

February 19, 2025

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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 January 15, 2025
13. Select Auditor for the Year Ended December 31, 2024
14. Consider Adopting an Ordinance to Establish a Fifteen (15) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Bill Ebarb Road (Ward 5, Road District 15)
15. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 5-2 from the Disabled American Veterans Building Located at 29305 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana, 71449 to the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. Toledo Center located at 29275 Hwy 191 Many, Louisiana 71449
16. Ratify the Engagement of Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson LLC to Represent the Parish in Possible Litigation
17. Ratify Disbursement of Opioid Abatement Funds to 11th Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund per the Request of Mr. Brian C. Mcrae, Chief Defender of the 11th, 39th, and 42nd Judicial Districts
18. Approve the Judge's Request to Hire a Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator for the Pretrial Services Program for the 11th Judicial District Court
19. Review Bids and Award Contract for the Purchase of a New Dozer for the Solid Waste Landfill
20. Review Proposals and Award Contract for Providing Quality Assurance Field Inspection and Testing During Construction Related to the Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill
21. Award Contractor to Relocate Two Monitoring Wells at the Solid Waste Landfill
22. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2024 Annual Audit
23. Approve Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine Parish Dixie Youth
24. Consider Abolishing the Position of the Asphalt Laydown Crew Foreman and Creating Two Lead Operator Positions
25. Consider Approving Payment of \$50 per Month for Business Use of Personal Cell Phones for the Two Lead Operators of the Asphalt Laydown Crew
26. Approve Repairs to Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer (SW-378)
27. Declare Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer (SW-378) as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (govdeals.com)

28. Adopt Resolution of Support Authorizing Sports Wagering in Sabine Parish
29. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
30. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for February Operations (\$500,000)
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, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, and Kenny John Remedies.

The following jurors were absent:

William E. Ruffin and Randy Byrd

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. “Bo” Stewart.

5. Amend the Agenda

There was no amendment to the agenda.

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9714

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

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

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 January 15, 2025

Resolution No. 9715

Motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held January 15, 2025.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

13. Select Auditor for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has requested proposals from several Certified Public Accounting firms to perform the financial audit of the Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The following firms responded to the request for proposals:

| Firm | Expected Fee |
|--|---------------------|
| Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPA's | \$52,500-\$60,000 |
| Rozier, McKay & Willis | \$56,250 |

Secretary Treasurer Weatherford has reviewed the proposals. He recommended accepting the proposal from Rozier, McKay & Willis.

Resolution No. 9716

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor to accept the proposal of Rozier, McKay & Willis to perform the primary government financial audit and supplemental procedures for the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

14. Consider Adopting an Ordinance to Establish a Fifteen (15) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on Bill Ebarb Road (Ward 5, Road District 15)

ORDINANCE No. 1 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON BILL EBARB ROAD IN ROAD DISTRICT 15 (WARD 5)

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 Bill Ebarb Road, located in Road District 15 (Ward 5), 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 Bill Ebarb Road in Road District 15 (Ward 5)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the maximum speed limit for any vehicle travelling on Bill Ebarb Road in Road District 15 (Ward 5) shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2025, 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 Garcie and seconded by Taylor and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 19th day of February 2025, 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

15. Adopt an Ordinance to Move the Polling Place for Precinct 5-2 from the Disabled American Veterans Building Located at 29305 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana, 71449 to the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. Toledo Center located at 29275 Hwy 191 Many, Louisiana 71449

ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 5-2 FROM THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS BUILDING LOCATED AT 29305 HIGHWAY 191, MANY, LOUISIANA, 71449 TO THE SABINE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. TOLEDO CENTER LOCATED AT 29275 HIGHWAY 191 MANY, LOUISIANA 71449

WHEREAS, the polling place for Precinct 5-2 has been the Disabled American Veterans Building, 29305 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the West Louisiana Veteran Park and Memorial has informed the Sabine Parish Police Jury and Registrar of Voters to discontinue use of its facility (Disabled American Veterans Building), and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. Toledo Center has agreed to the use of its facility for voting purposes only when an election occurs on a Saturday, and

WHEREAS, the polling place for Precinct 5-2 will be moved to a temporary location for election dates occurring on a Tuesday, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Registrar of Voters desires the polling place for Precinct 5-2 to be permanently located at the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. Toledo Center, 29275 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the polling place for Precinct 5-2 be permanently moved from the Disabled American Veterans Building, 29305 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana to the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. Toledo Center, 29275 Highway 191, Many, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect February 19, 2025, 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 foregoing ordinance having been offered upon a motion by Stevens and seconded by Remedies was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 19th day of February 2025, 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

16. Ratify the Engagement of Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson LLC to Represent the Parish in Possible Litigation

Resolution No. 9717

The following Motion and Resolution was offered by Bison who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Taylor at the February 19, 2025, meeting of the Sabine Parish Police Jury (the "Police Jury"):

WHEREAS, The Sabine Parish Police Jury requires counsel for the purposes of evaluating legal options against Swyft Connect, a federally funded entity that is currently installing high-speed Internet in Sabine Parish (Swyft is federally funded, and implementing part of a federal program); and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury does not have counsel on its staff, and the Sabine Parish District Attorney's Office has advised that it does not have civil experience with federal civil cases, nor sufficient resources to promptly assist with these matters; and

WHEREAS, The Police Jury proposes to retain the following outside counsel for these purposes, at the following legal rates:

J. Chris Guillet, Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson, LLC, 616 Front Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana (318-352-2302), \$300 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate shall be \$300.00, because this counsel has more than twenty years of experience in the practice of law, with extensive experience in federal court, and federal civil litigation, as well as state court litigation, and experience representing public bodies; this rate is equal to or less than typical legal rates in this area for comparable civil work; and

WHEREAS the term shall commence on the date of the adoption of this resolution and be effective through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262 and applicable law, does hereby retain and employ the law firm of J. Chris Guillet, Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson, LLC as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Sabine Parish Police Jury on the 19th day of February, 2025.

I, Ricky L. Sepulvado, President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, under authority vested in me under the law, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the said Police Jury at its meeting held February 19, 2025, at which a quorum was present, and the same has not been revoked, rescinded or altered in any manner, and is in full force and effect.

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado, President

Witnessed this 19th day of February, 2025.

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

17. Ratify Disbursement of Opioid Abatement Funds to 11th Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund per the Request of Mr. Brian C. McRae, Chief Defender of the 11th, 39th, and 42nd Judicial Districts

During the July 17, 2024, Regular Police Jury Meeting, Mr. Brian McRae, Chief Defender of the 11th, 39th, and 42nd Judicial Districts, requested monies from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund. During the meeting, he stated that his office will be required to participate in the new drug court system that will be run in Sabine Parish. He informed the Jury that his office will be responsible for providing representation and data collection. Resolution No. 9592, adopted July 17, 2024, authorized the sum of \$15,000 from the Opioid Abatement Fund to be distributed evenly over a six-month period (\$2,500 per month) to the Chief Defender of the 11th, 39th, and 42nd Judicial Districts. Resolution No. 9592 provided a disbursement period of July 1, 2024-December 31, 2024. After adoption of the resolution, Mr. McRae requested that funds not be disbursed until a later date. He has contacted the Police Jury to begin disbursement of funds beginning February 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2025.

Resolution No. 9718

Motion by Bison and seconded by Stevens to ratify the disbursement of funds to the 11th Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund per the Request of Mr. Brian C. McRae, Chief Defender of the 11th, 39th, and 42nd Judicial Districts beginning on February 1, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2025.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

18. Approve the Judge's Request to Hire a Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator for the Pretrial Services Program for the 11th Judicial District Court

During the January 15, 2025, Regular Police Jury meeting, Judge Gentry requested that the Jury provide funding from the Opioid Settlement monies to hire a Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator for the Pretrial Services Program for the 11th Judicial District Court. She stated that the coordinator would be responsible for managing pretrial detainees with substance use disorders, particularly opioid use disorder, who qualify for bond with special conditions. The consensus of the Jury was to refer to the discussion to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

The Finance Committee met on February 7, 2025, and discussed the costs associated with the position. Judge Gentry requested the annual salary of the coordinator be set at \$50,000. It was determined that the salary and fringe benefits associated with the position would cost the Parish

approximately \$65,000 every year. The recommendation of the Finance Committee was to approve and fund the position of the Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator contingent upon sufficient funds from the Opioid Settlement being available every year.

Resolution No. 9719

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District Court has requested the Sabine Parish Police Jury to hire a Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator with funds derived from the Opioid Settlement, and

WHEREAS, the Judge has requested that an annual salary of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be paid to the Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator, and the coordinator shall be allowed to participate in the Police Jury's group health insurance program and retirement system should the employee elect to do so, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends approving and funding the position of the Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator contingent upon sufficient funds from the Opioid Settlement being available every year

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a position for the Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator for the Pretrial Services Program for the 11th Judicial District Court be created, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for the position is to be fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, with payments being made on a semi-monthly basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position will not participate in the STEP Plan, vacation plan or holidays, but will be eligible to participate in the health insurance program and retirement system offered by the Police Jury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of the salary and fringe benefits for the Pretrial Services Intervention Coordinator will be paid solely by the Opioid Settlement Fund contingent upon sufficient funds being available every year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position will be created immediately upon adoption by the Police Jury.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

19. Review Bids and Award Contract for the Purchase of a New Dozer for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids for a new dozer for the Solid Waste Landfill until 11:00 a.m. on January 31, 2025, at which time the public bids were opened and publicly read aloud.

Resolution No. 9720

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accepted sealed public bids for a dozer for the Solid Waste Landfill, and

WHEREAS, three sealed bids were received as follows:

| Vendor | Description | Bid Price |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc. | New Komatsu D71PX-24 | \$513,516.00 |
| Doggett Equipment | New John Deere 850P | \$540,000.00 |
| Louisiana Cat | New Caterpillar D6 LGP VP | \$533,984.72 |

and,

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee met on February 10, 2025, reviewed all bids and compared the relative advantages of leasing the desired equipment opposed to purchasing it and recommends that the Police Jury reject all bids received and enter a lease agreement for the desired equipment.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury rejects all bids received for a new dozer and approves entering into a lease agreement for the desired equipment, and

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

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

20. Review Proposals and Award Contract for Providing Quality Assurance Field Inspection and Testing During Construction Related to the Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill

Resolution No. 9721

On motion by Stevens and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has need of quality assurance field inspection and testing during construction related to the Subtitle D Liner in Cells 8 & 9 at the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this professional service is expected to be approximately \$717,565.00 and paid over an estimated 18-month period, and

WHEREAS, one proposal has been received for this professional service:

| Vendor | | Bid Price |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|
| Ardaman & Associates, Inc | | \$717,565.00 |

,and

WHEREAS, the engineer for the Police Jury, Mr. Brett Bayard, recommends that Ardaman & Associates, Inc. be engaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposal from Ardaman & Associates, Inc., and

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

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

21. Award Contractor to Relocate Two Monitoring Wells at the Solid Waste Landfill

The engineering firm for the Sabine Parish Police Jury (Mader Engineering, Inc.) has solicited proposals for relocation of monitoring wells MW-11 and MW-12 at the Solid Waste Landfill. The relocation of the wells is needed to accommodate the construction of Cells 8 & 9 liner systems.

Resolution No. 9722

On motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has need to relocate monitoring wells MW-11 and MW-12 at the Solid Waste Landfill to accommodate construction of Cells 8 & 9 liner systems, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this service is expected to be less than sixty thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, the following proposals have been received for this service:

| Vendor | Bid Price |
|---|------------------|
| Ardaman & Associates, Inc | \$34,950.00 |
| Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc | \$31,127.00 |
| Fourrier & de Abreu Engineers ,LLC | \$64,518.00 |

,and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm for the Police Jury, Mader Engineering Inc., recommends that Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc. be engaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposal from Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc., and

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

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

22. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2024 Annual Audit

Resolution No. 9723

On motion by Stevens and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of the annual financial audit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury and it is required to be presented to and adopted by the Police Jury in an open meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2024 financial audit as prepared by the President and the Secretary Treasurer is hereby adopted.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

23. Approve Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine Parish Dixie Youth

Every year the Sabine Parish Police Jury provides the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth funds which are split equally between the five municipalities that participate in the program. This amount of funding is included in the 2025 Police Jury Budget.

Resolution No. 9724

Motion by Remedies and seconded by Taylor to authorize the Police Jury President to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth to provide \$10,000 in funding for the program.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

24. Consider Abolishing the Position of the Asphalt Laydown Crew Foreman and Creating Two Lead Operator Positions

Resolution No. 9069, adopted July 15, 2022, established the employment position of a Foreman/Paver Operator for the Asphalt Laydown Crew. The rate of pay for the Foreman/Paver Operator was set at \$28.00 per hour. The position of the Foreman/Paver Operator has recently been vacated, and the Road Superintendent is requesting the Police Jury to abolish the position of the Asphalt Laydown Crew Foreman and create two employment positions for a "Lead Operator" at a rate of pay of \$23 per hour.

Resolution No. 9725

On motion by Garcie and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has need of lead personnel to direct the Asphalt Laydown Crew, and

WHEREAS, the employment position of the Foreman/Paver Operator has recently been vacated, and

WHEREAS, Road Superintendent Hughes has requested the Police Jury to abolish the position of the Foreman/Paver Operator and establish two Lead Operator positions for the Asphalt Laydown Crew

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Asphalt Laydown Crew Foreman/Paver Operator position be abolished and two positions for Lead Operator be created, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for the two Lead Operators shall be the base rate of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour as adjusted by any STEP increases, if applicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the positions be authorized and effective as of March 1, 2025.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

25. Consider Approving Payment of \$50 per Month for Business Use of Personal Cell Phones for the Two Lead Operators of the Asphalt Laydown Crew

The two Lead Operators of the Asphalt Laydown Crew use their personal cellular telephones to conduct parish business. Other Parish employees who use their cellular telephones to conduct parish business receive a reimbursement of fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

Resolution No. 9726

Motion by Bison and seconded by Garcie to authorize a monthly reimbursement of fifty dollars (\$50) to the two Lead Operators of the Asphalt Laydown Crew for the use of their personal cellular telephones to conduct parish business.

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

Yeas: 5 - Stevens, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 2-Stewart and Taylor

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

26. Approve Repairs to Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer (SW-378)

The Solid Waste Committee met February 10, 2025, and considered repairing the Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer. It is estimated that the repair costs will be approximately \$70,000. The Solid Waste Committee recommends repairing the D-6 Dozer.

Resolution No. 9727

On motion by Stevens and seconded by Remedies to authorize the repair of the Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

27. Declare Solid Waste Landfill's D-6 Dozer (SW-378) as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (govdeals.com)

During the February 10, 2025, Solid Waste Committee meeting, the committee determined that the D-6 Dozer at the Solid Waste Landfill was not a reliable piece of machinery and no longer served a public purpose. The Solid Waste Committee recommended that this asset be declared surplus property and sold.

Resolution No. 9728

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee has determined that the Caterpillar D-6 Dozer (SW-378) no longer serves a public purpose and has recommended that the equipment be declared surplus and sold.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the following equipment be declared surplus and be sold at auction:

| Description | Identification Number | Fund |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2020 Caterpillar D6T LGP Track Type Tractor (Dozer) | KEW00378 | Solid Waste Landfill |

, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the equipment be sold by electronic auction through Govdeals.com, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the police jury be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the sale.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

28. Adopt Resolution of Support Authorizing Sports Wagering in Sabine Parish

Resolution No. 9729

On motion by Garcie and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, sports wagering (sports betting) is not currently allowed in Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires for the proposition authorizing sports wagering in Sabine Parish to be placed on the next available ballot, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the proposition is placed on the next available ballot, the parish governing authority (the Police Jury) needs to adopt a resolution of support to authorize sports wagering in Sabine Parish

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution supporting the authorization of sports wagering in Sabine Parish is hereby adopted.

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

Yeas: 5 - Stevens, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 2-Stewart and Taylor

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

29. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9730

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

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

30. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for February Operations (\$500,000)

Resolution No. 9731

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to appropriate and transfer \$500,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for February 2025 operations.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

31. Committee Reports

Mr. Bo Stewart asked if there was a plot map for the Fender's Cemetery. It was determined that research would have to be done on this inquiry.

32. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes provided the jurors with a listing of permits and citations issued during the prior month.

He also presented the Road Department's annual report to the jurors. He reported that parish employees laid over 21 miles of asphalt during 2024. Over \$1,500,000 was collected for road damage settlements. During 2024, the Road Department processed 580 work orders for repairs to parish roads.

33. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9732

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

s/William E. Weatherford
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Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President