

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Jimmy Landry, Civil Works Director-Kevin Bordelon, Assistant District Attorney-Jonathan Gaspard, Director of Homeland Security-Joseph Frank, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Laura Gaspard, , Amy Guidry- Acadian Ambulance Operations Coordinator, Ambulance Operation Manager, Dr. Jenny Falls, Gloria Moreau, Jimmy Landry, Justice of the Peace Twyla Lemoine, Marksville City Councilman-Carl Chapman, Marcus Guillory-Delta Engineers, Teryl St. Romain

Absent: McKinley Keller

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

President Wiley announced the passing of Juror, Shawn Wilson.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2025, as printed in the Weekly News and emailed/mailed to all Jurors.

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

District Attorney, Charles Riddle-Solomon Northup update

Amy Guidry- Coordination Manager Acadian Ambulance

Marcus Guillory-Delta Engineers

Carl Chapman, Courthouse Christmas Committee

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to adopt a resolution calling for the Home Rule Charter election April 18, 2026. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Mark Borrel, to approve purchase of culverts for Bayou Des Glaises, paid out Road District 2, not to exceed \$12,000. On motion, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Mark Borrel to award Blighted Property Weed/Debris removal bid to Breaux Land Service. 111 Lymon Lane and 108 Large Road. Cost does not exceed \$15,000. On vote, the motion carried.

*Three bids received. Breaux Land Service \$22,500, Doog Dufour Tree Service \$39,000, Ducote Development Group \$28,500.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Jacob Coco, to solicit bids for Engineering & Admin services. On vote,

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

The motion carried.

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On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Sam Pearce, to adopt a resolution to establish a Capital Project Committee. On vote,

Yea	Travis Franks, Sam Pearce, Allen Thomas
Nay	Ingrid Wilson, Clyde Benson, Jacob Coco, Mark Borrel
Abstain	
Absent	McKinley Keller

The motion failed.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Ingrid Wilson to table:
Adopt a resolution to use remaining Capital Outlay Funds for FP&C No. 50-J05-16-0.

Item tabled-adopt a resolution to select Pan American to provide professional Engineering and Program Administration services related to Capital Outlay Program, further authorizing the President to sign the Agreement

Item tabled-adopt a resolution to select Pan American to provide professional Engineering and Program Administration services related to 2025 House Bill No. 460 ACT No. 461, further authorizing the President to sign the Agreement

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt a resolution to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of Treasury to receive funding in the amount of \$218,000 and must be used for Road and Drainage improvements to Beauregard Lemoine Road, District 9. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt a resolution to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of Treasury to receive funding in the amount of \$622,010 and must be used for Road and improvements to Riche Road, District 8. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas, to adopt a resolution to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of Treasury to receive funding in the amount of \$336,925 and must be used for Road and improvements to Business Loop Road, District 2. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Allen Thomas, upon recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve Plat for Mayeaux Estates on Hwy 1188. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Ingrid Wilson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to revise the current HUD inspector position to full time (mandatory) due to 2025 administrative plan. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco to approve an open permit for Simmesport Fire Department Substation, allowing construction to begin, no reduction of fess. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Mark Borrel, to call a public hearing on November 12th at 4:45 pm to hear comments on Litter Ordinance revisions. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by, seconded by Allen Thomas to call a public hearing on November 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., to consider adopting an ordinance ordering all residential construction in rural areas of the parish to be a minimum of one acre. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to award single bidder Reggie Ducote, Parcel No. 0110890300, \$16,650. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thoomas, seconded by Allen Thomas, to approve purchase of a 9.00-acre tract for Green Waste Site (property located on Sewer Pond Road, Mansura) appraisal submitted and approved by the board, \$50,000 to be paid from Solid Waste. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt a resolution for future bid opening procedures. All bids are to be received sealed, clearly marked, delivered to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, to approve paying Pan American Invoice #35765, ACT 776, \$11,172.50. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Perace, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt a resolution to create a parish wide Beautification Program. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, to pay Diamond B Request for Payment 1, \$977,076.90, less retainage for ACT 776 Roadway Improvements. Matter was tabled, pending special meeting.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel to approve in-house repairs to Government Street. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Sam Pearce to select Bayou Rousseau for Off System Bridge program. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson to advertise accepting bids for Parcel # 512900269- Bunkie. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to advertise accepting bids for Parcel # 0121047400-Bunkie. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to award single bidder, Susan Mayeux adjoining landowner, \$1,000 Parcel #0080672521 Hwy 1179. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to proceed with the sale of adjudicated property to John Wright, Parcel #0141128375, Ward 14-lots 12, 13, & 17, Fair Market Value \$1,600, On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to approve one additional camera to be installed at the Marksville Health Unit, not to exceed \$760.00. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Ingrid Wilson, to approve purchase two trailers- (1) for White Goods, (1) for Scrap Metal, not to exceed \$20,000. On vote, the motion carried.

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

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