

April 16, 2025

On Wednesday, April 16, 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
- 10a. Mr. Danny Asbell -Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board
11. Planning Commission:
 - (a) Consider Lifting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Parish Roads
 - (b) Pleasure Estates to Begin Two Year Maintenance Period for Adoption into Parish-wide Road System
12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held March 19, 2025
13. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of January Through March 2025
14. Consider the Appointment of Mr. Chad Strother as a Board Member for the Sabine Parish Planning Commission
15. Consider Adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) and/or Any of its Analog in the Parish of Sabine
16. Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending and Revising the Parish of Sabine's ¼ % and 1% Sales and Use Tax Ordinance Effective August 1, 2024
17. Review and Consider Adopting an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Monitoring and Controlling Special Events Held Within the Boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana
18. Mr. Brett Bayard- Present Landfill Airspace Projections and Provide Information on Future Landfill Development
19. Consider Leasing All Heavy Machinery for the Solid Waste Landfill
20. Consider Approving Purchase of a Truck for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP)
21. Discuss the Following Parish Roads: New Hope Road, Middle Creek Road, Pump Station Road, Geoghagan Road and Bay Springs Road
22. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, and Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Position and Setting the Rate of Pay for a Full-Time Mechanic
- 22a. Declare 1996 Mack RD690S Dump Truck, D-45 (S/N: 1M2P264Y6TM022346), Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com
23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$500,000)
25. Committee Reports
26. Operations
27. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ricky L. Sepulvado called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Assistant Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present:

"Bo" Stewart, Barry Stevens, William E. Ruffin, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, Kenny John Remedies, and Randy Byrd.

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. 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. 9752

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

10a. Mr. Danny Asbell -Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board

22a. Declare 1996 Mack RD690S Dump Truck, D-45 (S/N: 1M2P264Y6TM022346), Surplus and Approve Sale Through Govdeals.com

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9753

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

7. Public Comments

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

Mr. William E. Ruffin, Police Juror, thanked the Police Jury and the public for the support that was shown to him during the passing of his wife.

Mr. Scotty Carnline commented on Agenda Item No. 21. He commended the Jury for all improvements made to parish roads in the last several years.

Mr. Richard Bruce and Mrs. Gloria Bruce commented on Agenda Item No. 21. They stated that no work had been done to any of the named roads and requested road maintenance for the road they live on.

Mr. Bruce Taylor, Police Juror, informed Mr. and Mrs. Bruce that Road Superintendent Hughes had gathered all work orders performed on the listed roads and each road will be addressed at the appropriate time.

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 Rodeny 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.

10a. Mr. Danny Asbell -Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board

Mr. Danny Asbell, Chairman on the Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board, informed the Jury that MedExpress had recently added a third ambulance service in Converse, LA which increased response time to thirty (30) minutes or less. He also noted that the board had recently approved putting together a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage ambulance service for the parish. A representative from MedExpress stated that his team will be working closely with the EMS Advisory Board throughout the RFP process.

11. Planning Commission

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Road Superintendent and Chairman of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, addressed the Police Jury. He noted that during the November 20, 2024, Police Jury Regular meeting, the Jury approved a moratorium on the acceptance of any roads into the Parish-wide Road Maintenance System, including all related activity, until further notice. He informed the Jury that this moratorium can now be lifted.

(a) Consider Lifting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Parish Roads

Resolution No. 9754

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to lift the moratorium on the acceptance of parish roads approved on November 20, 2024.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

In addition, he noted that the subdivision, Pleasure Estates, had requested that the Police Jury begin the two-year maintenance period for adoption of roads into the parish-wide road system. The roads must be maintained by the owners for a two-year period and meet the applicable standards for a parish road to be adopted into the system. The Police Juror representing the district where Pleasure Estates is located, Mr. Barry Stevens, expressed his opposition for starting the two-year maintenance period at this time and requested that the Jury table the item until the Planning Commission could meet with the developer.

(a) Pleasure Estates to Begin the Two-Year Maintenance Period for Adoption of roads into the Parish-wide Road System.

Resolution No. 9755

Motion by Bison and seconded by Stevens to table beginning the two-year maintenance period required for Pleasure Estates to be accepted into the parish-wide road system.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Resolution No. 9756

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Byrd to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held March 19, 2025.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

13. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of January Through March 2025

Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner, reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Sabine Parish Coroner's Office during the first quarter of 2025.

Mr. Cook reported that the Coroner's Office worked a total of 155 investigations during the first quarter of 2025. He noted that the Office worked 68 deaths and committed 55 individuals.

14. Consider the Appointment of Mr. Chad Strother as a Board Member for the Sabine Parish Planning Commission

During the January 15, 2025, Regular Police Jury meeting, President Sepulvado informed the Jury that Mr. Peter Nugent had resigned from the Sabine Parish Planning Commission and an appointment would have to be made to fill this vacancy. The Planning Commission recommends that Mr. Chad Strother be appointed to fill the vacancy and to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Peter Nugent.

Resolution No. 9757

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Nugent has tendered his resignation as a member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, effective immediately, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended that Mr. Chad Strother be appointed by the Police Jury to fill the vacancy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby accepts the resignation of Mr. Peter Nugent as a member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby appoints Mr. Chad Strother as a member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission, effective immediately, to complete Mr. Nugent's term which ends January 1, 2030.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent:

15. Consider Adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) and/or Any of its Analog in the Parish of Sabine

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2025

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

WHEREAS, Kratom is an herbal extract that comes from the leaves of an evergreen tree (*Mitragyna speciosa*) grown in Southeast Asia. Although people who take kratom may believe in its value, researchers who have studied kratom opine that its side effects and safety problems more than offset any potential benefits; and

WHEREAS, Kratom has been reported to cause abnormal brain function when taken with certain prescription medicine. The effects of Kratom become stronger as the quantity taken increases and is known to cause death. Kratom is not currently regulated in the United States, and federal agencies are taking action to combat false claims about kratom; studies on the effects of kratom have identified many safety concerns and no clear benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury does hereby declare that the use of Kratom is a serious problem affecting the health and welfare of all citizens. The Sabine Parish Police Jury does further declare and determine that all reasonable steps should be taken to prohibit the sale of Kratom in Sabine Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby deems it necessary and proper for good government, order, and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare of the Parish and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has concluded that to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, the sale or possession of Kratom should be incorporated as a misdemeanor crime within the Parish of Sabine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sabine Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened, as follows: to wit:

Section 1. It shall be illegal for any person, business, or legal entity to sell, distribute, or possess with the intent to sell or distribute, or to possess for personal use *Mitragyna Speciosa Korth* (Kratom) and/or any of its analogs in the Parish of Sabine.

Section 2. Penalties.

(1) On a first conviction in violation of the provisions of Section 1, the person shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned for not more than fifteen (15) days, or both.

(2) On a second conviction in violation of Section 1, the person shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions or items of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, 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 Bison and seconded by Byrd was then submitted to an official vote and the vote thereupon was recorded as follows to wit:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent:

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 16th day of April 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. Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending and Revising the Parish of Sabine's ¼ % and 1% Sales and Use Tax Ordinance Effective August 1, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2025

The following ordinance was offered by Stewart and seconded by Bison:

AMENDED AND RESTATED SALES TAX ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending and restating an ordinance adopted on June 15, 2022, providing for the levy within the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, of (i) a one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) sales and use tax, effective October 1, 2023 and (ii) a one percent (1%) sales and use tax, effective August 1, 2024, authorized at a special election held on April 30, 2022, in accordance with the provisions and terms of Chapter 2D of Subtitle II, Chapter 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as it may be amended.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the authority granted at a special election held within the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on April 30, 2022 (the "Election"), the Parish has the authority 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 "1% Tax" and, together with the 1/4% Tax, the "Taxes"), within the Parish, the proceeds of which are to be dedicated and used for the purposes set forth in the propositions (the "Propositions") submitted at said election, which Propositions are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance adopted on June 15, 2022 (the "Prior Ordinance"), the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana ("Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish, provided for the levy and collection of the Taxes; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session which adjourned on November 22, 2024, the Louisiana Legislature made changes to the state and local sales and use tax statutes, which have since been signed into law by the Governor and have an effective date of January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority desires to amend and restate the Prior Ordinance to ensure the Prior Ordinance continues to conform in all respects as originally enacted and to be, "assessed, collected, paid and enforced in the same manner..." as originally intended to the extent allowed by law

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

SECTION 1. Imposition. Pursuant to the authority of the Election, the Taxes are hereby levied and authorized to be collected, from and after the applicable Effective Date (as hereinafter

defined), 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, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products within the Parish, and upon sales of services in the Parish, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as 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 Taxes. (A) The 1/4% Tax authorized herein and effective from and after the applicable Effective Date shall be levied and imposed as follows:

(i) At the rate of 1/4% of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property, when sold at retail in the Parish; the 1/4% Tax to be computed on the total sales price for the purpose of remitting the amount of the 1/4% Tax due to the Parish, and to include each and every retail sale.

(ii) At the rate of 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 1/4% Tax.

(iii) At the rate of 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 1/4% of the monthly lease or rental price paid by 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 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 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 1/4% Tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

(B) The 1% Tax authorized herein and effective from and after the applicable Effective Date shall be levied and imposed as follows:

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

(ii) At the rate of 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 1% Tax.

(iii) At the rate of 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 1% of the monthly lease or rental price paid by 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 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 of 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 1% Tax to be computed in the same manner as authorized in the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. The 1/4% Tax shall be effective on October 1, 2023, and the 1% Tax shall be effective on August 1, 2024 (the "Effective Date").

SECTION 5. Term. The 1/4% Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2033) and the 1% Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2034).

SECTION 6. Purposes. The proceeds of the Taxes, after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Taxes, shall be used for the purposes set forth in the Propositions approved by the voters in the Election authorizing the Taxes, which Propositions are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

SECTION 9. Interest on Unpaid Amount of Taxes Due. If the amount of Taxes 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 Taxes are due, there shall be collected with said Taxes interest upon said unpaid or unremitted amount, at the maximum allowable rate permitted by La. R.S. 47:337.69 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto. Interest shall be computed from the first day of the month next following the month for which the Taxes are 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 Taxes due and can be enforced in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the Taxes 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 Taxes are 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 the aggregate, of the Taxes due as provided in La. R.S. 47:337.70 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto. The penalty, or any portion thereof, may be waived as set forth in La. R.S. 47:337.71 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 11. Penalty for False, Fraudulent or Grossly Incorrect Return. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, there is hereby imposed a penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.72, which shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Taxes found to be due.

SECTION 12. Negligence Penalty. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, there is hereby imposed a penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.7, which shall be five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount of the Taxes found to be due, or ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater.

SECTION 13. Penalty for Insufficient Funds Check. In addition to any other penalties authorized herein, there is hereby imposed a penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.74 which

shall be an amount equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the check or twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 14. Attorney Fees. The Collector (as hereinafter defined) 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 Collector 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 for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the dealer tax debtor, in accordance with La. R.S. 47:337.13.1 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 15. Penalty for Costs Incurred. As provided by R.S. 47:337.75, and under the circumstances set forth therein, a penalty shall be added to the amount of Taxes due in an amount as itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making an examination of books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or in the holding of hearings or the subpoenaing and compensating of witnesses.

SECTION 16. Distrain Penalty. The penalty as provided by R.S. 47:337.76 in cases where the distraint procedure is used in the collection of the Taxes shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 17. Limits on Interest, Penalty and Attorney Fees. Should the interest, penalties or attorney fees herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided the Louisiana Revised Statutes or by other law, 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 Taxes levied by this Ordinance are authorized to be collected by a "Collector" which term shall mean the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission.

SECTION 19. Powers of Collector. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, to appoint and hire deputies, assistants or agents, or 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. The Collector may, in its discretion waive all or any portion of any fees and penalties set forth herein, to the extent allowed by applicable law.

SECTION 20. Agreement to Collect Tax on Vehicles. With regard to the collection of the Taxes 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, the Governing Authority, acting through the President of the Governing Authority, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the Parish with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the collection of the Taxes on such vehicles, as provided by R.S.47:303(B).

SECTION 21. 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 applicable special fund established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which funds may be a separate bank account to be 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 Election 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 expenditure by the Governing Authority solely for the purposes designated in the applicable Proposition authorizing the levy of the Taxes.

SECTION 22. 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 provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to and be incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 23. 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 24. Effective Date of Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2025, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 25. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of the Parish as soon as is 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 the Taxes.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 16th day of April, 2025.

s/William E. Weatherford

William E. Weatherford
Secretary-Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado

Ricky L. Sepulvado
President

EXHIBIT "A"

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 (1/4%) (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?

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

The jurors were provided with a proposed draft of the ordinance for review. President Sepulvado urged the Jury to review this ordinance carefully and present any questions or concerns to the Secretary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary Treasurer or District Attorney. He suggested that consideration of adoption be tabled until each juror had sufficient time to review the ordinance.

Resolution No. 9758

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Stevens to table considering adopting an ordinance establishing policy and procedures for monitoring and controlling special events held within the boundaries of Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

18. Mr. Brett Bayard- Present Landfill Airspace Projections and Provide Information on Future Landfill Development

Mr. Brett Bayard, with Mader Engineering Incorporated, presented the jurors airspace projections for the Sabine Parish Sanitary Landfill. He reported various dates when the available airspace at the landfill will be used based on various flows of waste materials.

Due to the length of time required to get approval for additional landfill space, Mr. Bayard recommended that the Police Jury begin the process of permitting additional acreage for landfill use as soon as possible.

19. Consider Leasing All Heavy Machinery for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Solid Waste Committee met on April 3, 2025, and discussed the possibility of leasing all heavy machinery needed at Sabine Parish Landfill as opposed to buying it. Due to the harsh conditions of a landfill, the lifespan of landfill equipment is approximately five years or less. The committee agreed that leasing all heavy machinery at the Sabine Parish Landfill would be the most cost-effective method for ensuring the equipment stays dependable and reliable.

Resolution No. 9759

The following resolution was offered by Remedies and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee agrees that leasing is the most cost-effective method to provide dependable and reliable machinery for the Sabine Parish Landfill and recommends that all necessary heavy machinery be leased

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury approves leasing all heavy machinery needed at the Sabine Parish Landfill, 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 any and all lease agreement(s).

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

20. Consider Approving Purchase of a Truck for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP)

President Sepulvado stated that the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) has requested a new pickup truck. The expenditure is included in the 2025 Police Jury budget that was adopted on January 15, 2025. The Director of OHSEP has obtained three quotes for a 2025 GMC Canyon 4WD Elevation.

Resolution No. 9760

Motion by Bison and seconded by Byrd:

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) has need for a new pickup truck to conduct necessary business, and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes have been obtained for a pickup truck as follows:

Vendor	Description	Price
Foy Motors, Inc.	2025 GMC Canyon 4WD Elevation	\$43,809.50
Harper Chevrolet-Buick-GMC	2025 GMC Canyon 4WD Elevation	\$44,746.75
P.K. Smith Motors, Inc.	2025 GMC Canyon 4WD Elevation	\$44,579.50

and,

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has reviewed the quotes and recommends that the low quote from Foy Motors, Inc. be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the low quote from Foy Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$43,809.50 to purchase a 2025 GMC Canyon 4WD Elevation for Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) use, 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 this purchase.

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

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

Nays: 1- Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

21. Discuss the Following Parish Roads: New Hope Road, Middle Creek Road, Pump Station Road, Geoghagan Road and Bay Springs Road

Road Superintendent Hughes provided copies of the work orders associated with the roads listed for discussion. He stated that to date approximately \$181,000.00, nearly 36 % of the respective road district's budget, had been spent to maintain these parish roads.

22. Consider Rescinding Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, and Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Position and Setting the Rate of Pay for a Full-Time Mechanic

During the March 19, 2025, Regular Police Jury meeting, the Police Jury passed Resolution No. 9741 to authorize Road Superintendent Hughes to hire a temporary mechanic to fill the Master Mechanic's position during his leave of absence. Since that time, Road Superintendent Hughes has expressed his desire to hire a permanent, full-time mechanic instead. He stressed the need for an additional mechanic due to the increase in equipment the Jury has obtained in the last several years. He stated that the routine maintenance on Parish equipment has increased drastically, and the shop could use an additional mechanic to keep up with the workload.

Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, needs to be rescinded before establishing the position of permanent, full-time mechanic.

Resolution No. 9761

On motion by Garcie and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, authorized the Road Superintendent to hire a temporary mechanic to fill the temporary vacancy of the Master Mechanic, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an additional permanent and full-time mechanic is needed to accommodate the workload of the shop, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, shall be rescinded, and

WHEREAS, the position of an additional permanent, full-time mechanic shall be established

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 9741 of March 19, 2025, is hereby rescinded, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby approves creating the position of an additional permanent and full-time mechanic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the base rate of pay for the mechanic be set at \$28.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mechanic position participates 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 position be authorized and effective as of April 16, 2025.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

22a. Declare 1996 Mack RD690S Dump Truck, D-45 (S/N: 1M2P264Y6TM022346), 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. Road Superintendent Hughes has requested to declare the equipment surplus and approve disposal of it through electronic auction.

Resolution No. 9762

On motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, Road Superintendent Hughes recommends that the following equipment be declared surplus property:

UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER	ROAD DISTRICT	MINIMUM BID
D-45	1996 Mack RD690S Dump Truck	1M2P264Y6TM022346	Ward 4 (Road District 17)	\$500.00

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

23. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9763

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

24. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for April Operations (\$500,000)

Resolution No. 9764

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

25. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

26. Operations

President Sepulvado commended the parish road crews, the North Sabine Fire District, members of the EMS Advisory Board, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other parties involved in distributing cases of water to residents in the Union Springs area during the water outage.

27. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9765

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

s/William E. Weatherford

William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado

Ricky L. Sepulvado
President