

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 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, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce, Ingrid Wilson, Travis Franks, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Justice of the Peace, Jimmy Landry; Civil Works Director, Kevin Bordelon; Assistant District Attorney, Jonathan Gaspard; Director of Homeland Security, Joseph Frank; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Laura Gaspard; Dr. Jenny Falls, Twyla Lemoine, Jacob Guillory-Delta Engineers, District Attorney, Charles Riddle; Rayford Laborde, Marina Gagic, Dr. Gagic, Phillip Bartel, Julie Laborde, Theresa Thevenot, Tookie Pearce,

Absent: McKinley Keller

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

Juror Borrel presented a plaque to long-time Library board member, Mrs. Marina Gagic.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Sam Pearce, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2025, as printed in the Weekly News and emailed/mailed to all Jurors.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on September 22, 2025, as presented.

Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, a motion offered by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to establish a minimum of one acre in rural areas for all new construction and all subdivisions in rural areas of the parish. All landowners that have not improved the property are grandfathered in. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Ingrid Wilson to approve purchase of two computer monitors for Litter Abatement Officer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas to award bids for Parcel #5129002691 to Helen Robinson for \$1,305 & Parcel #0121047400 to Helen Robinson for \$2,255. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, call for a public hearing on December 9, 2025, at 4:45 pm to comment on the amended and proposed budgets. On vote, the motion carried.

Call for a public hearing on December 9th at 4:50 pm to hear comments regarding proposed Waste Tire Ordinance

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, calling for public hearing on December 9th at 4:40 pm to hear comments regarding relinquishing rights and maintenance of Garan Lane to property owners. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, calling for a public hearing on December 9th at 4:30 pm to hear comments regarding limited access to H. Dauzat Road. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt the minutes of the Courthouse Security committee meeting held on November 6, 2025. On vote, the motion carried.

Juror Travis Franks noted that he was able to access the courthouse through the main entrance without encountering any security personnel. He also observed that employees from the Sheriff's Office and other visitors were smoking at the entrance, despite the presence of a clearly posted "No Smoking" sign.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to authorize payment to Pan American Invoice #35996, Bridge Inspections \$11,350. On vote, the motion carried.

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Upon recommendation from the Litter Hearing Panel, a motion offered by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel to send letters of non-compliance to group #3 on Litter Agenda 10/21-in packet. Litter Court to draft and send letter. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to advertise seeking bids for adjudicated property on Ebony Street in Bunkie, Parcel #0121000700, minimum bid 2,800. The motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson to authorize the purchase of .10 acre of Bayou Choupique bank) for wetland mitigation for Spring Bayou Road over Spring Bayou (Goudeau) \$1,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, authorizing Pan American to complete Wetland Mitigation Bank for Spring Bayou over Spring Bayou (Goudeau). On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, authorizing Jonathan Gaspard to do abstract work for Spring Bayou Road over Spring Bayou in Goudeau. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Clyde Benson, authorizing Pan American to continue Off-System Bridge inspection and to continue for the life of the projects. On vote, the motion carried.

Juror Travis Franks communicated to the representative of the engineering firm his request for a verbal report be given at the upcoming regular meeting for the entire jury.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Travis Franks, that all employees of the PJ will have an official email address under PJ domain. No personal email will be allowed for PJ business. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Sam Pearce, to approve a Parish Beautification budget for 2026, \$12,000, On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to approve existing employees from other departments to engage in the beautification program, consisting of one truck driver/supervisor, laborers, with possibility of inmate labor, and hiring a deputy to supervise inmates, 1 day per week. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, authorizing the president to write to the Attorney General for an opinion to use Health Unit funds for Parish Beautification Litter program and Animal Shelter. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to proceed to the sale of adjudicated property to adjoining landowner Eric Rusk, Parcel #0201442025K, \$300. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce to approve TLO for Litter Abatement, \$120/month, paid from Silid Waste. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to approve a variance for 3 R.V.'s on Pecan Drive for William Aymond. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to appoint Julie Laborde to the Library board to fill the vacancy of Marina Gagic. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Avoyelles Parish School Board to clean the parking lot and driveways in connection with the ball fields or any other use, agreeing to be liable for responsible for repairing any damage caused to the parking surface and driveways in connection with its use of the ball fields. Further authorizing the president to sign. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Clyde Benson, to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Marksville for assistance with repairs to N. Fair Street bridge. PJ to supply

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equipment and employees, Marksville to pay for all materials and supply laborers as needed. Further authorizing the president to sign. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas to approve third blighted property clearing not to exceed \$7,500-Breaux Land Clearing. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to authorize Pan American to apply for Water Sector for the removal of sludge from pond at Tricia Park. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Jacob Coco to advertise seeking RFQs for Engineer services for Treasury roads. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to appoint Jospeh Frank to Fire District 2 board for a term of two years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to appoint Don Brevelle to Fire District 2 for a term of two years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Sam Pearce that all committees are to meet in the Police Jury meeting room, minutes to be taken and emailed/mailed to all Jurors.

Motion was amended by Juror Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to leave Road and Bridge, Solid Waste committee meetings at the Maintenance office, receptionist to take minutes. President Wiley emphasized that it is the duty of each committee Chairperson to ensure that members are informed of any important updates through text or email communication. On vote

Yea	Travis Franks, Mark Borrel, Ingrid Wilson, Jacob Coco, Clyde Benson, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce
Nay	
Absent	McKinely Keller
Abstain	None

The motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, Allen Thomas to adopt revisions to the current Litter Ordinance (fines & curt cost) On vote, the motion carried.

motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Clyde Benson, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned.