

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place, on Tuesday, October 8, 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, Brendon Gaspard-Pan American Engineers, Twyla Lemoine, Kevin Bordelon, Assistant District Attorney-Jonathan Gaspard, Tookie Pearce, Jenny Falls, Jimmy Landry, Barry Lemoine, Todd Laborde, James Cole, Julie Larcart, and Amy Guidry

Absent: McKinley Keller and Earnest Anderson

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

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

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2024, as printed in the Weekly News, and emailed/mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, adopt the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on September 23, 2024, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

Juror Sam Pearce read a memoriam resolution for Louie Laborde. Juror Mark Borrel stated he was honored to have served with him. A copy of the resolution will be mailed to the family.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, upon recommendation by the Personnel Committee to hire Barry Lemoine as the Litter Abatement/Permit Officer, salary \$50,000 annually. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to appoint Buddy Garrot to the Airport Authority Board for 5 years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to reappoint A.J. Roy, III, to the Airport Authority Board for 5 years. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce, the Police Jury will no longer pay new hires dependent(s) coverage for health insurance. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to take from the table Fiscal Agent RFP's that was tabled at a previous meeting. On vote, the motion to remove, carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Sam Pearce, upon recommendation by the Finance Committee to retain the RFP's received from Simmesport State Bank and Cottonport Bank. They have not been opened. A meeting will be held later with the Finance Committee to review them. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel to appoint Tom Nicholson to fill Ward 9 Constable vacancy of Honorable Jason Bergeron as Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 9, and to call for an election on March 29, 2025 (primary), and May 3, 2025 (general), with qualifying dates of January 29, 30, and 31, 2025. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Sam Pearce, to approve a Plat of Survey for Jamie Johnson. This was a recommendation from the Planning Commission. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, to purchase Safety Jackets for maintenance crew, not to exceed \$1,800. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce to enforce previously adopted changes to leave policy for all employees, present and future, Annual leave 240 max, Comp 160 max, Sick leave 8 days, cumulative, no max. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to authorize the president to sign all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Treasury for road improvements. On vote, the motion carried.

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

There being no further business, on motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

s/ Darrell Wiley
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley
Secretary-Treasurer