

October 16, 2024

On Wednesday, October 16, 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 September 18, 2024
13. Mr. Stan Hazlip- 2025 Renewal of PGRMA Health and Dental Insurance
14. Mr. Buddy Maxwell- Present Renewal Proposals for General Liability, Automobile Liability and Physical Damage, Management Liability, Employee Bond, Property, Cyber Liability, and Workmen's Compensation Insurance for 2025
15. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of July Through September 2024
16. Proclaim the Month of October Dysautonomia Awareness Month
17. Review Proposals and Name Fiscal Agent for the Sabine Parish Police Jury
18. Review and Award Bid for GPS Assisted Compaction Equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill
19. Authorize the President of the Police Jury to Enter a Capital Lease Agreement with City Bank for the Purchase of GPS Assisted Compaction Equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill
20. Consider OHSEP's Request for Funding-2024 EMPG
21. Authorize the Secretary Treasurer to Request an Opinion from the Attorney General
22. Consider 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
23. Consider Adopting a Twenty (20) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Lighthouse Road Located in Ward 2, Road District 16
- 23a. Consider Adopting a Policy for Acceptance of Unplatted Roads into the Parish Maintenance System
- 23b. Introduce Ordinance 6 of 2024- An Ordinance for Roads, Bridges and Ditches
- 23c. Introduce Ordinance 7 of 2024- An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3 of 1992- Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land in Sabine Parish
- 23d. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List: Replace Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road with Little Flock Road
- 23e. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Converse to Overlay North Zwolle Street
- 23f. Consider Approving Repairs to Parish-wide Gradall with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds
24. Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
25. Capital Improvement Program Priority List (3 Years – 2025,2026, 2027)- Reminder Only
26. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$450,000)
28. Committee Reports
29. Operations
30. 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, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, and Randy Byrd.

The following juror was absent:
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 must be allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda. There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 9642

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

23a. Consider Adopting a Policy for Acceptance of Unplatted Roads into the Parish Maintenance System

23b. Introduce Ordinance 6 of 2024- An Ordinance for Roads, Bridges and Ditches

23c. Introduce Ordinance 7 of 2024- An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3 of 1992- Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land in Sabine Parish

23d. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List: Replace Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road with Little Flock Road

23e. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Converse to Overlay North Zwolle Street

23f. Consider Approving Repairs to Parish-wide Gradall with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9643

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

7. Public Comments

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

Ms. Lutrisa Gasaway expressed her concerns about the maintenance of Yellow Pine Road.

Mr. James Wagley spoke on last meeting's discussion of the donation of land for the fairground and rodeo arena. He stated his opposition to the movement of the fairground and rodeo arena to the proposed area.

Mr. Homer Miller suggested that the speed limit be lowered on Shagbark Road.

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 September 18, 2024

Resolution No. 9644

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held September 18, 2024.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

13. Mr. Stan Hazlip- 2025 Renewal of PGRMA Health and Dental Insurance

Mr. Stan Hazlip with the Hazlip Companies presented a renewal proposal for group health care coverage from the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA). There will be an approximately 4.8% increase in expense projected for 2025.

The Hazlip Companies presented a plan with a \$750 deductible/\$3,500 out-of-pocket maximum. This is the same as the Jury's current PPO benefit plan with no significant changes. The annual premium is estimated to be \$1,350,701.81, an increase of \$61,249.01 compared to the 2024 premium. There will be no change in the dental premium, and the annual premium is estimated to be \$40,161.60.

Resolution No. 9645

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Parish Government Risk Management Agency (PGRMA) has provided a renewal option to provide group health insurance and dental coverage, and

WHEREAS, the option retains the coverage historically provided to Police Jury employees

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the PGRMA renewal proposal with an estimated annual premium of \$1,390,863.41, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary Treasurer, William E. Weatherford, is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute the acceptance of the renewal offer.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

14. Mr. Buddy Maxwell- Present Renewal Proposals for General Liability, Automobile Liability and Physical Damage, Management Liability, Employee Bond, Property, Cyber Liability, and Workmen's Compensation Insurance for 2025

Mr. Buddy Maxwell with Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. presented proposals for various types of coverage. The premium for the package of coverage proposed by Mr. Maxwell increased \$57,690 (18.87%) compared to the prior year for the following reasons:

- General Liability premium increased by \$25,282/22.5%. This reflected the increased activities of the Parish as indicated by the current budget.
- Property premium increased by \$5,721/16%. This was due to an increase in values due to inflation and a general increase in property insurance rates.
- Vehicles increased by 8 units (Auto Liability \$14,083 and Physical Damage \$7,050). This resulted in a total premium increase of \$21,133.
- Equipment value increased \$695,483. The value of leased/rented equipment increased from \$100,000 to \$560,000, resulting in premium increase of \$2,003.
- Cyber premium increased slightly from \$10,800 to \$10,825. This reflects the growing number of cyber claims.
- The balance of the increase was due to increases in Public Entity Management and Employee Practices Liability: \$4,309.

The total premium for the proposed package of coverage is \$365,012.

Mr. Maxwell also provided a proposal for Workers' Compensation Insurance with an estimated premium of \$188,382.

Resolution No. 9646

On motion Bison and seconded by Byrd:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposals for insurance coverage presented by Mr. Buddy Maxwell with Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. as follows:

Insurance Type	Carrier	Estimated Premium
Workers' Compensation Insurance	LUBA Workers' Comp	\$188,382
General Liability	Travelers	\$137,442
Employee Benefits Liability	Travelers	\$381
Automobile Liability	Travelers	\$97,877
Auto Physical Damage	Travelers	\$31,346
Public Entity Management Liability	Travelers	\$15,740
Employee Practices Liability	Travelers	\$19,802
Employee Blanket Bond	Travelers	\$572
Property	Travelers	\$38,148

Inland Marine/Equipment	Travelers	\$11,637
Cyber Liability	Travelers	\$10,825

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to bind the insurance coverage detailed above.

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: 1- Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

15. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of July Through September 2024

Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner, reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Sabine Parish Coroner's Office during the third quarter of 2024.

Mr. Cook reported that the Coroner's Office responded to 154 service calls, committed 26 individuals, and worked 17 pending investigations.

Mr. Cook mentioned that he and other deputy coroners had recently attended a seminar hosted by the Attorney General's office. The seminar stressed the importance of spreading awareness for the opioid crisis. All Coroner Offices were requested to participate in the "One Pill Can Kill" public awareness program. Mr. Cook stated that the Coroner's office would be visiting the schools, churches and other areas in the community to spread awareness, and requested the purchase of t-shirts, caps, and pamphlets to educate individuals. He stated that he would like to purchase these items through Opioid Settlement Funds provided to the Parish. The Secretary Treasurer advised the Jury that he would contact the District Attorney to see if these expenditures were permissible with the settlement funds.

16. Proclaim the Month of October Dysautonomia Awareness Month

Resolution No. 9647

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as, but not limited to: respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, bone marrow production, and temperature control.

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia affects people of any age, gender, race or background, negatively impacting over 70 million people around the world, including many individuals living right here in our wonderful state of Louisiana. There are 15 different forms of Dysautonomia. These include Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (commonly known as POTS), just to list a few. People who have been diagnosed with some form of Dysautonomia often have secondary conditions such as: Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or Diabetes.

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can be very disabling and is a life changing diagnosis; this chronic illness can result in the inability to work or attend school, may cause social isolation, depression and /or anxiety. It's not just physically affecting people, it's an emotionally and financially draining ailment as well. It's extremely stressful on the families of those impacted.

Dysautonomia Louisiana Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with Dysautonomia and those individuals suffering from its symptoms and still struggling for a diagnosis. Our goal is to bring much needed awareness to the community and information to the medical professionals across Louisiana. Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients obtain an earlier diagnosis and treatment plan, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families already coping with Dysautonomia in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ricky. L. Sepulvado, President of Sabine Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of October as, DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS month throughout Sabine Parish.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

Therefore, we are encouraging communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October in the state of Louisiana.

17. Review Proposals and Name Fiscal Agent for the Sabine Parish Police Jury

The Sabine Parish Police Jury solicited proposals for a fiscal agent until Monday, September 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. At that time, four proposals were opened and read aloud. Proposals from the following banks were received: Bank of Montgomery, City Bank and Trust Company, Community Bank of Louisiana, and Hancock Whitney. The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. to review the proposals. RFP scoresheets were then completed by the committee members present, the Secretary Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer. The Committee's recommendation was to name City Bank and Trust Company as the fiscal agent for the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

Resolution No. 9648

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accepted sealed proposals for a fiscal agent, and

WHEREAS, four proposals were received as follows:

Bank of Montgomery, City Bank and Trust Company, Community Bank of Louisiana and Hancock Whitney, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer have reviewed the proposals and completed RFP scoresheets, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the proposal from City Bank and Trust Company.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposal and names City Bank and Trust Company as its fiscal agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to implement the fiscal agency of City Bank and Trust Company.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

18. Review and Award Bid for GPS Assisted Compaction Equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids for GPS assisted compaction equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill until 10:00 a.m. on October 4, 2024, at which time the public bids were opened and publicly read aloud.

Resolution No. 9649

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accepted sealed public bids for GPS assisted compaction equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill, and

WHEREAS, two public bids were received as follows:

Vendor	Bid Price	
Sitech Louisiana	\$277,426.50	
GeoShack	\$201,413.63	Bid Rejected- did not meet bid specifications

and,

WHEREAS, the Landfill Superintendent and Solid Waste Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend acceptance of the bid from Sitech Louisiana.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the bid from Sitech Louisiana for GPS assisted compaction equipment in the amount of \$277,426.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the Police Jury is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to complete this purchase.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

19. Authorize the President of the Police Jury to Enter a Capital Lease Agreement with City Bank for the Purchase of GPS Assisted Compaction Equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a draft of a capital lease agreement with City Bank & Trust Company to finance the purchase of GPS assisted compaction equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill at a cost of \$277,426.50.

Resolution No. 9650

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin:

WHEREAS the Sabine Parish Police Jury has publicly bid for the purchase of GPS assisted compaction equipment for the Solid Waste Landfill and the winning bid was from Sitech Louisiana at a cost of \$277,426.50, and

WHEREAS the Police Jury desires to purchase this equipment through a capital lease agreement, and

WHEREAS, City Bank & Trust Company has offered to provide funding for this purchase through a lease agreement that includes a non-appropriation clause and does not include a non-substitution clause,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to execute a capital lease for GPS assisted compaction equipment at a cost of \$277,426.50.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

20. Consider OHSEP's Request for Funding-2024 EMPG

During the October 9, 2024, Finance Committee meeting, the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness presented the amount to be received for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The amount of the 2024 grant is expected to be \$51,127.19, 100% refundable to the Police Jury and primarily used to cover the salaries of both Director and Deputy Director. The Director stated the Jury paid approximately \$57,500 in salaries in 2023 for the Director and Deputy Director. He has requested that the salary amounts remain the same for the upcoming year. This request will cost the Jury an approximate total of \$6,372.69.

The Finance Committee has recommended approving the request for funding desired by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Resolution No. 9651

Motion by Bison and seconded by Ruffin to approve the request for funding desired by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness regarding the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant and to continue paying the Director and Deputy Director the same amount of pay.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

21. Authorize the Secretary Treasurer to Request an Opinion from the Attorney General

Resolution No. 9652

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has purchased a pugmill and will operate it to produce oil sand for use to overlay Parish roads by the Road Department, and

WHEREAS, there is a question as to whether the Police Jury can sell excess oil sand to other government entities

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby requests an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General concerning the sale of excess oil sand to other government entities.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

22. Consider 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

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

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been made regarding the practice of “jake-braking” by large trucks and the noise created by this process is disruptive to the residents of the nearby community (on Highway 6 and Highway 171 near all entrances into Many, LA city limits).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate, or cause to be used or operated, within the community described as (on Highway 6 and Highway 171 near all entrances into Many, LA city limits) in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, any mechanical exhaust device, or motor brake, designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle which results in the excessive, loud unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle, or otherwise engage in what is known as “jake-braking”, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any person, firm, or corporation violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction hereof shall pay a fine not exceeding \$200.00 for each offense, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that enforcement of this ordinance shall be delayed until signs have been posted on all major roadways in the community described as (on Highway 6 and Highway 171 near all entrances into Many, LA city limits) in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Said signs shall be posted on or near said roadways stating in language similar to:

“NO JAKE-BRAKING BY ORDER OF PARISH ORDINANCE”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption ,and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered by Stewart and seconded by Taylor and adopted by the following ye and nay vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 16th day of October 2024, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

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

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)

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is responsible for the safety of individuals traveling on parish roads; and

WHEREAS, the current posted speed limit for Lighthouse Road, located in Road District 16 (Ward 2), allows drivers to travel at speeds of up to forty-five (45) miles per hour without being issued a citation; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that this is a dangerous speed for travel on Lighthouse Road in Road District 16 (Ward 2)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on Lighthouse Road in Road District 16 (Ward 2) shall be twenty (20) miles per hour

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect October 31, 2024, and it shall be published one time in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, along with any other minutes of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered by Stevens and seconded by Stewart and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 16th day of October 2024, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

23a. Consider Adopting Policy for Acceptance of Unplatted Roads into the Parish Maintenance System

Road Superintendent Hughes presented the Jury with a policy regarding the acceptance of unplatted roads into the parish-wide maintenance system. He noted that this policy is already in place but would like to amend it to specify acceptable road material. The Road and Shop Committee has reviewed the proposed policy and recommended acceptance of it.

Resolution No. 9653

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Bison to adopt the amended policy for acceptance of unplatted roads into the Parish Maintenance System.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

23b. Introduce Ordinance 6 of 2024- An Ordinance for Roads, Bridges and Ditches

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance regarding roads, bridges and ditches in Sabine Parish. 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. 6 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE FOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND DITCHES

23c. Introduce Ordinance 7 of 2024- An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3 of 1992- Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land in Sabine Parish

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1992 regarding rules and regulations for the subdivision of land in Sabine Parish. 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. 7 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3 OF 1992- RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN SABINE PARISH

23d. Consider Amending the Parish Transportation Act Priority List: Replace Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road with Little Flock Road

Road Superintendent Hughes stated that he had been contacted by Police Juror Barry Stevens requesting to amend the current 3-year Parish Transportation Act Priority List to replace the first phase of repair for Turtle Beach Road, expected to be restored in 2025, with the second phase of repair for Little Flock Road. Mr. Hughes mentioned that Turtle Beach Road had recently been repaired with funds received from a road damage reimbursement. The Road and Shop Committee met on October 15, 2024, and recommended approval of the amendment.

Resolution No. 9654

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road is currently listed on the 2025 Parish Transportation Act Priority List and Phase 2 of Turtle Beach Road is listed on the 2026 list, and

WHEREAS, Parish Transportation Act funds have be allocated to repair Turtle Beach Road in 2025 and 2026, and

WHEREAS, Turtle Beach Road has been partially repaired in 2024 with funds received from road damage reimbursements, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Transportation Act funds allocated to repair Turtle Beach Road in 2025 need to be reallocated, and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of Little Flock Road was completed in 2024, and a Phase 2 of repair is needed to complete the road, and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of Little Flock Road has been suggested as a replacement for Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road on the 2025 Parish Transportation Act Priority List.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 Parish Transportation Act Priority List be amended to replace Phase 1 of Turtle Beach Road with Phase Two of Little Flock Road.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

23e. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Converse to Overlay North Zwolle Street

The Village of Converse, Louisiana desires to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Police Jury to overlay North Zwolle Street.

Resolution No. 9655

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, North Zwolle Street is in need of overlay with asphalt, 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 Village of Converse has indicated a desire to repair and overlay North Zwolle Street to provide a safe roadway for travel, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has indicated a willingness to provide all material, equipment and labor required to overlay North Zwolle Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Village of Converse, Louisiana to overlay North Zwolle Street, 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: 8 - Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Garcie

23f. Consider Approving Repairs to Parish-wide Gradall with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

Road Superintendent Hughes informed the Jury of the current repairs made to the parish-wide gradall. He presented them with an outstanding invoice of approximately \$21,000. During the October 15, 2024, Road and Shop Committee meeting, the Committee recommended paying the repair invoice with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Resolution No. 9656

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the parish-wide gradall has had recent repairs made to it costing approximately \$21,000, and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended approving the repair invoice with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby authorizes the payment of the parish-wide gradall repair invoice at a cost of approximately \$21,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the repair invoice be paid through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Garcie

24. Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs has forwarded a cooperative endeavor agreement to the Police Jury to provide for a portion of the cost of the operation and maintenance of the parish Veteran's Service Offices.

Resolution No. 9657

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to support local veterans and improve their access to benefits and services, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) both contribute to the operation and maintenance of parish Veterans' Service Offices, and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:260-262 provides that LDVA shall not contribute more than seventy-five percent (75%) for such operation and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, police juries may make appropriations out of funds for the purpose of providing or assisting in providing for the maintenance and operation of Veterans' Service Offices

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury shall contribute to the support of the Veterans' Service Office by paying the LDVA a total of \$14,395 in minimum monthly payments of \$1,200.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the LDVA and the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cooperative endeavor agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

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. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9658

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for October Operations (\$450,000)

Resolution No. 9659

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 October 2024 operations.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

28. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

29. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes provided the jurors a listing of permits and citations issued during the prior month. He also presented a current list of capital projects and Parish Transportation Act projects completed and to be completed. He then informed the Jury of the recent pugmill delivery.

30. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9660

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Ruffin to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Garcie

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President