has provided a proposal to provide these needed services to the Sabine Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS the cost of providing these services for the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 will be \$41,850.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the president of the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute the proposed agreement with Cornerstone Environmental Group to provide the well-field monitoring services.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

22. Consider Increasing Base Rate of Pay for Compactor Sites Supervisor Position from \$14.96/hour to \$18/hour

Resolution No. 9569 of May 15, 2024, acknowledges that the Compactor Sites Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Parish compactor sites and it gives the Compactor Sites Supervisor the authority to hire and fire compactor employees. The Finance Committee met on May 24, 2024, and approved recommending increasing the base rate of pay of the Compactor Sites Supervisor to \$18.00 per hour.

Resolution No. 9579

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Compactor Sites Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the compactor sites and has authority to hire and fire compactor employees; and

WHEREAS, these duties are a significant increase in the responsibilities of the Compactor Sites Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee desires to set the Compactor Sites Supervisor's base rate of pay at an amount commensurate with the assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has recommended that the base rate of pay of the Compactor Sites Supervisor be increased to \$18.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the base rate of pay for the Compactor Sites Supervisor be increased to \$18.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Compactor Sites Supervisor will participate in the STEP Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the increase in the Compactor Sites Supervisor base rate of pay become effective July 1, 2024.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

23. Consider Approving the District Attorney's Request for Increased Funding

Due to a significant decrease in the amount of sales tax revenue available to various Sabine Parish government agencies, the District Attorney of the 11th Judicial District has requested an increase in funding from the Sabine Parish Police Jury for expenditures required by Louisiana Revised Statute 16.6 to be paid by the Parish.

Resolution No. 9580

On motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 16.6 requires certain expenditures of the district attorney to be paid by the governing authority of the parish (the Police Jury); and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the 11th Judicial District has requested additional funding from the Sabine Parish Police Jury because of a significant reduction in sales tax revenue which has traditionally been used to pay expenditures of the office, and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024, the Finance Committee recommended offering the District Attorney additional funding of \$90,000 to offset the loss of sales tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has tentatively accepted the proposed additional funding.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury amend the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide an additional \$90,000 of funding for expenditure by the District Attorney of the 11th Judicial District.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

24. Approve the Purchase of Two Stationary Compactors and Receivers

Resolution No. 9581

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Stevens:

WHEREAS, The Sabine Parish Police Jury has budgeted \$100,000 for equipment purchases for collection of parish garbage; and

WHEREAS, the Compactor Sites Supervisor has determined that two new compactors and garbage receptacles are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has obtained a quote from Wastequip for the two compactors and receptacles in the amount of \$47,478.38;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury accepts the quote from Wastequip in the amount of \$47,478.38; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute the agreement with Wastequip.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

25. Approve Expenditure of No More Than \$30,000 from the Opioid Abatement Fund by the District Attorney for the Drug Court

Resolution No. 9582

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stevens:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is the recipient of funds through the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS, these monies are restricted to use for substance abuse: and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accumulated over \$150,000 in the fund; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial District has requested \$30,000 to be distributed to him for Drug Court expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury pay the District Attorney the sum of \$30,000 from the Opioid Abatement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer disburse these funds as soon as possible.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

26. Consider Accepting Jagneaux Lane into the Parish-wide Road Maintenance System

Resolution No. 9583

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Bison to adopt Jagneaux Lane, located in Ward 10 (Road District 11), into the parish road system.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

27. Approve the Purchase of a Parish-wide Asphalt Roller

The Sabine Parish Road Department is in need of a small asphalt roller. On June 12, 2024, the Road and Shop Committee discussed this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the purchase of a small asphalt roller and trailer from Mr. Brian Cook.

Resolution No. 9584

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Road Department is in need of a small asphalt roller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Cook has such a roller available for sale at a cost of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended the purchase of said roller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury purchase a Volvo DD15 asphalt roller and a 2014 CFWS utility trailer from Mr. Brian Cook for the sum of \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said asphalt roller and trailer will be for parish-wide use and will be funded by a transfer of money from the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

28. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Zwolle Elementary School to Overlay the Parking Lot

Road Superintendent Hughes informed the Police Jury that he had been approached by a representative from the Sabine Parish School Board requesting assistance from the Jury in overlaying the Zwolle Elementary School parking lot.

Resolution No. 9585

On motion by Remedies and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS, the Zwolle Elementary School parking lot is in need of overlay, and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 14 (C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions ...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other" and

WHEREAS, the Zwolle Elementary School has indicated a willingness to provide all materials required to overlay the school parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has indicated a willingness to provide all equipment and labor required to overlay the school parking lot;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Zwolle Elementary School to overlay the Zwolle Elementary School parking lot, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the police jury president is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the agreement.

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

Yeas: 3 - Ruffin, Taylor, Remedies

Nays: 2-Stevens and Bison

Abstain: 1- Sepulvado

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

29. Consider Hiring a Consultant to Train Motor Grader Operators

In an effort to improve the overall quality of road grading in the Parish, Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes has suggested engaging an experienced motor grader operator to provide in-house, hands-on training to the Parish's motor grader operators. On June 12th, 2024, the Road and Shop Committee discussed this matter and voted unanimously to hire an experienced motor grader operator as a consultant to train the motor grader operators.

Resolution No. 9586

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Parish's motor grader operators will benefit from training by an experienced motor grader operator; and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended that an experienced motor grader operator be engaged to provide additional training to the Parish's motor grader operators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury engage an experienced motor-grader operator to work as an independent consultant to provide training to the Parish's motor grader operators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the consultant will not be an employee of the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the service provided will be limited to 480 hours of training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the independent consultant will be hired and start providing employee training as soon as possible with a rate of pay not to exceed \$28.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the independent consultant will not be eligible to participate in the Parish's retirement system, health insurance, vacation plan or holidays, or other employee benefits normally available to Parish employees.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

30. Consider Declaring July 5th a Holiday for Sabine Police Jury Employees

Resolution No. 9587

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Remedies:

To declare and grant Friday, July 5, 2024, as a one-time paid holiday, only for full-time, permanent employees of the Sabine Parish Police Jury (excluding Compactor Station Workers who are excluded from holidays by Resolution No. 5486 adopted November 17, 2004.)

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

Yeas: 3 - Ruffin, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 3- Stevens, Taylor, Bison

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

Motion failed.

31. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9588

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

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

32. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for June Operations (\$450,000)

Resolution No. 9589

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to appropriate and transfer \$450,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for June 2024 operations.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

33. Committee Reports

President Sepulvado provided the Jury with an update on the Judge's Courtroom renovations. He stated that the ceiling and flooring repairs had recently been completed in the grand jury room and many of the offices of the Judge's staff had been repainted.

34. Operations

No items were discussed under "Operations".

35. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9590

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3- Stewart, Garcie, Byrd

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President