

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La
Tuesday, August 13, 2024

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street, Marksville.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, Clyde Benson, Travis Franks, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce, Dr. Jenny Falls, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Josph Frank- Director of Homeland Security, Twyla Lemoine, Amy Guidry, Julie LarCart, Kevin Bordelon, Ronald Coco, Francis Keller, David Skoug, Jimmy Landry, Adam Bordelon- Registrar of Voters, Assistant District Attorney-Jonathan Gaspard, Todd Laborde, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Laura Gaspard, Lynn Bordelon, A.J. Roy, III President & CEO of the Cottonport Bank

Absent: McKinley Keller and Earnest Anderson

The meeting opened with the prayer by Allen Thomas followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wiley and Jurors recognized Mr. Ronald Coco for being inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

President Wiley announced all items on the agenda are open for public comment. Anyone desiring to speak, should fill out a "Request to Speak" card.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Jenny Falls suggested moving forward updates on projects and initiatives should be done regularly, specifically at Committee Meetings to alleviate confusion on projects such as the statute.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Police Jury Meeting held on July 9, 2024. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to approve Pan American Invoice #34083, Road District No. 2, Engineering \$14,000. On vote the motion carried.

Item No. 7 Road District 2 aggregate budget tabled pending further review and discussion by the Road District No. 2 Board.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel, to consider a resolution calling for an election on December 7, 2024, to levy a millage for Library purposes.

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax 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 Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

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, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, 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 election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 6.20 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,108,300 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 providing necessary funds for the maintenance and support of the Avoyelles Parish public libraries?

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 \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when 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: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of August 2024.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to adopt a resolution of "Substantial Completion" for Tricia Park sewer, road, and drainage. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, authorizing the District Attorney to file an Injunctive Relief against Johnny Lachney. On vote, the motion carried.

Onn motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel, adopt a resolution for Sales Tax Fairness ordinance. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Sam Pearce, to obtain RFP'S for Fiscal Agent from Cottonport & Simmesport Banks. Juror Benson advised the board he would like all banks to have a chance to submit proposals because other banks in the parish employ locals. Juror Pearce felt Capital One is a credit card bank. Francis Keller suggested inquiring which bank offered better rates, versus local. On vote

Yeas	Travis Franks, Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Allen Thomas, and Sam Pearce
Nays	Clyde Benson
Absent	McKinley Keller and Earnest Andeson
Abstain	None

The motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas to advertise Litter Abatement Officer position, salary \$50,000, no benefits, P.O.S.T. certification required. Juror Benson pointed out according to our manual all full-time employees are entitled to benefits. Legal counsel opined that this motion was merely top advertise and the policy manual could be amended to "no benefits" for new hires.

Comments from the audience: Dr. Jenny Falls advised the jury when she worked for the state, they had similar issues and would contract with individuals. An unidentified male suggested deciding with the Sheriff to have a Litter Abatement Officer through the Sheriff's Office. Twyla Lemoine

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sought clarification regarding advertising as is with no benefits. Justice of the Peace, Jimmy Landry suggested hashing out the details before advertising to prevent further delays.

On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco, authorizing the President to sign the Act of Transfer and Acceptance for Oak Hall, Pat Laborde Road, Beauboeuf Road, and Guillot Road bridges. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas to approve Joseph Frank to attend the LEMC Conference October 21-23, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

President to introduce Mass Gathering Ordinance.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to advertise a Public Hearing on September 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding the proposed amendment to Section 14 Mass Gatherings Ordinance. There was discussion regarding the proposed change and how it would affect events, e.g., Church Fairs, Fall Festivals, Trail Rides. Juror Franks voiced concern that this proposition would affect municipalities. Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Gaspard stated this would not affect municipalities. Juror Pearce said this amendment was at the Sheriff's request.

Yeas	Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Clyde Benson, and Allen Thomas
Nays	Sam Pearce and Travis Franks
Absent	McKinley Keller and Earnest Anderson
Abstain	None

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco, to approve Charles Austin, Trudy Poret, Lambert Investment Properties, Cody Coco Plats of Survey. On vote, the motion carried.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a public hearing was conducted, with no attendance in objection. On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas to abandon GL Strange Road, District 1. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel to Jared Couvillion on Planning Commission, replacing Coty Bordelon. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, to authorize payment of attorney fees for the coroner (Vincent Simmons suit). No second offered, the motion failed.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel, authorizing the District Attorney's office to seek an opinion from the Attorney General for payment of coroner's attorney fees. Motion reconsidered as follows: On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Clyde Benson authorizing payment limited to filling an answer, only; further, requesting the District Attorney to request an attorney general opinion on payment of attorney fees. Kirk LaCour advised the Jury a request for the attorney general to represent has been requested. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Sam Pearce, to enter an agreement authorizing the NFL Dream League to lease APPJ formerly known as the Picard Educational and Rec Center in Bay Hills for flag football, require proper sanitation, and liability. Juror Benson questioned if it was legal to lease without charge. Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Gaspard advised it was legal. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas to advertise Housing Inspector position. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks to purchase and install GPS Tracking Device for vehicles/equipment for safe driving, insurance savings, and accountability. He left this is appropriate for utilizing taxpayer money to ensure work is being completed. Sam Pearce seconded the motion, amended to include forward and rear facing cameras. Clyde Benson, Chairperson of

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Maintenance felt his should have been discussed with the committee before being brought to a vote. Sam Pearce offered an amendment to table and discuss, send to maintenance committee, Clyde Benson seconded amendment. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to approve Trista Laborde to attend Housing Conference September 16-20 (meals & hotel accommodation). On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to adopt the Off-System Bridge Resolution. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

There being no further business, on motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

s/ Darrell Wiley
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer