

March 19, 2025

On Wednesday, March 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 February 19, 2025
13. Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office and Many Police Department-Discuss Adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) and/or Any of its Analog in the Parish of Sabine
14. Introduce an Ordinance Amending and Revising the Parish of Sabine's ¼ % and 1% Sales and Use Tax Ordinance Effective August 1, 2024
15. Declare Two of the Solid Waste Landfill's 6-inch Pumps as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (Govdeals.com)
16. Declare 2019 MowerMax, BH-2926 (S/N: MMB18029-26), Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com
17. Authorize Advertisement of Bids for New Parish-wide Self-Contained Purpose-Built Boom Mower
18. Approve Repairs to Parish-wide Motor Grader
19. Authorize Advertising Bid for Dump Truck for Ward 4, Road District 17
20. Consider Hiring a Temporary Employee to Fill the Master Mechanic Position During His Absence
21. Discuss Rate of Pay for Utility Laborer for Compactor Site Maintenance
22. Call a Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant
23. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of Sabine Parish a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services
24. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Execute on Behalf and in Name of Sabine Parish Police Jury a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services
- 24a. Adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury
- 24b. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, and Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Position and Setting the Rate of Pay of a Lead Utility Laborer and a Utility Laborer

25. Consider a Resolution in Opposition of a Carbon Capture Facility being Located Within Sabine Parish, Louisiana
26. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for March Operations (\$500,000)
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, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, and Randy Byrd.

The following jurors were absent or arrived late:

William E. Ruffin and Ronny Bison

3. Prayer

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Randy Byrd.

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. 9733

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

24a. Adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury

24b. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, and Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Position and Setting the Rate of Pay of a Lead Utility Laborer and a Utility Laborer

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Bison

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9734

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: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies, and Byrd

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Bison

7. Public Comments

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

Mr. Mike Pitt expressed his objection to carbon dioxide sequestration and urged all police jurors to support the resolution of opposition of any carbon dioxide sequestration sites being constructed in Sabine Parish.

Ms. Lutrisa Gasaway commended the operator that had recently graded Yellow Pine Road.

Mr. Steven Rawling with DT Midstream asked the Jury to consider tabling the resolution of opposition of carbon dioxide sequestration sites being constructed in Sabine Parish until more information regarding carbon dioxide sequestration could be released to the public.

Mr. Ronny Bison joined the meeting.

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

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Road Superintendent and member of the Planning Commission, stated that there were no reports to be given at this time.

12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held February 19, 2025

Resolution No. 9735

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Stewart to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 19, 2025.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

13. Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office and Many Police Department-Discuss Adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) and/or Any of its Analog in the Parish of Sabine

Deputy Coroner Stanley Cook informed the Police Jury that the abuse of the drug Kratom was contributing to serious problems affecting the health and welfare of Sabine Parish citizens. He stated that many other Parishes have passed an ordinance to prohibit the sale of Kratom and expressed his support for the Police Jury to adopt an ordinance outlawing the sale of such drug in Sabine Parish.

Mrs. Cheryl Wooley, Town of Many's Chief of Police, stated that Many had recently passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of Kratom and urged the Police Jury to pass an ordinance banning all sales throughout the Parish.

The consensus of the Jury was to adopt an ordinance that would prohibit the sale of Kratom within the boundaries of Sabine Parish. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read the proposed ordinance name aloud.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBITING THE SALE OF MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH (KRATOM) AND/OR ANY OF ITS ANALOG IN THE PARISH OF SABINE

14. Introduce an Ordinance Amending and Revising the Parish of Sabine's ¼ % and 1% Sales and Use Tax Ordinance Effective August 1, 2024

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance amending and revising the Parish of Sabine's ¼% and 1% sales and use tax ordinance effective August 1, 2024. The first step in this

process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read the proposed ordinance aloud.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2025

**AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF
THE PARISH OF SABINE, STATE OF LOUISIANA'S
¼% and 1% SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024**

The Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana's Sales and Use Tax Ordinance, adopted effective August 1, 2024 (the "2024 Ordinance"), is hereby revised, restated and amended.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana desires revise, restate, and amend the 2024 Ordinance to clarify, align and conform the ordinal provisions with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, which were recently amended during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, to read as follows:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for the continued levy within the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, for additional ten (10) year periods of (i) a one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) sales and use tax and (ii) a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Parish and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said taxes and the purpose for which the proceeds of the taxes may be expended, said taxes having been authorized at a special election held in the Parish on April 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 29 and 30 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority and an election held on April 30, 2022, the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") acting through the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana as its governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), is authorized to continue to levy and collect within the Parish, (i) a one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) sales and use tax (the "1/4% Tax") and (ii) a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "the "1% Tax") (collectively, the "Taxes"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and digital products and on sales of services as defined in applicable statutory authority, pursuant to the following propositions which were approved at said election held on April 30, 2022:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

(SALES TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to continue to levy and collect a tax of one-fourth of one percent (¼%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law (an estimated \$1,332,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2033, with the avails or proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated for the purpose of providing funds for administering, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, supporting and operating authorized activities, services, programs and/or facilities of/for and by the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. and its branches, including the costs of acquiring land and any capital improvements therefor?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

(SALES TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to continue to levy and collect, a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") for a period of ten (10) years, commencing August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2034, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish (an estimated \$5,325,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), all as presently defined by law, with the proceeds thereof (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for establishing, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, improving and operating a solid waste collection and disposal system for the Parish, with the balance of the proceeds remaining in each year to be used for establishing, constructing, maintaining and improving roads and bridges in the Parish?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and said special election of April 30, 2022 it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the levy and collection of the Taxes and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

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

SECTION 1. IMPOSITION

Imposition. Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Parish on April 30, 2022, the taxes are hereby levied and authorized to be collected for the purposes set forth in the propositions, upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital product within the Parish, and upon sales of services within the Parish, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the taxes, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

This Ordinance adopts by reference each and every one of the definitions set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301, as amended, and incorporates those definitions to be used herein for purposes of the interpretation, application and enforcement of the taxes.

SECTION 3. RATE OF TAX

A. Sabine Council on Aging, Inc.:

The tax authorized herein and effective from and after October 1, 2023 shall be levied and imposed as follows:

(i) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property, when sold at retail in the Parish; the tax to be computed on the total sales price for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the Sabine Council on Aging, Inc. and its branches and to include each and every retail sale.

(ii) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Parish; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

(iii) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

(iv) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by the lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property.

(v) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the amounts paid or charged for all enumerated taxable sales of services, as defined by law, in the Parish.

(vi) At the rate of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) of the sales price of each digital product, as that term is used and defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301(32)(a), when sold at retail, leased or rented, or licensed in the Parish; the tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

B. Parish of Sabine:

The tax authorized herein and effective from and after August 1, 2024 shall be levied and imposed as follows:

(i) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property, when sold at retail in the Parish; the tax to be computed on the total sales price for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due Sabine Parish and to include each and every retail sale.

(ii) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold, but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Parish; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

(iii) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to the said business.

(iv) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the monthly lease or rental price paid by the lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property.

(v) At the rate of one percent (1%) of the amounts paid or charged for all enumerated taxable sales of services, as defined by law, in the Parish.

(vi) At the rate one percent (1%) of the sales price of each digital product, as that term is used and defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:301(32)(a), when sold at retail, leased or rented, or licensed in the Parish; the tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) sales and use tax shall be effective on October 1, 2023 and the one percent (1%) sales and use tax shall be effective on August 1, 2024.

SECTION 5. TERM

The one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2033) and the one percent (1%) Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2034).

SECTION 6. PURPOSES

The proceeds of each tax, as heretofore and hereafter collected and after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the tax, shall be used for the purposes set forth in the respective propositions approved by the voters in the special election held in the Parish on April 30, 2022, authorizing the taxes, which propositions are set forth in the preamble hereto (said taxes being heretofore authorized to be levied pursuant to elections held on December 8, 2012 and October 19, 2013).

SECTION 7. VENDOR'S COMPENSATION

There shall be no vendor's compensation allocated to the dealer for accounting for and remitting the taxes.

SECTION 8. OPTIONAL EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

The Governing Authority adopts none of the optional exemptions or exclusions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does the Governing Authority adopt any exemptions or exclusions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29(D)(1) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974. Included within the tax base of each tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or enumerated service, and digital product with no exemptions or exclusions except for those mandated upon every political subdivision by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 9. INTEREST

If the amount of tax due by the dealer is not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20TH) day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due, there shall be collected with said tax, interest upon said unpaid or unremitted amount, at the maximum allowable rate permitted by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:337.69, as may be amended, not to exceed one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) per month. Interest shall be computed from the first day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due until it is paid. The interest obligation shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were a part of the tax due and can be enforced in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the tax and shall not be waived or remitted.

SECTION 10. DELINQUENCY PENALTY

In addition to any interest that may be due for taxes not paid or remitted on or before the twentieth (20TH) day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due, there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five percent (5%) for each thirty days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate, of the tax due. The

Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 11. PENALTY FOR FALSE, FRAUDULENT OR GROSSLY INCORRECT RETURN.

In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Governing Authority is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.72, which shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found due. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 12. NEGLIGENCE PENALTY

In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Governing Authority is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.73, which shall be five percent (5%) of the amount of the tax found due, or ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater. The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 13. PENALTY FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK

In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Governing Authority is authorized to levy and impose a penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.74, which shall be an amount equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the amount of the check or twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The Collector shall be permitted to use its discretion in determining whether or not to waive any portion or all the penalty set forth herein.

SECTION 14. ATTORNEY FEES

The Collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance, or to represent the Governing Authority in any proceeding arising from the interpretation, application or enforcement of this ordinance. If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge representing attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the dealer or tax debtor, in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.13.1.

SECTION 15. PENALTY FOR AUDIT COSTS.

The Collector is authorized to employ a private auditing firm to act as the Collector's agent for purposes of auditing and determining the correct taxes owed by any and all dealers operating in the Parish of Sabine. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, the Governing Authority is authorized to levy and impose a specific penalty in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.75, which shall be an amount itemized by the Governing Authority to compensate for all costs incurred in making such examination or audit, or in holding such hearing, or in subpoenaing and compensating witnesses.

SECTION 16. DISTRAINT COST PENALTY

Whenever the Collector uses the distraint procedure to enforce the collection of the tax, there shall be imposed with respect to the tax for the collection of which the distraint procedure is used, a specific penalty in addition to any other penalties authorized herein and as provided by R.S. 47:337.76, in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) to compensate for the costs of the distraint procedure.

SECTION 17. LIMITS ON INTEREST, PENALTIES AND ATTORNEY FEES.

Should the interest, penalties or attorney fee sections herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other laws or the Louisiana Revised Statutes, including the relevant and controlling jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other laws, Louisiana Revised Statutes, and/or relevant and controlling jurisprudence shall apply and be imposed herein.

SECTION 18. COLLECTOR.

The tax levied by this Ordinance is authorized to be collected by a “Collector” which term shall be the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission.

SECTION 19. POWERS OF THE COLLECTOR.

The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, to appoint and hire deputies, assistants, agents, or hire private contractors to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 20. AGREEMENT TO COLLECT TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

With regard to the collection of the tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license tax (collectively, “Vehicles”), the Collector, acting through the Sales and Use Tax Administrator and on behalf of this Parish, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and/or any other such entity that may become authorized to collect Parish Tax on Vehicles, as provided by R.S. 47:303(B).

SECTION 21. CONFLICTS WITH THE UNIFORM LOCAL SALES TAX CODE

To the extent any of the provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with any of the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code found at R.S. 47:337.1, *et seq.*, with respect to the collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, it is the intent of the Governing Authority that the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as hereafter amended, control and be applicable.

SECTION 22. REVENUES OF TAXES

All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this ordinance relating to the taxes shall be promptly deposited by the Collector for the account of the Parish in the respective special funds heretofore established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which funds are separate bank accounts established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which funds are separate bank accounts established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Parish; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

In compliance with the said special election of April 30, 2022, authorizing the taxes, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administration of the taxes have been paid as provided for above, the remaining balance in said special funds shall be available for appropriation and expenditures by the Governing Authority solely for the respective purposes designated in the propositions authorizing the levy of the taxes.

SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY.

If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this amendment and revision to the Ordinance which validates or makes legal any section of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply and be incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 24. UNIFORM SALES TAX CONTROLLING

If any provision of this ordinance shall be in conflict with the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code shall be controlling.

SECTION 25. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This revision, restatement, and amendment to the 2024 Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2025, being an Ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 26. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION.

This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of the Parish of Sabine as soon as reasonably possible. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Collector to be maintained as part of its official records in connection with its duties to collect, administer and enforce this tax.

15. Declare Two of the Solid Waste Landfill's 6-inch Pumps as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (Govdeals.com)

It has been determined that two 6-inch pumps no longer serve a public purpose. It has been recommended that these assets be declared surplus property and sold.

Resolution No. 9736

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that two 6-inch pumps no longer serve public purpose, and it has been recommended that the equipment be declared surplus and sold:

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

Description	Identification Number	Fund	Minimum Bid Amount
2020 AP-150 6-inch pump	1079	Solid Waste Landfill	\$1,000.00
2020 AP-150 6-inch Pump	1080	Solid Waste Landfill	\$1,000.00

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 sales.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

16. Declare 2019 MowerMax, BH-2926 (S/N: MMB18029-26), Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com

The following piece of equipment is considered to no longer serve a useful purpose to the Sabine Parish Police Jury. On March 4, 2025, the Road and Shop Committee met and unanimously declared the equipment surplus and approved disposal of it through electronic auction.

Resolution No. 9737

On motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee met on March 4, 2025, and recommended that the following equipment be declared surplus property:

UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER	ROAD DISTRICT	MINIMUM BID
BH-2926	2019 ATMAX Mower Max Boom w/26 ft Boom Arm	MMB18029-26	Parish-Wide	\$25,000.00

and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above listed property be hereby declared surplus property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the surplus property be sold through electronic auction (Govdeals.com) at a price no lower than the minimum bid amount noted above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to finalize the sale of the listed equipment.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

17. Authorize Advertisement of Bids for New Parish-wide Self-Contained Purpose-Built Boom Mower

During the March 4, 2025, Road and Shop Committee meeting, Road Superintendent, Bobby Hughes, reported that the parish is in need of a new self-contained purpose-built boom mower. He reported that the current mower is worn out and needs replacement. He requested the purchase of a new self-contained purpose-built boom mower. The Road and Shop Committee has recommended authorizing advertising for bids for the said equipment.

Resolution No. 9738

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Bison to authorize Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes to develop specifications for a new parish-wide self-contained purpose-built boom mower and to work with Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford to prepare and issue a bid request for said equipment with a delivery date in 2025.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

18. Approve Repairs to Parish-wide Motor Grader

The Road and Shop Committee met March 4, 2025, and considered repairing the parish-wide motor grader, Unit G-37. It is estimated that the repair cost will be approximately \$41,000. The Road and Shop Committee recommend repairing the motor grader.

Resolution No. 9739

On motion by Byrd and seconded by Remedies to authorize the repair of the parish-wide motor grader (Unit G-37).

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

19. Authorize Advertising Bid for Dump Truck for Ward 4, Road District 17

During the March 4, 2025, Road and Shop Committee meeting, Road Superintendent, Bobby Hughes, informed the committee that Ward 4, (Road District 17), needs a dump truck. He reported that the current dump truck is old and no longer dependable. He requested the purchase of a new dump truck.

Resolution No. 9740

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Byrd to authorize Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes to develop specifications for a new dump truck for Road District 17 (Ward 4) and to work with Secretary Treasurer William E. Weatherford to prepare and issue a bid request for said equipment.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

20. Consider Hiring a Temporary Employee to Fill the Master Mechanic Position During His Absence

Resolution No. 9741

On motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Master Mechanic working at the Road Department is expected to not be available for work for an extended period of time due to surgery, and

WHEREAS, the Road Department desires to maintain a fully staffed mechanic crew while the Master Mechanic is off- duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes is hereby authorized to hire a temporary Master Mechanic to fill the temporary vacancy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary Master Mechanic will be hired at a rate of pay not to exceed \$28.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary Master Mechanic will not participate in the STEP PLAN or any other employee benefits normally offered to full-time employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, that the temporary Master Mechanic's employment will terminate upon the return of the regular employee to work.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

21. Discuss Rate of Pay for Utility Laborer for Compactor Site Maintenance

Resolution No. 9742

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor to table discussing the rate of pay for a Utility Laborer for compactor site maintenance.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

22. Call a Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant

The Sabine Parish Police Jury will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on April 2, 2025, in the Sabine Parish Courthouse 400 S. Capitol St. Many, LA 71449. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Parish and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. A notice providing more information will be published in Parish's Official Journal, the Sabine Index, on March 26, 2025.

Resolution No. 9743

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Bison to hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on April 2, 2025, in the Sabine Parish Courthouse 400 S. Capitol St. Many, LA 71449 to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Parish and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

23. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of Sabine Parish a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services

Resolution No. 9744

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO

EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF SABINE PARISH
A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish is in need of the services of an experienced administrative consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide administrative services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation*, the regional planning and development district for Northwest Louisiana, has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in developing LCDBG applications and providing administrative services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation* has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG administrative services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated, and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation* will be selected to administer the LCDBG program, contingent upon the Citizen Participation public hearing; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation* will be paid the contract amount not to exceed \$55,000 paid entirely out of local funds for LCDBG administrative services; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation* will be paid a \$6,000 application fee, regardless of funding status; and

WHEREAS, *The Coordinating and Development Corporation* will be paid the remaining balance of \$49,000 only if the application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Sabine Parish that the President is authorized to execute on behalf of Sabine Parish, a contract for LCDBG application development and LCDBG administrative services with *The Coordinating and Development Corporation*.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, William Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer for the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Bison and seconded by Remedies was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

and the same was declared adopted by the President this 19th day of March 2025.

s/William E. Weatherford
William Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer
Sabine Parish, Louisiana

24. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the President to Execute on Behalf and in Name of Sabine Parish Police Jury a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services

Resolution No. 9745

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO
EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN NAME OF SABINE PARISH
A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (LCDBG-PF) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, Sabine Parish is in need of the services of an experienced engineering consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide engineering services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, **BALAR Associates, Inc.** has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in providing engineering services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, **BALAR Associates, Inc.** will be selected as the engineering firm to execute the LCDBG program, contingent upon the Citizen Participation public hearing; and

WHEREAS, **BALAR Associates, Inc.** has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG engineering services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable; and

WHEREAS, *BALAR Associates, Inc.* will be paid the proposed contract amount entirely out of local funds for LCDBG engineering services only if the LCDBG application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sabine Parish Police Jury that the President is authorized to execute on behalf of Sabine Parish, a contract for LCDBG development and LCDBG engineering services with *BALAR Associates, Inc.*

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, William Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer for the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby certify the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a resolution, which upon motion of Bison and seconded by Byrd was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

and the same was declared adopted by the President this 19th day of March 2025.

s/William E. Weatherford
William Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer
Sabine Parish, Louisiana

24a. Adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the President of the Sabine Parish Police Jury

Resolution No. 9746

A RESOLUTION FOR THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SABINE PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury authorizes the application for LCDBG funding, and designates signatory authority for official signing documents to Parish President Ricky Sepulvado.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish President has full signatory authority on behalf of Sabine Parish to fulfill all requirements to submit the LCDBG application.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, William Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer for the Sabine Parish Police Jury, hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Garcie seconded by Taylor was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

and the same was declared adopted by the President on this 19th day of March 2025.

s/William E. Weatherford
William Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer
Sabine Parish, Louisiana

24b. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, and Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Position and Setting the Rate of Pay of a Lead Utility Laborer and a Utility Laborer

Resolution No. 9696 adopted on December 18, 2024, established the positions of two parish-wide utility laborers. These positions are responsible for maintaining all compactor sites throughout the Parish. The base rate of pay for the position is \$15.00 per hour, and the position is allowed to participate in the STEP Plan and other benefits normally offered to Police Jury employees. Since then, Road Superintendent Hughes and Compactor Sites Supervisor, Mr. Barry Goss, have determined that a Lead Utility Laborer and Laborer would be the best way to construct this crew.

Secretary-Treasurer Weatherford suggested that Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, be rescinded and a resolution establishing the position and setting the rate of pay of a Lead Utility Laborer and a Utility Laborer be adopted.

Resolution No. 9747

On motion by Garcie and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, established the positions of two parish-wide utility laborer positions to maintain all compactor sites throughout the Parish, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Lead Utility Laborer and Laborer would be the best way to construct this crew, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024, shall be rescinded, and

WHEREAS, the position of a Lead Utility Laborer and Laborer must be established

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 9696 of December 18, 2024 is hereby rescinded, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby approves creating the position of a Lead Utility Laborer and a Utility Laborer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the base rate of pay for the Lead Utility Laborer be set at \$16.00 per hour and the base rate of pay for the Utility Laborer be set at \$14.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both positions participate in the STEP Plan and be eligible to participate in all fringe benefit programs normally offered by the Police Jury, and

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

25. Consider a Resolution in Opposition of a Carbon Capture Facility being Located Within Sabine Parish, Louisiana

Police Juror Barry Stevens stated the Parish has had multiple meetings with one of the companies planning to place a carbon dioxide sequestration site in Sabine Parish. He thanked the company for its time in doing so, and for the information that had been provided during the meetings. In conclusion, he determined that there are too many potential risks involved in this operation and suggested that the Police Jury consider adopting a resolution in opposition of any and all carbon dioxide sequestration sites being constructed in Sabine Parish. He stated that it was pertinent to inform state legislators of the Parish's position on such matter before the 2025 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 9748

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has been informed of the future development of carbon dioxide sequestration sites in Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has determined that sufficient research has not been conducted on carbon sequestration to relieve constituents of their concern regarding public safety, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has the governmental purpose to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens of Sabine Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury concludes that it is not in support of any carbon dioxide sequestration site being placed in Sabine Parish

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury adopts a resolution in opposition to all carbon capture facilities for carbon dioxide sequestration being located within Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

26. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9749

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

27. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for March Operations (\$500,000)

Resolution No. 9750

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

28. Committee Reports

Mr. "Bo" Stewart, Chairman of the Courthouse Committee, informed the Jury that he had been contacted by the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor requesting permission to install new windows in the courtroom per the wish of the Judge. The Maintenance Supervisor was advised to get quotes for the installation of new windows.

29. Operations

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

He also verbally gave the jurors a progress report concerning the pugmill and its operations.

30. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9751

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Ruffin

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

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado
Ricky L. Sepulvado
President