

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place on Tuesday, April 8, 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, Travis Franks, Darrell Sampson, Twyla Lemoine, Kevin Bordelon, Assistant District Attorney-Jonathan Gaspard, Jenny Falls, Ronald Coco, Rhett Desselle- Pan American Engineers, Tookie Pearce, Jimmy Landry, Dr. Jay Callegari, Civil Works Director-Kevin Bordelon, Laura Gaspard Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Gloria Moreau, Micah White, Jimmy Bernard

Absent: McKinley Keller

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

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2025, 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, to adopt the minutes of the Tourism meeting held on March 24, 2025, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Allen Thomas to adopt finance report given by the Secretary-Treasurer, on vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson to proceed with the sale of adjudicated property to adjoining landowner, Steve Williams-Parcel #0120944750, located at 108 N. Louisiana Avenue, Bunkie for Fair Market Value \$22,000. On vote the motion carried.

1 LOT (60 X 150), THE N. 35' OF LOT 5 & THE S. 25' OF LOT 6, BLK 34, SEWELL ADD. ON LA. AVE. N-N. J. RICHARD, S-DONNA EDWARDS GULLETT, E-LA., AVE., W-MRS. MATTIE SEWELL, ETAL. FROM TAGLIARINO (706-736)

After a Public Hearing was held and no objections heard, a motion was offered by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt revisions to the following ordinances: Nuisance Property Standard, Condemnation of Buildings, and Blighted Property. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Travis Franks, seconded by Mark Borrel to approve a quote for Firmin Electrical for \$12,250 for improvements to the Bordelonville Library. On vote the motion carried.

Bids received: Bob's Electrical \$16,245, Bayou Jacques Electric \$13,700, Firmin Electrical \$12,250

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On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Jacob Coco to elect the following members for ITEP Committee: Allen Thomas, Sheriff David Dauzat, Mary Bonnette, Heath Pastor. On vote, the motion carried.

Designate Point of Contact Heath Pastor

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, to award Road District 2, 2025 Roadway Improvements to the low bidder Diamond B, \$1,093,390.00, contingent upon a deductive change order to reduce the contract cost. Road District 2 funds will pay \$800,000, and \$150,000 will be paid from Road and Bridge. On vote,

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

The motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Darrell Sampson, to replace HVAC system at the main library. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson, to reimburse Bordelonville Fire Department furniture purchased for the library branch \$10,953.26. On vote,

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

The motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Travis Franks, to call for an election on November 15, 2025, to renew Road District 2 Millage. On vote,

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

The motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce, seconded by Travis Franks, to call for an election on October 11, 2025, to adopt a Home Rule Charter. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt a policy requiring the president to approve additional work that deviates from an established scope of a work, the president will classify emergencies. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, authorize Wilbert Carmouche to apply for CMP funds for FY 2025-2026, and to sign all necessary documents to effectuate same. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, the Secretary/Treasurer was granted the authority to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

There being no further business, on motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned.

s/ Darrell Wiley  
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley  
Secretary-Treasurer