

March 18, 2026

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, immediately following a public hearing held at 8:30 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
- 11a. Introduce an Ordinance to Establish Regulations for Subdivision Development in Sabine Parish, Louisiana
12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held February 18, 2026
13. Mr. Danny Asbell –Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board-Provide Monthly Report
14. Mr. Brock Booker-McClure, Bomar & Harris, LLC
15. Consider an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Adoption of Ordinances
16. Consider a Resolution Ordering and Calling Special Elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein, Making Application to the State Bond Commission, and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith
17. Approve Entering a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Pine Belt Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency, Inc. to Provide Services to Sabine Parish Citizens
- 17a. Discuss Holly Grove Road and Rocky Mount Road
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19. Approve Engagement of Rozier, McKay & Willis to Perform the Annual Financial Audit and the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the Year Ended December 31, 2025
20. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2025 Annual Audit
21. Accept Donation of 2020 Chevy Tahoe (VIN:1GNLCDEC4LR159173) from the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department in Behalf of the Coroner's Office
22. Amend Resolution No. 9932 to Approve Exchange of Enforcement Scales (Qty:12, S/N:41873-41884) through Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bossier Parish Police Jury
23. Approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Industrial District to Assist with Economic Development
24. Consider Purchase of the Building Located at 505 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana (the CADA Building)
25. Declare Certain Equipment Surplus Property and Authorize Sale through Online Auction (govdeals.com)
26. Review and Award Proposal for the Lease of Loader for Pugmill Operations
27. Consider Purchase of a Tack Wagon
28. Authorize Advertisement of Bids for Parish-wide Road Widener

29. Authorize President Ronald L. Bison to Sign or Otherwise Execute all Documents Pertaining to the Opioid Settlements
30. Consider Providing Signature Authority for the LSU AgCenter
31. Consider Adopting a Policy for Control of Off-Road Diesel Fuel
32. Adopt Resolution of Support Naming Louisiana Hwy 174 East, from Pleasant Hill City Limits to the Parish Line, in Honor and Memory of the Late Mr. Dick Shuford and the Late Mrs. Jacque Shuford
33. Review and Award Bid for Inbound Scale for the Solid Waste Landfill
34. Consider a Resolution Supporting House Bill No. 146 of the 2026 Regular Session
35. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
36. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for March Operations (\$500,000)
37. Committee Reports
38. Operations
39. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ronald L. Bison called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: “Bo” Stewart, Barry Stevens, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky “K-Wall” Sepulvado, and Kenny John Remedies.

The following jurors were absent or arrived late:

William E. Ruffin and Randy Byrd

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by the Secretary Treasurer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bruce Taylor.

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. 9958

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

11a. Introduce an Ordinance to Establish Regulations for Subdivision Development in Sabine Parish, Louisiana

17a. Discuss Holly Grove Road and Rocky Mount Road

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9959

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Stewart 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, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

7. Public Comments

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

Mr. John Monteith, Sabine Parish land developer, commented on Agenda Item 11a. Introduce an Ordinance to Establish Regulations for Subdivision Development in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. He stated that he and other land developers in the parish have been working closely with the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance to establish regulations for subdivision development in Sabine Parish. He expressed his support for the proposed ordinance.

8. Senator Alan Seabaugh

No representative from Senator Alan Seabaugh's office was present at the meeting.

9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

Ms. Shanna Gaspard, Legislative Assistant to State Representative Rodney Schamerhorn, was present at the meeting and stated that the 2026 Regular Legislative Session convened on March 9, 2026. She informed the jurors of the status of HB346 by Representative Schamerhorn which redesignates a portion of United States Highway 171 as the "Speaker Joe R. Salter Memorial Highway".

10. Representative Larry Bagley

No representative from Representative Larry's Bagley's office was present at the meeting.

Police Juror, Ricky L. Sepulvado, provided a list of bills that Representative Bagley had authored for the 2026 Regular Session.

11. Planning Commission

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Chairman of the Planning Commission, informed the Jury that the Commission has drafted a policy that would establish regulations for subdivision development in Sabine Parish and it would be presented later in the meeting.

11a. Introduce an Ordinance to Establish Regulations for Subdivision Development in Sabine Parish, Louisiana

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance to establish regulations for subdivision development in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford introduced the proposed ordinance by name.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT IN SABINE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Mr. William E. Ruffin entered the meeting.

12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held February 18, 2026

Resolution No. 9960

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Remedies to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 18, 2026.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

13. Mr. Danny Asbell –Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board-Provide Monthly Report

Mr. Danny Asbell, Chairman of the EMS Advisory Board, provided the Jury with a summary of the most current EMS Advisory Board meeting. He stated that there has been enhanced cooperation between medical facilities, fire districts and first responders since Acadian Ambulance Service commenced operations in Sabine Parish.

14. Mr. Brock Booker-McClure, Bomar & Harris, LLC

Mr. Brock Booker and Mr. Stuart Harris with McClure, Bomar & Harris, LLC provided the Police Jury with an overview of their risk management/insurance program.

15. Consider an Ordinance Establishing Policy and Procedures for Adoption of Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of Sabine Parish, is given authority by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1236 to make regulations for its own government, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has not formally adopted policy and procedures pertaining to the adoption of ordinances, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for formally adopted policy and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable State statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the following policies and procedures be adopted by the Police Jury:

General Policy and Procedures:

1. All proposed ordinances shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for adoption.
2. Except for codification, all proposed ordinances shall be confined to one (1) subject. The subject of the proposed ordinance must be expressed clearly in the title.

Introduction:

1. The Police Jury shall introduce an ordinance during an open public meeting and a Public Hearing shall be scheduled.
2. All proposed ordinances shall be read by title when introduced.
3. All proposed ordinances shall be published in the official journal, in full, within ten (10) days after introduction for three consecutive weeks.

Adoption:

1. No ordinance shall be considered for final passage until at least two (2) weeks from the date of introduction and a public hearing has been held on the ordinance.
2. The proposed ordinance shall be considered for adoption during the meeting following its introduction.
3. With final approval of the ordinance by the police jury, such enacted ordinance shall be published in full in the official journal by the Secretary Treasurer as soon as practical, but no more than twenty-one (21) days thereafter.

4. Every enacted ordinance, unless it shall specify another date, shall become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days after publication by the jury.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be in effect May 1, 2026, and it shall be published three times in the Official Journal of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana.

The above ordinance was offered by Garcie and seconded by Stewart and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

Thereupon, the President declared this ordinance adopted on this the 18th day of March 2026, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine.

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

s/ Ronald L. Bison
Ronald L. Bison
President

16. Consider a Resolution Ordering and Calling Special Elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein, Making Application to the State Bond Commission, and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith

Resolution No. 9961

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and District on

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION
(LIBRARY MILLAGE)

Shall the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a special tax of 2 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$747,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of the administration, improvement, operation, maintenance and support of the Sabine Parish Library and its branches, including the costs of any capital improvements thereto?

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 15, WARD 5 PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 13.02 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$516,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or repairing public roads and bridges in the District, including ditching and drainage therefor and purchasing of equipment therefor?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Parish and District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026**, at **9:00 A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish and District will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Sabine Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Sabine Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$2,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority as and when invoices are presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

YEAS: 8- Stewart, Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1-Byrd

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 18th day of March, 2026.

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

/s/ Ronald L. Bison
Ronald L. Bison
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana and (ii) Road District No. 15, Ward 5 of Sabine Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on March 18, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on **SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election for the Parish of Sabine will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The said special election for Road District No. 15, Ward 5 will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS
05-08(PART)
06-02(PART)
06-03
07-02(PART)
08-01(PART)
08-02(PART)
09-04(PART-NO VOTERS)

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of the Parish of Sabine election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$47,700.

The estimated cost of Road District No. 15, Ward 5 election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$15,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Courthouse, 400 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026**, at **9:00 A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections. All registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

17. Approve Entering a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Pine Belt Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency, Inc. to Provide Services to Sabine Parish Citizens

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received a letter, dated February 25, 2026, from the Pine Belt Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency, Inc., formally requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000. The funds will be utilized to assist in the operation of the agency programs administered within Sabine Parish.

Mr. William E. Ruffin asked the other jurors to consider increasing the amount of funding from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This funding is budgeted in the 2026 General Fund Budget.

Resolution No. 9962

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor to authorize President Ronald L. Bison to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Pine Belt Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency, Inc. to provide 2026 funding to the Agency in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

17a. Discuss Holly Grove Road and Rocky Mount Road

Mr. Bruce Taylor briefly discussed the latest road work completed on Holly Grove Road and Rocky Mount Road.

18. Review and Accept December 31, 2024, Audited Annual Financial Statements

Mr. Lee Willis, CPA, with Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants delivered the Annual Financial Report as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2024. Mr. Willis reported that the Police Jury funds were in good financial condition on December 31, 2024.

Resolution No. 9963

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Stewart to accept the annual audited financial statements of the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2024, as presented by Mr. Lee Willis, CPA.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

19. Approve Engagement of Rozier, McKay & Willis to Perform the Annual Financial Audit and the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Rozier, McKay & Willis, Certified Public Accountants, prepared the annual financial audit for

the year ended December 31, 2024. They have proposed to perform the 2025 annual financial audit for the Police Jury for a fee not to exceed \$53,500. Rozier, McKay & Willis will also perform certain agreed-upon-procedures required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for a fee not to exceed \$5,250. Total audit cost will not exceed \$58,750.

Resolution No. 9964

On Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, Rozier, McKay & Willis, Certified Public Accountants, have performed the annual Financial audit for the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, they have proposed to perform the audit for the year ended December 31, 2025 for a fee not to exceed \$53,500, and

WHEREAS, they have proposed to perform certain agreed-upon-procedures required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for a fee not to exceed \$5,250

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the engagement of Rozier, McKay & Willis, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the audit for the year ended December 31, 2025 and to perform the additional agreed-upon procedures that are required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor at a fee not to exceed \$58,750.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

20. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2025 Annual Audit

Resolution No. 9965

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Sepulvado:

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2025 financial audit as prepared by the President and the Secretary Treasurer is hereby adopted.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

21. Accept Donation of 2020 Chevy Tahoe (VIN:1GNLCDEC4LR159173) from the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department in Behalf of the Coroner's Office

The Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department has donated a surplus Chevy Tahoe to the Sabine Parish Coroner's Office. The Sabine Parish Police Jury will accept the donation and assign the vehicle to the Coroner's Office.

Resolution No. 9966

On motion by Remedies and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department has a surplus vehicle and has expressed willingness to donate such surplus vehicle, 2020 Chevy Tahoe (VIN: 1GNLCDEC4LR159173) to the Sabine Parish Police Jury for the Coroner's Office to use

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the donation of a 2020 Chevy Tahoe (VIN: 1GNLCDEC4LR159173) and assigns this vehicle to the Coroner's Office ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Police Jury is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and otherwise execute any and all documents necessary to convey ownership of this vehicle.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

22. Amend Resolution No. 9932 to Approve Exchange of Enforcement Scales (Qty:12, S/N:41873-41884) through Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bossier Parish Police Jury

Resolution No. 9932 of January 21, 2026, declared twelve (12) enforcement scales (S/N:41873-41884) as surplus property and authorized the exchange of the surplus scales through a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bossier Parish Sherriff's Department.

Since that time, it has been discovered that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is the agency who will receive the scales. The Sabine Parish Police Jury needs to amend Resolution No. 9932 of January 21, 2026, to read the correct agency's name.

Resolution No.9967

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Remedies to amend Resolution No. 9932 of January 21,2026 and replace every occurrence of "Bossier Parish Sherriff's Office" with "Bossier Parish Police Jury".

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

23. Approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Industrial District to Assist with Economic Development

During the February 18, 2026, Regular Police Jury meeting, the Jury approved amending its 2026 General Fund budget to dedicate \$50,000 to the Sabine Parish Industrial District to assist with economic development throughout the Parish. The Jury with need to approve entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Industrial District.

Resolution No. 9968

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Garcie to authorize the Police Jury President to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Industrial District to provide \$50,000 in funding to assist with economic development.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

24. Consider Purchase of the Building Located at 505 Capitol Street, Many, Louisiana (the CADA Building)

During the February 18, 2026, Regular Police Jury meeting President Bison informed the jurors that the Police Jury had received an offer to purchase the building located at 505 Capitol Street in Many, Louisiana (the CADA building). He stated that, if purchased, the building would be used to house the Administrative Office of the Police Jury. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford informed the Jury that the building would need to be appraised before purchase could be considered.

The Police Jury has received an appraisal report from Cypress Valuation that reads: “Based on the market conditions of March 9, 2026, the “Market Value” of the fee simple and leased fee estates (considered the same) of the subject property in the “As Is” condition, subject to the assumptions and limiting conditions contained herein, is: One hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000)”. The seller has offered to sell the building to the Police Jury for \$180,000, an amount under the appraised value.

The consensus of the Jury was to engage a certified commercial building inspector to inspect the building.

Resolution No. 9969

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Police Jury is in need of additional office space to accommodate staff and to provide for storage, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has received an offer to purchase the building located at 505 Capitol Street in Many, Louisiana (the CADA building) and, if purchased, the building would be used to house the Administrative Office of the Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, RS 33:4712.10 provides that “Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no political subdivision shall purchase immovable property with a value greater than three thousand dollars unless prior to such purchase the property has been appraised by a qualified appraiser”, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel Fowler, Louisiana Certified General Appraiser, with Cypress Valuation has provided the Police Jury with an appraisal report that reads “Based on the market conditions of March 9, 2026, the “Market Value” of the fee simple and leased fee estates (considered the same) of the subject property in the “As Is” condition, subject to the assumptions and limiting conditions contained herein, is: One hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000)”, and

WHEREAS, the seller, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Northwest Louisiana, has offered to sell the building to the Police Jury for one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000), an amount under the appraised value, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to engage a certified commercial building inspector to inspect the building prior to purchase

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Sabine Parish Police Jury approves purchasing the building located at 505 Capitol Street in Many, Louisiana (the CADA building) for one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) subject to a satisfactory report being provided by the certified commercial building inspector, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the Police Jury is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and otherwise execute any and all documents required to complete the purchase.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stevens, Ruffin, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 1- Stewart

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

25. Declare Certain Equipment Surplus Property and Authorize Sale through Online Auction (govdeals.com)

The Road Department has certain equipment that no longer serves a useful public purpose. This equipment should be declared surplus and sold through electronic auction.

Resolution No. 9970

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the property listed below no longer serves a useful public purpose:

Unit	Road District	Manufacturer	Description	Serial Number	Minimum Bid
BH-51	Ward 1	CAT	2006 420 D Backhoe Loader	FDP26951	\$10,000.00
BD-5	Ward 5	John Deere	1982 350-C Dozer	383543T	\$5,000.00
TR-1283	Parish-wide	Ford	2005 F750 Tack Truck	3FRXF76P55V111283	\$15,000.00
T-17	Ward 4	Perkins	1994 16' Trailer	44CFS1623RT007910	\$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed properties are hereby declared surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of the above listed properties to the highest bidder, exceeding the minimum bid amount, through electronic auction with govdeals.com is hereby authorized, 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 above listed properties

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

26. Review and Award Proposal for the Lease of Loader for Pugmill Operations

The Road Department needs an additional loader to assist with pugmill operations. Road Superintendent Hughes has obtained the following proposals for the lease of a loader.

Resolution No. 9971

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury received three proposals for the lease of a loader as described below:

Description	Vendor	Term/Hours	Price
2026 John Deere 644 Wheel Loader	Doggett Machinery Services	60 months, 10,000 hours	\$5,135.00 per month
2026 CAT 950GC Wheel Loader	Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.	60 months, 10,000 hours	\$4,728.65 per month
2026 Komatsu WA380-8 Wheel Loader	Waukesha-Pearce Industries LLC	60 months, 10,000 hours	\$6,366.00 per month

, and

WHEREAS, the above proposals are pure (operating) leases and do not have an option to purchase and therefore do not have to abide by Public Bid Law

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby accepts this lease proposal from Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. for a 2026 CAT 950GC Wheel Loader , and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Secretary Treasurer, William E. Weatherford, and Police Jury President ,Ronald L. Bison, are authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to complete this operating lease.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

27. Consider Purchase of a Tack Wagon

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes has requested the Police Jury to purchase a tack wagon. The Road and Shop Committee considered this request during their March 13, 2026, meeting. The Committee recommends that the Jury approve the purchase of a 500-gallon tube fired hot tack sprayer, trailer mounted (tack wagon) from Southern Equipment Group, LLC in the amount of \$29,500.

Resolution No. 9972

On motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Road Department is in need of a tack wagon, and

WHEREAS, Southern Equipment Group, LLC has such a tack wagon available for sale at a cost of \$29,500, and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended the purchase of said tack wagon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury purchase a 500-gallon tube fired hot tack sprayer, trailer mounted (tack wagon) from Southern Equipment Group, LLC for the sum of \$29,500, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said tack wagon will be for parish-wide use and will be funded by a transfer of money from the Sales Tax Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2026 Budget for the Sales Tax Fund and the Parish Transportation Fund will be amended to reflect the transfer

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

28. Authorize Advertisement of Bids for Parish-wide Road Widener

During the March 13, 2026, Road and Shop Committee meeting, Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes reported that the Road Department is in need of a road-widener. He requested the purchase of a new road widener. The road widener is expected to cost over \$60,000 and therefore subject to the Public Bid Law. The Road and Shop Committee has recommended authorizing advertising for bids for the said equipment.

Resolution No. 9973

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Stewart to table authorizing advertisement of bids for a parish-wide road widener until further research could be conducted.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

29. Authorize President Ronald L. Bison to Sign or Otherwise Execute all Documents Pertaining to the Opioid Settlements

Additional settlements for opioid litigation have been achieved. A packet of "Settlement Participation Forms" was sent electronically to the Sabine Parish Police Jury. The signature of the president of the police jury is required to participate in the settlements. There is a deadline of May 4, 2026, to participate in the settlements.

Resolution No. 9974

On motion by Ruffin and seconded by Remedies:

WHEREAS, additional settlements for opioid litigation have been achieved, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to participate in these settlements, and

WHEREAS, the signature of the president of the Police Jury on the "Settlement Participation Form" is required to participate in the settlements, and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of May 4, 2026, for participation in the settlements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby grants authority to the President, Ronald L. Bison, to sign and otherwise execute any and all documents pertaining to these opioid settlements.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

30. Consider Providing Signature Authority for the LSU AgCenter

Resolution No. 9975

Motion by Garcie and seconded by Taylor to grant authority to the Police Jury President to sign checks issued by the LSU AgCenter.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

31. Consider Adopting a Policy for Control of Off-Road Diesel Fuel

A policy for control of off-road diesel fuel needs to be adopted to establish clear standards and controls for the purchasing, storage, distribution, use, and monitoring of off road (dyed) diesel fuel by the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

Resolution No. 9976

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Taylor to adopt a policy for control of off-road diesel fuel.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

32. Adopt Resolution of Support Naming Louisiana Hwy 174 East, from Pleasant Hill City Limits to the Parish Line, in Honor and Memory of the Late Mr. Dick Shuford and the Late Mrs. Jacque Shuford

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received letters from the Chief of Police for Pleasant Hill and the School Board Member representing Pleasant Hill School District requesting the jurors to adopt a resolution that supports naming Louisiana Hwy 174 East, from Pleasant Hill city limits to the parish line, in honor and memory of the late Mr. Dick Shuford and the late Mrs. Jacque Shuford.

Each letter highlights the impact Mr. and Mrs. Shuford had on the community and indicates naming this portion of Louisiana Hwy 174 in their memory would stand as a lasting tribute.

Resolution No. 9977

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Remedies:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby supports naming Louisiana Hwy 174 East, from Pleasant Hill city limits to the parish line, in honor and memory of the late Mr. Dick Shuford and the late Mrs. Jacque Shuford.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

33. Review and Award Bid for Inbound Scale for the Solid Waste Landfill

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids for industrial scales (inbound scale) for the entrance at the Solid Waste Landfill until 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2026. The following sealed bid for the industrial scales, including installation, was received:

Bidder		Bid Amount
G.T. Michelli Co., LLC		\$90,400.00

Resolution No. 9978

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Stewart to accept the bid of G.T. Michelli Co., LLC. in the amount of \$90,400.00 for industrial scales (inbound scales), including installation, for the entrance at the Solid Waste Landfill.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

34. Consider a Resolution Supporting House Bill No. 146 of the 2026 Regular Session
House Bill No. 146 of the 2026 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session (the Bill) is to enact R.S. 18:1300.27, relative to sports wagering; to provide for an election in Sabine Parish to permit the operation of sports wagering; to provide for election outcomes; and to provide for related matters. The Sabine Parish Police Jury supports House Bill No. 146 and hereby adopts the following resolution supporting the Bill.

Resolution No. 9979

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Garcie:

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 146 of the 2026 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session (the Bill) is to enact R.S. 18:1300.27, relative to sports wagering; to provide for an election in Sabine Parish to permit the operation of sports wagering; to provide for election outcomes; and to provide for related matters, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury desires the proposition to allow the operation of sports wagering within Sabine Parish to be placed on a ballot for the electors of Sabine Parish

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sabine Parish Police Jury adopts a resolution in support of House Bill No. 146 of the 2026 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

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

Yeas: 6 - Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 2- Stewart and Ruffin

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

35. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9980

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

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

Resolution No. 9981

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 March 2026 operations.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

37. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

38. Operations

There were no items discussed under "Operations".

39. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9982

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, Ruffin Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1- Byrd

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

s/Ronald L. Bison
Ronald L. Bison
President