



Beauregard Parish Police Jury

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<u>District 1</u> <u>Luke</u> Dickerson	<u>District 2</u> <u>Jeffery</u> Meadows	<u>District 3A</u> <u>Shanel</u> Handy	<u>District 3B</u> <u>Eddie</u> Ware	<u>District 3C</u> <u>Beth</u> Montgomery	<u>District 3D</u> <u>Mike</u> Harper	<u>District 3E</u> <u>Jerry</u> Shirley	<u>District 4A</u> <u>O.B.</u> Morgan	<u>District 4B</u> <u>Doug</u> Hillebrand	<u>District 5</u> <u>Kelly</u> Bailey
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD,
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH
11, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana,
met in regular session on March 11, 2025, at six (6:00) o'clock
p.m.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as
the governing authority of said Parish by President Mike Harper.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call attendance with there being present: Police Jurors;
James Hillebrandt, Ernest Dickerson, Jr., Jeffery Meadows,
Eddie Ware, Mike Harper, Jerry Shirley, Elizabeth Montgomery,
Nelson Morgan, Shanel Handy, and Kelly Bailey.

There being absent: None

2. INVOCATION

Nelson Morgan

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nelson Morgan

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Chamber of Commerce will be having a free workshop,
Rebuild Your Credit to Maximize Your Bargaining Power.
Wednesday, March 12th at 11:30am located at 111 N. Washington
Ave.
- B. Delta Regional Authority Meeting will be held Wednesday,
March 19th at 2pm at the Leesville Event Center, 608 Nolan
Trace.
- C. Free Business Workshop, Thriving in Uncertainty: A
Strategic Roadmap for Success. Thursday, March 20th from 11am
- 1pm at 111 North Washington St.
- D. The 2025 Economic Development Summit: Beauregard Parish on
the World Stage will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at the
Fairgrounds from 10am - 2pm. Registration is \$20, seating is
limited to 200.
- E. The Louisiana Doll Festival will be on Saturday, April 12th,
South Washington Street in Downtown DeRidder.
- F. Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce presents "Louisiana
Champion Steak Cook-Off," Saturday April 12th. Steak dinners
can be picked up starting at 5pm on Steward Street in
downtown DeRidder. Tickets are \$30 each.
- G. Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting
place, the Police Jury Administration Building, 201 W. 2nd
Street, DeRidder, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish
of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, plans to consider
adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be

held in (i) Road District Number Two of the Parish of Beauregard, Louisiana, (ii) Road District Number 7 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana and (iii) Road District Number 8 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein.

5. AMENDMENTS AND (OR) DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

A. FINANCE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

A motion was made by Eddie Ware to add item #5 seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval for Police Jurors to attend 2025 PJAL Legislative Day in Baton Rouge, May 6th & 7th, Registration, and travel expenses to be determined.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows to add item #6 and seconded by Kelly Bailey No one opposed. Motion carried.

6. Approval to close underground storage tank, remove liquids, test sampling, at the Air Flight Services building in the amount of \$16,382.68 for Aumiller Pump Services & Equipment, DEQ approval contractor.

A motion was made by Nelson Morgan to add item #7 and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval to enter into a CEA with State of Louisiana, Department of Agriculture, LA Equine Promotion Board for award of Equine Grant to purchase a tractor and drag for the covered arena in the amount of \$60,000.00.

A motion was made by Nelson Morgan to add item #8 and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval of the 2024-2025 final budget.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt to add item #9 and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

9. Approval to repair and move the fire suppression system at the Covered Arena. Total cost is \$9,047.85, using American Rescue Plan Funds.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery to add item #10 and seconded by Nelson Morgan. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. Approval to move the Fire District No. 2 Safe Room Facility, MA Project No. H1-23073-DA to 11078 Highway 171, Longville, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. Current location is within the crash zone of a large antenna.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware to add item #11 and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

11. Approval of a decrease change order #8 for \$4,881.00 from Ratcliff Recovery Services to leave concrete for additional parking at the Probation and Parole Building.

A motion was made by Nelson Morgan to add item #12 and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

12. Approval of the First Responders Exemption.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add of item #13 and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

13. Approval to install a solar powered security light at Hopewell Bridge boat launch not to exceed \$5,000.00 used from the Parks & Recreation Fund.

B. ROAD & BRIDGE - JAMES HILLEBRANDT

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6. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on Burns Road from 35 mph to 20 mph, Road District 7, for the entire length.

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7. Approval for the Parish Administrator to purchase or rent a barrier fence around the Probation and Parole demo site, not to exceed \$10,000.

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9. Approval to place a moratorium on the issuance of pipeline permits pending review and revision of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances.

C. PERSONNEL - EDDIE WARE

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add item #2a, b, c, d, and e and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of 5% increase for the following Health Unit Employees:

- a. Courtney Malachi
- b. Dana Hickman
- c. Deborah Dotson
- d. Tina Kikko
- e. Amanda Martinez

A motion was made by Eddie Ware to add item #3 and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Approval for staff to attend the La Prima (Louisiana Public Risk Management Association) Conference in Lake Charles. Conference registration is \$175 per person, plus travel and a meal.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware to add item #4 and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval for Finance Staff to attend Government Finance Officers Association Conference in Baton Rouge on April 22-25, 2025. Registration is \$225 per person, hotel accommodations is \$119 per person, plus travel and meals.

D. WAYS & MEANS - NELSON MORGAN
None

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY
None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - KELLY BAILEY
None

G. ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE - LUKE DICKERSON
None

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Whitney Lambright - Office of Speaker Mike Johnson
- B. General Beauregard Award Recipient for March 2025 - CB Sewer Systems, LLC, Owner: Carl Blackmon

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The name change of Noah Reed Rd, located in Section 19 of Township 4 South, Range 6 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. The new name will be John E. Barrett Road.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Nelson Morgan. No one opposed. Motion carried.

9. CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

A. FINANCE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

1. Approval of the February Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$2,055,068.32 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$263,105.59.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Review and approval of monthly financial statements and budgets to actual comparison & January 2025 Financials.

A motion was made by Nelson Morgan and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. ~~Approval for the Police Jury to reimburse the Clerk of Courts office for "Technical Support Agreement" between the Clerk of Courts Office and Kinetix. A setup fee of \$2,383.00~~

~~will be charged with a monthly recurring fee of \$1,798.00 for a total of \$22,161.00.~~

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Nelson Morgan. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval for the Police Jury to reimburse the Clerk of Courts Office for an elite level data handling, hosting and cloud environment agreement between the Clerk of Courts Office and Cott Systems. The cost of the Resolution3 Software for 1 year is \$2,940.00 and Cotts System maintenance for 6 months is \$2,100.00. The total for 1 year commitment for Kinetix, Resolution3 Software, and Cotts System is \$27,201.00.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Andrea Couch stated item #3 should be removed because it's a duplicate of item #4. President Harper stated, "because item #3 has been approved, he would entertain a motion to go back to item 3."

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Nelson Morgan. No one opposed. Motion carried.

President Mike Harper entertained a motion to amend the agenda to address item #3.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

President Mike Harper entertained a motion to strike item #3 from the agenda.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

President Mike Harper entertained a motion to approve item #4.

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B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JAMES "DOUG" HILLEBRANDT

1. Approval of February Emergency Work Orders totaling \$3,961.16.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval to advertise the abandonment of the following roads:
 - a. Bud Hollie Road, Road District 1

- b. Calvin Foster Road, Road District 1
- c. Shoats Creek Road, Road District 1
- d. Derrough Road, Road District 7

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to approve all roads and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 3. Approval to enter into a CEA with Hyatt Cemetery Board Association to move the flagpole from the former Hyatt School to the Hyatt Graveyard.

A motion was made by Ernest Dickerson, Jr and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 4. Approval to keep the dimensions of the Probation and Parole slabs at 20,796.87 sq ft to be removed.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of road name change from Noah Reed Road to John E. Barrett Road, Road District 8.

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None

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None

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None

10. SECRETARY COMMENTS - MARGARET LYONS

- A. At the request of several jurors, we now have a Juror Information section located in the workroom. This will provide quick references to answer most of your questions or concerns.

11. TREASURER'S COMMENTS - ANDREA COUCH

- A. Information as provided to you in your handouts

12. ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS - DAMON COOLEY

- A. There's a couple of pieces of equipment we need to purchase for some of the yards. I'll try to have that information ready next week.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Harper stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 11th day of March 2025, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

MARGARET LYONS
SECRETARY

MICHAEL E. HARPER
PRESIDENT