PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 14th, 2026.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on JULY 14th, 2026, at FOUR (4:00) o'clock p.m.

Roll Call Attendance with there being present: Police Jurors; James Hillebrandt, Eddie Ware, Jerry Shirley, Elizabeth Montgomery, Nelson Morgan, Ernest Dickerson, Jr., Jeffery Meadows, Michael E. Harper, Kelly Bailey

There being absent: Shanel Handy

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Eddie Ware, President. Mr. Eddie Ware gave the Invocation and Anna Pendley, a student of Beauregard Parish, gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **INVOCATION**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. A. Join our students, families, teachers, principals, administrators, and support staff along with prayer4schools on Washington Street in front of the Beauregard Parish Library to pray for schools across Beauregard on Thursday, July 30th at 5 p.m. Area pastors will lead us in prayer for this upcoming school year. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to Grace Church located at 1021 West First Street, DeRidder

B. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and come celebrate with our DeRidder Police Department and Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office for National Night Out Week July 29th through August 4th! The 2026 National Night Out Event will be held on August 4th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds, located in DeRidder

4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

A. FINANCE – MICHAEL HARPER

1. Approval of up to 2.0% merit increase based on each employee's evaluation, to be effective July 12, 2026

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #10.

2. Approval to accept the low quote for the Fields/Hyatt Community Canopy from Schmidt Builders in the amount of $53,623.26

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #11.

3. Approval to award the low bid for Washed Pea Gravel to Arcosa Aggregates for $41.00 per ton plus Fuel Surcharge. This bid period is for one (1) year

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to add #12.

4. Approval to award the low bid for Hot Asphaltic Mixture to Prairie Contractors, LLC for 105.00 per ton. This bid period is for one (1) year

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt to add #13.

5. Approval to award the low bid for Road Gravel to Arcosa Aggregates for $41.00 per ton plus Fuel Surcharge. This bid period is for one (1) year

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #14.

6. Approval to award the low bid for River Sand to Arcosa Aggregates for $10.50 per ton plus Fuel Surcharge. This bid period is for one (1) year

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt to add #15.

7. Approval to award the RFP for the Operation and Maintenance of the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena to KZ Management LLC and enter into negotiations for a three (3) year contract

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #16.

8. Approval to pay the 2026 annual dues for the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials in the amount of $450.00

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt to add #17.

B.ROAD AND BRIDGE – NELSON MORGAN

1. Approval to advertise the decrease of the speed limit for Earl Barrett Road from 35 mph to 25 mph, for the entire length of .99 miles or 5,227 feet, located in Section 30 of Township 4 South, Range 6 West, Road District 8, Beauregard Parish, LA

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt to add #6.

2. Approval to bid the following described work in Road District 2:

   a. Gill Road – Cut 12” soil cement on approximately 1,285 feet and place a 2” overlay on approximately 2,112 feet

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to add #7a.

b. Matt Gill Road – Pulverize, compact, and place a 2” overlay on approximately 1,190 feet

A motion was made by Doug Hillebrandt and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #7b.

c. Goss Road – Pulverize, compact approximately 340 feet, and place a 2” overlay on approximately 600 feet

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to add #7c.

d. NJ Cross Road – Leveling, patching, and 2” overlay on approximately 640 feet

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #7d.

e. Skinner Road – 2” Overlay on approximately 745 feet

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to add #7e.

3. Approval to chipseal .92 miles of David Earl Whiddon Road in Road District 2 at a cost of $50,600.00

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to add #8.

4. Approval to advertise the partial abandonment of Bennie Derrough Road, located in Section 36 of Township 2 South, Range 8 West, Section 1, Township 3, Range 8 West, Section 31 Township 2 Range 7, in Road District 7, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, from Southwest corner of Martin Timberland property to Southwest corner of Morin property. This is approximately 4,145 feet east of Longacre Road to approximately 6,588 feet west of Rutherford Road abandoning approximately 3,280 feet of .621 miles. New public road length would be approximately 10,733 feet or 2.033 miles

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #9.

5. Approval to provide a Letter of Support to The Honorable Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Texas Gateway Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP26-547-000, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to add #10.

3.PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – KELLY BAILEY
None
4.WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE-DOUG HILLEBRANDT
None
5.POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE – ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY
None
6.ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE –JEFFERY MEADOWS
None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 to decrease the speed limit of Hester Road for the entire length of .18 miles or 950 feet, located in Section 28 of Township 3 South, Range 8 West, Road District 3, Beauregard Parish, LA. from 35 mph to 15 mph

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Jennifer Airhart for 15 years of service
B. Presentation to the General Beauregard Award Recipient for July 2026 – Southside of DeRidder, Inc. Owner Richard Taylor, Established June 1985
C. Recognition of the original Beauregard Parish Flag Designer, Mr. Buck Duplechin and announcement of the Beauregard Parish Flag Redesign winner, Mr. Thomas Lee Bethke
D. Avon Knowlton and Logan Morris – update of Fort Polk Progress program
E. Blaine Petite with Waste Pro USA

7.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed.

B. Approval to adopt the Special Session Minutes of June 29, 2026

A motion was made by Doug Hillebrandt and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed.

8.CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

A. FINANCE – MICHAEL HARPER

1. Approval of the June Accounts Payable Register in the amount of $1,930,652.07 and the Payroll Register in the amount of $270,394.51

A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed it.

2. Review and approval of monthly financial statements and budgets to actual comparison for May 2026 Financials.

A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed it.

3. Approval of Change Order No. One (1) for Lumas Road Improvements Project No. B6-23056-DA with Apeck Construction, LLC in the increased amount of $10,500.00

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

4. Approval to accept the low bid from R.E. Heidt Construction Co., LLC for Longville Road Improvements (Phase 2), Project No. B6-22032-DB in the amount of $585,766.25

   A motion was made by Doug Hillebrandt and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed it.

5. Approval to renew the annual Upper Eagle Membership with Fort Polk Progress in the amount of $3,000.00

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

6. Approval to sponsor the back cover of the 2027 Beauregard Parish Town Planner Calendar in the amount of $750

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

7. Approval of adding the video portion to the new Board Room audio system in the amount of $39,419.10

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. Michael Harper and O.B. Morgan opposed it.

8. Approval for three Police Jury administrative staff employees to attend the 71st Annual OPAO (Organization of Parish Administrative Officials) Conference on July 23, 2026. Registration is $185.00 per person with meals and mileage to be determined

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

9. Approval to authorize advertisement for Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

10. Approval of up to 2.0% merit increase based on each employee’s evaluation, to be effective July 12, 2026

    A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by O.B. Morgan. No one opposed it.

11. Approval to accept the low quote for the Fields/Hyatt Community Canopy from Schmidt Builders in the amount of $53,623.26

A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed it.

12. Approval to award the low bid for Washed Pea Gravel to Arcosa Aggregates for $41.00 per ton plus Fuel Surcharge. This bid period is for one (1) year

    A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

13. Approval to award the low bid for Hot Asphaltic Mixture to Prairie Contractors, LLC for 105.00 per ton. This bid period is for one (1) year

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14. Approval to award the low bid for Road Gravel to Arcosa Aggregates for $41.00 per ton plus Fuel Surcharge. This bid period is for one (1) year

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16. Approval to award the RFP for the Operation and Maintenance of the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena to KZ Management LLC and enter into negotiations for a three (3) year contract

    A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

17. Approval to pay the 2026 annual dues for the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials in the amount of $450.00

    A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by O.B. Morgan. No one opposed it.

B. <u>ROAD AND BRIDGE – NELSON MORGAN</u>

1. Approval of the June 2026 emergency work orders in the amount of $4,332.08

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed it.

2. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 to decrease the speed limit of Hester Road for the entire length of .18 miles or 950 feet, located in Section 28 of Township 3 South, Range 8 West, Road District 3, Beauregard Parish, LA. from 35 mph to 15 mph

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

3. Approval to lay foundation for establishment of a bus turnaround at 221 Will Richard Road in Singer, LA

   A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

4. Approval to lay foundation for establishment of a bus turnaround at 254 Gordy Lane in DeRidder, LA

   A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed it.

5. Approval to advertise the speed limit reduction of Gaytine Road, located in Section 18 of Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Road District Six, Beauregard Parish, LA between Highway 171 and Coonie Jackson Road from 35 mph to 25 mph

   A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. No one opposed it.

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A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed it.

10. Approval to provide a letter of support to The Honorable Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Texas Gateway Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP26-547-000, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC

A motion was made to be amended from the Letter of Support to a Letter of No Objection by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to approve as amended. No one opposed.

C. <u>PERSONNEL – KELLY BAILEY</u>

1. Approval to reappoint Charles F. Hudson to the Beauregard Parish Regional Airport Board (term expiration July 12, 2026)

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed.

2. Approval to appoint two of the following applicants to the Beauregard Parish Fire Protection District 2 Board to fill the vacant seats of Joseph Doucet and Glen Mears:
    a. Jeffery R. Dailey
    b. Christopher W. Craft
    c. Ethan A. Johnson
    d. Bradley G. Scoggins
    e. Donald R. Hillman

Roll call vote was called:

a. Jeffery R. Dailey-0
b. Christopher W. Craft-0
c. Ethan A. Johnson-0
d. Bradley G. Scoggins-8

Jeffery Meadows, Michael Harper, Luke Dickerson, O.B. Morgan, Kelly Bailey, Doug Hillebrandt, Elizabeth Montgomery

e. Donald R. Hillman-8

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A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt based on the roll call vote that Bradley G. Scoggins and Donald R. Hillman be appointed. No one opposed.

3. Approval to appoint one of the following applicants to the Fire Protection District 3 Board (term expiration June 11, 2026)
    a. Reappointment of Thomas Adam Gray
    b. Chris Dean Demaskey
    c. Sandra H. Byrd

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed.

4. Approval to reappoint Randy Brown to the Beauregard Fire Protection District 4 Board (term expiration July 11, 2026)

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed.

5. Approval to reappoint Billy White to the Waterworks District 2 Board (term expiration July 14, 2026)

A motion was made by Luke Dickerson and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed.

6. Approval to appoint the Interim Treasurer, Tina Simmons, to the Police Jury Treasurer position

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed.

D. <u>WAYS & MEANS – DOUG HILLEBRANDT</u>

1. Approval of amendment to Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Doug Hillebrandt. Elizabeth Montgomery opposed.

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE – ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY:
None

F. ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE – JEFFERY MEADOWS
None

9.ASSISTANT TREASURER'S COMMENTS – TINA SIMMONS:

10.ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS – DAMON COOLEY-

Road District 7 has encountered rain delays for chip sealing projects.

Eddie Ware made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session this 14th day of JULY 2026, and Elizabeth Montgomery seconded his motion to adjourn.

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SHANNON SLAYDON	EDDIE WARE
SECRETARY	PRESIDENT