

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, in the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street, Marksville.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Travis Franks, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce, Darrell Wiley, Craig Foster, Marcus Guillory, Ronald Coco, Derrick Ward, Amy Guidry, Terry Laborde, Kevin Bordelon and Rhett Desselle

Absent: Ingrid Wilson and Clyde Benson

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

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, to accept the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2026, as printed in the Weekly News and emailed/mailed to all Jurors. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Craig Foster, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on July 27, 2026, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on July 29, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

Amy Guidry, Director of Operations for Acadian Ambulance, provided an update regarding emergency and non-emergency services provided to Avoyelles Parish. Mrs. Guidry reported that Acadian Ambulance has responded to 656 emergency calls and 188 non-emergency calls, with an average response time of 14 minutes and 26 seconds. Mrs. Guidry also reported that Acadian Ambulance continues its community outreach efforts. Recent community activities included providing support at the annual Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival, a Moreauville Volunteer Fire Department event, and the Avoyelles High School Back-to-School Bash.

Derrick Ward, on behalf of Mayor Beryl Holmes, addressed the Board regarding the repair of Sybil's Crossing. Mr. Ward explained that since the crossing is currently closed, motorists are required to use another crossing, which he stated is not rated for large vehicles. Civil Works Director Kevin Bordelon advised Mr. Ward that the crossing being referenced as the alternative route does not have a posted weight limit. Mr. Bordelon further advised that the estimated cost to repair Sybil's Crossing is approximately \$600,000, which is not financially feasible for Parish at this time.

Gabriel Perales with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provided an update on his continued efforts to assist flood victims throughout the Parish. Mr. Perales reported that, to date, more than 400 applicants have been offered approximately \$4 million in loans. Mr. Perales also advised that the deadline to file applications has been extended to October 1, 2026.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Craig Foster, to approve direct sale to Linda Augustine and Leandry Augustine for adjudicated property located at 505 Interstate Street, Bunkie, Parcel No. 0120932350 \$1,000. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Craig Foster, accept and authorize the president to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Avoyelles Sleeves Up and APPJ. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to award bid for FEMA Grant Management Services to the Plexous Group. Motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Travis Franks, to petition the Village of Hessmer to annex a portion of Steven Drive. Motion carried.

On motion by Craig Foster, seconded by Jacob Coco, and upon recommendation from Planning Commission to approve Alice Clarks request to add one mobile home, totaling on McKay Lane. The original recommendation from the Planning Commission was to approve the placement of two mobile homes. President Wiley informed the Board that, following further consideration, it was determined that only one of the mobile homes was suitable for approval. Motion carried.

A memorial resolution for the late Raymond Luneau was read by Mark Borrel. Following the reading, Mark Borrel made a motion, seconded by Jacob Coco, to accept the memorial resolution as part of the official minutes. Motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt a resolution for DOTD Off System Bridge Inspection and compliance. Motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Craig Foster, to adopt a resolution of substantial completion-Riche Road and Business Loop. Motion carried. Juror Franks thanked the engineering firm and Civil Works Director Kevin Bordelon for keeping him informed regarding the project and for remaining within the approved budget.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Sam Pearce, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Craig Foster to adjourn. Motion carried.

**AMENDMENT
TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF
THE AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY**

At a regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury held on July 14, 2026, the Jury considered correction to the official minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting.

It was noted that the minutes contained an error. The minutes are hereby amended as follows:

Original Entry:

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas, to award Contract(s) for Solid Waste Service, Category 1, Residential & Small Commercial Curbside Collection to Pelican Waste & Debris. Total annualized price \$3,350,753. Discussion was held regarding the contract award.

Corrected Entry:

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas, to award Contract(s) for Solid Waste Service, Category 1, Residential & Small Commercial Curbside Collection to Pelican Waste & Debris. Total annualized price \$3,452,160. Discussion was held regarding the contract award.

All other portions of the minutes shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, to approve the amendment to the official minutes as presented. Motion carried.

This amendment shall be attached to and become a part of the official minutes of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury meeting held on July 14, 2026.