

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street, Marksville.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Clyde Benson, Travis Franks, Allen Thomas, Darrell Wiley, Craig Foster, Joseph Frank, Laurs Gaspard, Marcus Guillory-Delta Engineering, Jacob Guillory-Delta Engineering, Ronald Coco, Amy Guidry, Terry Laborde, Kevin Bordelon, Maria Trichell, Chad Guillot, Dr. Jenny Falls, Rhett Desselle-Pan American Engineers, Brendon Gaspard-Pan American Engineers, Jenny Donaghey-Assistant District Attorney, and Keenan Malveaux

Absent:

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

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to accept the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2026, as printed in the Weekly News.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Craig Foster, to accept the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on September 28, 2026.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on September 30, 2026, as presented

Elizabeth William, candidate for District Judge, Division B, addressed the Jury regarding her professional background and experience. She outlined her qualifications and explained why she believes she is the most suitable candidate to serve as the next Division B judge.

Amy Guidry, Operations Coordinator for Acadian Ambulance, presented her monthly report on calls and average response times. She also reported that Acadian Ambulance's community outreach efforts helped save the life of a teenager in the parish who collapsed while participating in a football game.

Carolyn Dauzat, a resident of Pat Laborde Road in Marksville, addressed the Jury to request assistance with controlling dust on the road. She explained that her son has a tracheostomy and that the excessive dust aggravates his condition and limits his ability to enjoy being outdoors.

Gabe Firment, candidate for the 5th Congressional District, addressed the Jury regarding his qualifications and explained why he believes he is suited to serve in that office. He provided his cell phone number to all in attendance and expressed his commitment to serving the people of Avoyelles Parish.

Clyde Benson read a Memorial Resolution for General Sherian Grace Cadoria. A motion to accept as a part of the official record was offered by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel. Motion carried.

Clyde Benson read the resignation letter from Ingrid Wilson. A motion to accept was offered by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas. Motion carried.

Mark Borrel will be purchasing a live Christmas Tree to plat on the lawn.

On motion by Mark Borre, seconded by Jacob Coco, I to proceed with contributing the budgeted amount for Christmas Program to Avoyelles Light Up Foundation. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Craig Foster, calling for a Special Meeting for Show Cause Hearings and Condemnation on Tuesday, October 27th, at 4:00 p.m.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas to proceed with soliciting RFPs to select an attorney to represent out of state landowners for condemnation of property. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Craig Foster to proceed with the sale of Adjudicated Property to Ray Ducote Hixson/Ducote Funeral Homes, \$6,000. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to proceed with advertising accepting bids for Adjudicated Property, Parcel No 5129001400, located 602 Weir Street, Bunkie, minimum bid 12,500

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel authorizing the Police Jury President to file criminal trespassing charges, against squatters that have unlawfully occupied and inhabited Adjudicated Property. Motion carried.

Approve Capital Outlay submissions as follows: Roadway Improvements, Bayou Jack & Dubroc, Courthouse Improvements, Mill Bayou, Big Bend Museum Pier, Rescue Boat with Truck.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Craig Foster, allowing the Civil Works Director to attend the LPESA Conference 11/18-11/19, Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, calling for a Public Hearing Tuesday, November 10th at 4:45 pm on matters related to the Amended Condemnation of Buildings Ordinance. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to approve a FEMA Housing Unit on Coles Island Road requested by Alice Clark. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to approve Barry Lemoine to attend the Keep Louisiana Beautiful State Conference December 7–9, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Craig Foster, to select Delta Engineering to submit Capital Outlay for FY 2027/2028. Motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco, to select Delta Engineering for Capital Outlay and Treasury Project. Brendon Gaspard, Engineer with Pan American, stated that the agenda item differed from the version emailed earlier. He expressed concern that the proposed motion was vague and questioned the scope of services for which the Jury was selecting Delta Engineering. He reminded the Jury that Pan American had previously been selected by resolution and agreement to provide engineering services for the Parishwide Roadway Project. President Wiley asked why this information had not been presented at the Committee Meeting. Mr. Gaspard stated that the \$1,500,000 in capital outlay appropriations falls within the scope of Pan American's agreement. Jacob Guillory, representing Delta Engineering, stated that the decision rests entirely with the Jury. He indicated that, based on previous conversations with jurors, he understood they were satisfied with Delta Engineering's services. President Wiley suggested tabling the matter until the resolution and agreement could be obtained for review.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco, selection is hereby tabled. Motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Jacob Coco, to accept the recommendation from Road and Bridge Committee to approve local share \$728,575 plus engineering cost (local share is Capital Outlay and LCDBG Grant Administration and Engineering)

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Craig Foster, to approve an estimate from 6G Construction for the E. Yellow Bayou Road District 2 Drainage project, not to exceed \$6,300. Gravity Drainage District will be approached to help with cost. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Clyde Benson, to approve an estimate from Merrick Construction to add Desselle Street, Moreauville, Road District 2 Project, \$46,000. Motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to approve \$10,000 payable from Road District 2 to raise Duplechain Lane. Motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas to accept a resolution declaring Monroe Farbe Bridge as complete. Motion carried.

On motion by Craig Foster, seconded by Allen Thomas, granting the Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole. Motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to adjourn. Motion carried.