

September 18, 2024

On Wednesday, September 18, 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, and the Previous Regular Meeting Held August 21, 2024
13. Mr. Lee Willis, CPA - Review and Accept December 31, 2023, Audited Annual Financial Statements
14. Authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to Advertise and Receive Bids for the Construction of a New Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9
15. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review
16. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates
17. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates
18. Introduce an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Unmuffled Compression Brakes on Highway Six (6) at the Many High School
19. Federal Off System Bridge Replacement Program – Annual Certification of Compliance
20. Consider Accepting Beach Bonanza Drive into the Parish-wide Road Maintenance System (Ward 5, Road District 15)
21. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc.
  - 21a. Authorize the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to Execute the Cleco Power LLC Servitude Agreement
  - 21b. Consider Adopting a Twenty (20) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Lighthouse Road Located in Ward 2, Road District 16
  - 21c. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List
22. Consider a Resolution of No Objection to the Donation of Land from the Sabine River Authority to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb
23. Discuss Donation of Land- Fairground and Rodeo Arena
24. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2025 (Opening 11/1/24)
25. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2025,2026, 2027)- Reminder Only
26. Review an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Monitoring and Controlling Special Events Held Within the Boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana

27. Enter Executive Session- Discuss Allegations of Misconduct
28. Exit Executive Session
29. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
30. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for September Operations (\$450,000)
31. Committee Reports
32. Operations
33. 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: “Bo” Stewart, Barry Stevens, William E. Ruffin, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, 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. Barry Stevens.

5. Amend the Agenda

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

Resolution No. 9621

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

21a. Authorize the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to Execute the Cleco Power LLC Servitude Agreement

21b. Consider Adopting a Twenty (20) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Lighthouse Road Located in Ward 2, Road District 16

21c. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List

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

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9622

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. There were no public comments.

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. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2024, and the Previous Regular Meeting Held August 21, 2024

Resolution No. 9623

Motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held July 17, 2024, and the previous regular meeting held August 21, 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

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 delivered the Annual Financial Report as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023. Mr. Willis reported that the Police Jury funds were in good financial condition on December 31, 2023.

Resolution No. 9624

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to accept the annual audited financial statements of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2023, as presented by Mr. Lee Willis, CPA.

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

14. Authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to Advertise and Receive Bids for the Construction of a New Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9

Resolution No. 9625

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, Mader Engineering has completed the specifications and contract documents for the construction of a New Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, the engineers would like to advertise for bids on September 25, October 2, and October 9, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mader Engineering is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of a New Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill.

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

15. Convene as Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review

President Sepulvado convened the Police Jury in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review. The jurors were also presented a copy of a September 4, 2024, letter from the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor, Mr. Chris Tidwell, certifying that he has completed the assessment listings of Sabine Parish for the 2024 tax roll, at a total taxable value of \$368,062,431.

Two (2) protests (Form 3101) were received and provided to all police jurors and the Tax Assessor, Mr. Chris Tidwell, for the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review process as follows:

Assessment/Tax Bill Number – 2060006805

Oil and Gas Wells and Equipment – Telecom Equipment, Meters, Compressors, Skid, and Separators, etc.

Comstock Oil & Gas, LP

C/O Mason Keller

2424 Ridge Road

Rockwall, TX 75087

Assessment/Tax Bill Number – 0050148120

Residential Single-Family Residence at 191 Dunn St. Zwolle, LA 71486

Bulliard, LLC

C/O Andrew P. Bulliard

P.O. Box 174

St. Martinville, LA 70582

No one was present to represent Comstock Oil & Gas LP.

No one was present to represent Bulliard, LLC.

Tax Assessor Chris Tidwell and Mr. Carl Chance attended the meeting to respond to the protest. Mr. Chance presented the Tax Assessor's position to the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review.

Any protests should be addressed today, and no additional meetings of the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review would be necessary, and the Board can be adjourned. The Board has the option to either uphold or not uphold the Tax Assessor in the assessments. If the assessments are upheld, the matter can then be appealed to the Louisiana Tax Commission by the taxpayer. There are four levels of appeal. The first is between the taxpayer and the Tax Assessor, then the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, then the Louisiana Tax Commission, and finally the courts.

The Jurors desired to uphold the Sabine Parish Tax Assessor. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read aloud a resolution which would uphold the Tax Assessor and accept the tax roll values.

Resolution No. 9626

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, commenced public hearings today, and

WHEREAS the Police Jury hereby certifies that two (2) protests of assessment have been received as follows:

Assessment/Tax Bill Number – 2060006805  
Oil and Gas Wells and Equipment – Telecom Equipment, Meters, Compressors, Skid, and Separators, etc.  
Comstock Oil & Gas, LP  
C/O Mason Keller  
2424 Ridge Road  
Rockwall, TX 75087

Assessment/Tax Bill Number – 0050148120  
Residential Single-Family Residence at 191 Dunn St. Zwolle, LA 71486  
Bulliard, LLC  
C/O Andrew P. Bulliard  
P.O. Box 174  
St. Martinville, LA 70582

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, acting in its capacity as a Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review, upholds the Assessor in the protest listed herein above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby certifies that no additional meetings of the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review will be necessary, and the Board is adjourned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury accepts and approves the 2024 property tax roll with total taxable values of \$368,062,431 as presented by Sabine Parish Tax Assessor Chris Tidwell.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, at which time a quorum was present and voting, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

The Police Jury then returned to regular session as the above resolution had completed the Board of Ad Valorem Tax Review business.

16. Adopt the Adjusted Millage Rates

Resolution No. 9627

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sabine Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 18, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted millage rates** be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Road District #18 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.01 mills
Road District #19 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	15.51 mills
Road District #16 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	7.87 mills
Road District #9 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	7.61 mills
P. W. Humane Society (Tax for: Animal Shelter)	1.68 mills
Parish Wide General Alimony (Tax for: General Alimony)	4.80 mills
Road District #17 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	9.64 mills
Road District #15 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	10.66 mills
Road District #1	17.22 mills

(Tax for: Road Maintenance)	
Road District #20 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	22.58 mills
Road District #11 (Tax for: Road Maintenance)	25.64 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 1&2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	8.67 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 1&2) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	7.20 mills
Fire District 1 (Wards 3&4) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	4.23 mills
North Sabine Fire #1 (Tax for: Fire Protection)	5.39 mills
North Sabine Fire #1 (Tax for: Fire Protection)	7.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, and on motion by Garcie and seconded by Stewart the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

17. Set Forth the Adjusted Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates Not Exceeding the Maximum Authorized Rates

Resolution No. 9628

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sabine Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 18, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with



the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2024 Levy</u>
Fire District 1 (Wards 3&4) (Tax for: Fire Protection)	4.23 mills	5.11 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Sabine, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, and on motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

Yeas: 6 - Ruffin, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 3- Stewart, Stevens, and Taylor

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18. Introduce an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Unmuffled Compression Brakes on Highway Six (6) at the Many High School

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of unmuffled compression brakes on Highway Six (6) and Highway One Seventy-one (171) near all entrances into the Many, Louisiana city limits. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then introduced the proposed ordinance by name.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NOISE PREVENTION AND PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE KNOWN AS “JAKE-BRAKING” (MOTOR-BREAKING) (ON HIGHWAY 6 AND HIGHWAY 171 NEAR ALL ENTRANCES INTO MANY, LA CITY LIMITS) AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR SUCH**

19. Federal Off System Bridge Replacement Program – Annual Certification of Compliance

Resolution No. 9629

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION  
OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Sabine Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Sabine Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Sabine Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period 1 October 2023 through 30 September 2024:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, and obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.S. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole and upon motion of Stewart being seconded by Taylor was adopted by the following vote on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Consider Accepting Beach Bonanza Drive into the Parish-wide Road Maintenance System (Ward 5, Road District 15)

Resolution No. 9630

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Taylor to adopt Beach Bonanza Drive, located in Ward 5 (Road District 15), into the parish-wide road maintenance system.

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 Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc.

The Police Jury is in receipt of a letter from the Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc. requesting funds to offset expenses of their prefab building. The Finance Committee has requested the Jury to consider entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the SHSRP Management Group, Inc. to provide \$5,000 to revitalize the old high school building. Furthermore, the Finance Committee has requested the Jury to consider adding this contribution to the annual Police Jury budget as long as the project is operational.

Resolution No. 9631

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine High School Revitalization Project Management Group, Inc. to provide five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to revitalize the old Sabine High School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this yearly contribution of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) become a line item in the Police Jury budget with funds being released upon the request of Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Police Jury is authorized to sign and otherwise execute the said cooperative endeavor 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

21a. Authorize the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury to Execute the Cleco Power LLC Servitude Agreement

Resolution No. 9632

On motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, Cleco Power, LLC has offered a Servitude Agreement to the Sabine Parish Police Jury to grant and convey Cleco Power LLC a perpetual servitude over, under, and through a part of the following described property: A certain tract of land located in Section (s)1 2, Township 7 South, Range 12 West, Parish of Sabine, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that execution of the agreement is needed to provide electrical service at the landfill pugmill site

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposed Cleco Power LLC Servitude Agreement, 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: 9 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21b. Consider Adopting a Twenty (20) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Lighthouse Road Located in Ward 2, Road District 16

The Police Jury desires to adopt a twenty (20) miles per hour speed limit on Lighthouse Road. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then introduced the proposed ordinance by name.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5 of 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TWENTY (20) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON LIGHTHOUSE ROAD IN ROAD DISTRICT 16 (WARD 2)**

21c. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List

Resolution No. 9633

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, Little Egypt Road is currently number three (3) on the 2024 Parish Transportation Act Priority List, and

WHEREAS, Parish Transportation Act funds have be allocated to repair Little Egypt Road in 2024, and

WHEREAS, Little Egypt Road has been repaired with funds received from road damage reimbursements, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Transportation Act funds allocated to repair Little Egypt Road need to be reallocated, and

WHEREAS, Strahan Road is in need of repair and has been suggested as a replacement for Little Egypt Road on the 2024 Parish Transportation Act Priority List.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Parish Transportation Act Priority List be amended to replace Little Egypt Road with Strahan Road.

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

22. Consider a Resolution of No Objection to the Donation of Land from the Sabine River Authority to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb

The Sabine River Authority is in the process of donating thirty acres of land to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb. The Sabine River Authority has declared no useful purpose for the land and the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb has expressed interest in it. The State is requesting a resolution of approval or no objection to the donation from the Police Jury.

Resolution No. 9634

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Sabine River Authority is proposing to donate thirty (30) acres of land to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb, with the land being located in Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb must first be recognized by the Federal Government before the State of Louisiana can move forward with the donation, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is requesting a “Resolution of No Objection” from the Sabine Parish Police Jury, Sabine Parish School District, and Sabine River Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has no objection to the donation of thirty (30) acres of the land from the Sabine River Authority to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby approves the issuance of a “Resolution of No Objection” to the donation of thirty acres of land from the Sabine River Authority to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb.

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

23. Discuss Donation of Land- Fairground and Rodeo Arena

Representative Rodney Schamerhorn has contacted the Secretary Treasurer and jurors about a possible donation of land to the Sabine Parish Police Jury to be used as a fairground and rodeo arena. The proposed donation consists of approximately sixty(60) acres of land behind the Many High School.

Resolution No. 9635

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd to table any further discussion of the donation of land for the fairground and rodeo arena until more research could be conducted.

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

Police Juror, “Bo” Stewart, stated that he would contact the Sabine Parish Fair & Rodeo Board for more information.

24. Advertise for Bids for Materials, Supplies, and Services for 2025 (Opening 11/1/24)

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford advised the jurors that he and Road Superintendent Hughes will review the proposed bid advertisement for 2025 materials, supplies and services within the next few days and will make desired changes to it. The bids will be advertised in the local newspaper no later than October 9, 2024. The advertisement will be run in the official journal for three (3) consecutive weeks and the sealed bids will be opened in public on November 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. They will be presented to the Police Jury for review on November 20, 2024, and the bids will be awarded on December 18, 2024.

Resolution No. 9636

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to advertise for bids for road materials, supplies, and services for 2025, with the sealed bids to be opened on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., then presented to the Sabine Parish Police Jury at its regularly scheduled November 20, 2024, meeting. The bids will be taken under advisement until the regularly scheduled December 18, 2024, Police Jury meeting when they will be awarded.

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. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2025,2026, 2027)- Reminder Only

Jurors were reminded that the Jury needs to adopt a three (3) year Parish Transportation Act Priority List for roads for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027. This must be done prior to January 1, 2025, in order to comply with the Parish Transportation Act.

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

The ordinance establishing polices and procedures for monitoring and controlling special events held within the boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana was tabled during last month's meeting. Since that time, the Assistant Secretary Treasurer has met with the District Attorney and the Executive Directors of the Sabine River Authority and Sabine Parish Tourist Commission. The District Attorney has reviewed the draft ordinance and is working with the administrative staff of the Police Jury to compose a final copy of the ordinance before presenting it to the Jury for adoption.

27. Enter Executive Session- Discuss Allegations of Misconduct

President Ricky L. Sepulvado requested that the Police Jury enter into executive session to investigate allegations of misconduct. The Police Jury may go into executive session by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an open meeting that has been properly convened.

Resolution No. 9637

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

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to investigate allegations of misconduct,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury enter executive session.

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

All members of the audience were requested to leave the Police Jury meeting room, and the Police Jury went into executive session.

28. Exit Executive Session

Resolution No. 9638

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Byrd to exit executive session.



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

The audience was then invited to return to the Jury room.

29. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9639

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

30. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for September Operations (\$450,000)

Resolution No. 9640

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies to appropriate and transfer \$450,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for September 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

31. Committee Reports

President Sepulvado invited all jurors to visit the Judge's Courtroom to see all the recent renovations the Police Jury had made to it.

32. Operations

Road Superintendent Hughes stated that the pugmill pad had been completed last week. He gave an estimated time frame of late October for the delivery of the pugmill.

33. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9641

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison 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