

August 21, 2024

On Wednesday, August 21, 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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2024
13. Mr. Lee Willis, CPA - Review and Accept December 31, 2023, Audited Annual Financial Statements
14. Announce a Public Hearing for Consideration of Ad valorem Tax Millage Roll-Forward
15. Announce a Public Meeting to Consider Increasing the Millage Rates but Not in Excess of the Prior Year's Maximum Rates on All Taxable Property on the Official Assessment Roll for the Year 2024
16. Consider a Resolution Approving the Holding of an Election in Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No.1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein
17. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9600 of July 17, 2024, and Adopting a Resolution Clearly Stating the Jury's Desire in Relation to the Application of Bi-Weekly Payroll
18. Approve Engaging Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to Provide Stand-By Engineering Consulting Services for the Period January 1, 2025, Through December 31, 2025.
19. Approve Engaging Franklin Engineers and Consultants to Provide RY2025 Air Compliance Assistance (Title V Reporting Assistance)
20. Consider the District Attorney's Revised Request for Funding from the Opioid Settlement
21. Consider Purchase of GPS Equipment for Landfill
22. Review an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Monitoring and Controlling Special Events Held Within the Boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana
23. Review Bids and Award Contract for Concrete Pad for Pugmill
24. Appoint Mr. Johnathan Cambell as Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Fire District 1 Wards 3 & 4
25. Consider Hiring a Temporary Employee to Mow Grass in Ward 5 (Road District 15)
26. Consider Restructure of the Enforcement Deputy Positions
27. Discuss Reimbursements Received for Road Damage
- 27a. Consider Approval of a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with the Hollis Creek PV I, LLC for the Hollis Creek Solar Project
28. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

29. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for August Operations (\$450,000)
30. Committee Reports
31. Operations
32. 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, Kenny John Remedies, and Randy Byrd.

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

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

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

Resolution No. 9604

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Bison to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Item 27a. Consider Approval of a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with the Hollis Creek PV I, LLC for the Hollis Creek Solar Project

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

Yeas: 7 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Stewart and Garcie

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9605

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Stewart and Garcie

Mr. "Bo" Stewart joined the meeting.

7. Public Comments

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

Mr. Winston Hodge asked the Police Jury to please consider not levying a higher millage rate if there wasn't a need for one.

Mr. Eric Garcie joined the meeting.

Mrs. Sharon Sepulvado, Police Jury Administrative Office Manager, addressed the payroll change that occurred during the last meeting. She stated that since that time other offices paid by the Jury have requested to remain on a semi-monthly payroll frequency. She requested the Jury to grant her to permission process payroll both bi-weekly and semi-monthly per the request of the office.

Mr. Conrad Cathey urged the Police Jury to be mindful of the increases in property value when considering and adopting the millage rates in next month's meeting.

Mr. DJ Rhodes, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, asked the Jury to consider allowing him and all other offices that desired to remain on a semi-monthly payroll frequency.

Mr. Warren Founds, Executive Director of the Sabine River Authority inquired about Agenda Item 22- Special Event Ordinance and asked if it would have any effect on the local fishing tournaments. President Sepulvado informed Mr. Founds that he would be able discuss this matter with the Jury at the time the agenda item was discussed.

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 for Mr. 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.

President Sepulvado asked the Secretary Treasurer to contact the chairman of the Planning Commission to see when he would be available to attend the next meeting.

12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2024

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held July 17, 2024

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

Yeas: 4 -Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado

Nays: 5 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Remedies, Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Therefore, motion failed. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 17- Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9600 of July 17, 2024, and Adopting a Resolution Clearly Stating the Jury's Desire in Relation to the Application of Bi-Weekly Payroll- was taken up at this time.

During the last regularly scheduled meeting, the Police Jury voted to change the payroll frequency from semi-monthly to bi-weekly per the request of the Road Department employees. The change became effective August 1, 2024. Since then, other departments of the Police Jury have expressed their desire to remain on a semi-monthly basis.

Resolution No. 9606

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Bison to revert to a semi-monthly payroll frequency for all employees paid by the Sabine Parish Police Jury effective September 1, 2024.

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

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

Nays: 3- Stewart, Stevens, and Byrd

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13. Mr. Lee Willis, CPA - Review and Accept December 31, 2023, Audited Annual Financial Statements

Mr. Lee Willis, CPA, with Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants was not present at the meeting. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

14. Announce a Public Hearing for Consideration of Ad valorem Tax Millage Roll-Forward

President Sepulvado announced that the Sabine Parish Police Jury will hold a **public hearing** at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Courthouse, 400 S. Capitol Street, Room 101, Many, Louisiana on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at Nine O'clock (9:00) a.m. The hearing will be to consider "Rolling Forward" (increasing the millage rate after reassessment from the adjusted millage rate to a rate not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate) the millage rate adjusted by reassessment.

The Police Jury intends to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase as a result of "Rolling Forward" is estimated to \$756,575.64.

15. Announce a Public Meeting to Consider Increasing the Millage Rates but Not in Excess of the Prior Year's Maximum Rates on All Taxable Property on the Official Assessment Roll for the Year 2024

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 42:19.1 that a **public meeting** of the Sabine Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse, 400 S. Capitol Street, Room 101, Many, Louisiana on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Nine O'clock (9:00) a.m. to levy 2024 ad valorem taxes, to adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment, to roll forward to millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum, and to levy additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval. The meeting will be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, including allowing a public comment period before taking a vote to adopt ad valorem tax millage rates for the 2024 tax year.

16. Consider a Resolution Approving the Holding of an Election in Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No.1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein

Resolution No. 9607

The following resolution was offered by Stevens and seconded by Byrd:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 20, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall Wards 3 and 4 Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a 6.5 mills tax (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$704,800 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and equipment for the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

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

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of August, 2024.

/s/ William E. Weatherford

William E. Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Ricky L. Sepulvado

Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

17. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9600 of July 17, 2024 and Adopting a Resolution Clearly Stating The Jury's Desire in Relation to the Application of Bi-Weekly Payroll

There is a misunderstanding of the Jury's intentions in regard to the application of bi-weekly payroll to Parish Employees. The Secretary Treasurer has requested that Resolution No. 9600 of July 17, 2024 be rescinded and a resolution clearly stating the desires of the Jury be adopted.

Resolution No. 9608

Motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart to rescind Resolution No. 9600 of July 17, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18. Approve Engaging Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to Provide Stand-By Engineering Consulting Services for the Period January 1, 2025, Through December 31, 2025.

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a proposal from Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to provide the Sabine Parish Police Jury with stand-by engineering consulting services for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The intent of this proposal is to provide the Sabine Parish Police Jury with technical resources on an as-needed basis allowing the Jury immediate access to design and technical staff.

The hourly rates for Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. staff are as follows:

Classification	Hourly Rate
Principal	\$180.00
Project Manager	\$110.00
Project Engineer/Project Designer	\$ 90.00
Project Professional/ CAD Designer	\$ 80.00
Administrative/Clerical	\$ 55.00

Resolution No. 9609

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor to accept the proposal from Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to provide the Sabine Parish Police Jury with stand-by engineering consulting services for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

19. Approve Engaging Franklin Engineers and Consultants to Provide RY2025 Air Compliance Assistance (Title V Reporting Assistance)

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a proposal from Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to provide the Sabine Parish Police Jury with Title V Reporting Assistance at the Sabine Parish Landfill to comply with the requirements of the existing permit.

The following tasks will be provided:

Task Description	Budget
Title V Semi Annual Reports	\$ 2,000.00
Annual Compliance Certification	\$ 2,000.00
EPA Mandatory GHG Reporting	\$ 4,200.00
NSPS XXX Annual Report	\$ 3,800.00
Emissions Inventory Calculations	\$ 2,200.00
Title V Permit Modification Application	\$12,000.00
NESHAP AAAA GCCS Design Plan Update	\$12,000.00

Resolution No. 9610

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to accept the proposal from Franklin Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C. to provide the Sabine Parish Police Jury with Title V Reporting Assistance at the Sabine Parish Landfill to comply with the requirements of the existing permit.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Consider the District Attorney's Revised Request for Funding from the Opioid Settlement
The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a correspondence from Mr. Don Burkett, District Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial District, Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, requesting revised funding from the national opioid lawsuit settlement.

Resolution No. 9611

On motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has received money as part of the National Opioid Lawsuit Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the money received is restricted to be used to address the ongoing substance abuse crisis and; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has received an opinion that the new position for a Drug Court employee and a full-time Assistant District Attorney responsible for screening all drug and drug-associated cases meets the requirements for expenditure of the funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of \$25,000 per year for the Drug Court employee and the sum of \$36,000 per year for the full-time assistant district attorney, a total of \$61,000 annually, be budgeted for payment with funds derived from the National Opioid Lawsuit Settlement.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Consider Purchase of GPS Equipment for Landfill

Representatives of Sitech Louisiana met with jurors and employees of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to discuss the possible savings that can be achieved by use of a GPS system to ensure maximum compaction of refuse at the parish landfill. The estimated cost for a base station and to equip the compactor and two caterpillar tractors is \$278,929.58.

Resolution No. 9612

Motion by Bison and seconded by Remedies to authorize the Secretary Treasurer to obtain equipment specifications and advertise for the purchase of the equipment.

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

Yeas: 8 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 1- Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22. Review an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Monitoring and Controlling Special Events Held Within the Boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana

The jurors were provided drafts of an ordinance to control and monitor special events held within the Parish.

Mr. Warren Founds, Executive Director of the Sabine River Authority, and Mrs. Georgia Craven, Executive Director of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission, addressed the Jury with questions concerning the Special Events Ordinance and the impact it would possibly have on tourism throughout parish. Both expressed their concern with the language of the ordinance and how it would possibly discourage events being held in the parish.

Resolution No. 9613

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor to table any further consideration of the Special Events Ordinance pending review by the District Attorney and Sherriff's Department.

23. Review Bids and Award Contract for Concrete Pad for Pugmill

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted bids for installation of a concrete pad for the pugmill until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at which time the bids were opened and read aloud. Three sealed bids were received.

Resolution No. 9614

On motion by Bison and seconded by Stevens:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has solicited sealed bids for installation of a concrete pad for the pugmill, and

WHEREAS, three sealed bids were received as follows:

Vendor		Bid Amount
Hero Design & Construction, LLC		\$8,900.00
Timbo's Construction, Inc.		\$24,700.00
R.C. Paving, Inc.		\$11,208.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hero Design & Construction, LLC be awarded the contract for installation of a concrete pad for the pugmill.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stevens, Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 2- Stewart and Taylor

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Appoint Mr. Johnathan Cambell as Commissioner for the Sabine Parish Fire District 1 Wards 3 & 4

The Sabine Parish Police Jury is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Mr. Kenny Carter as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4. Mr. Johnathan Cambell has indicated a willingness to serve as a commissioner for the District.

Resolution No. 9615

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenny Carter has tendered his resignation as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4 effective August 13, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnathan Cambell has indicated that he is willing to serve as a commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Johnathan Cambell is hereby appointed as commissioner for Fire District 1, Wards 3 & 4, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Johnathan Cambell will serve for the remainder of Mr. Carter's term.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Consider Hiring a Temporary Employee to Mow Grass in Ward 5 (Road District 15)
Mr. Eric Garcie, Police Juror, requested that this agenda item be tabled.

26. Consider Restructure of the Enforcement Deputy Positions
Currently, parish enforcement officers are required to be a deputy sheriff with prior law enforcement experience working under the direction of the Parish Road Superintendent with the salaries and fringe benefit expenses reimbursed to the Sabine Parish Sherriff's Office. He or she must be deputized, wear an appropriate uniform and badge, be POST certified, and carry a firearm. Road Superintendent Hughes stated that there has been difficulty in filling all three of the established positions. He requested the Police Jury to abolish the third position and raise the rate of pay for two full-time positions from \$18 per hour to \$23 per hour.

Resolution No. 9616

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has need of two full-time enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, currently it is extremely difficult to find a qualified applicant for this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Superintendent Hughes is hereby authorized to utilize two full-time enforcement officers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the third enforcement officer position be abolished, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of reimbursement to the Sabine Parish Sherriff's Office for the two full-time enforcement officers shall be twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fringe benefits of the two full-time enforcement officers will be reimbursed to the Sabine Parish Sherriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the positions be authorized and effective as of September 1, 2024.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

27. Discuss Reimbursements Received for Road Damage

Road Superintendent Hughes reported on the amount of revenue received for road damage. This road damage revenue will be allocated to the respective road district in which the damage occurred.

27a. Consider Approval of a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with the Hollis Creek PV I, LLC for the Hollis Creek Solar Project

Hollis Creek PV I, LLC has offered a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement to the Sabine Parish Police Jury which includes proceeds to be received by the Parish for potential damage to the various roads that will be used during the construction of the Hollis Creek Solar Project.

Resolution No. 9617

On motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, Hollis Creek PV I, LLC has offered a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement to the Sabine Parish Police Jury for use and cost of maintenance and improvements to the parish roads that will be traveled during the construction of the Hollis Creek Solar Project, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the agreement is favorable to the Sabine Parish Police Jury

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposed Road Use and Maintenance Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the consideration received be dedicated to the road district(s) where the roads being used and maintained by Hollis Creek PV I, LLC are located, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President be authorized to execute and sign any documents necessary to complete the agreement.

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

Yeas: 8 -Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 1- Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

28. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9618

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

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

29. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for August Operations (\$450,000)

Resolution No. 9619

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

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

30. Committee Reports

Mr. DJ Rhodes, Courthouse Supervisor, reported on the recent renovations done to the Judge's courtroom. He listed the following renovations that had been completed:

- New Flooring in the Courtroom and all Offices
- Ceiling Repairs in the Courtroom
- A/C Duct Work in the Courtroom

He also mentioned that the Judge's office, along with the law clerk's office, had recently been repainted and had new blinds installed.

31. Operations

Road Superintendent Hughes asked for clarification on the memo he had received requesting a reduction in overtime for employees. President Sepulvado asked that the records reflect that he was not the one who made the decision to reduce overtime. He informed the Jury that the Finance Committee had reviewed the summary of sales tax collections for the first 6 months of the current year and that collections were down significantly compared to prior years. The Committee then made the recommendation to limit overtime to emergency cases only as a way to reduce expenditures for the Parish.

32. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9620

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President