PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2026.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on SEPTEMBER 9th, 2026, at FOUR (4:00) o'clock p.m.

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

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. O.B. Morgan gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **INVOCATION**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:
   A. Beauregard Health System is presenting their 4th Annual Wellness Without Walls on Friday, September 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Civic Center. Call 337-462-7170 for additional information
   B. Join VFW Post 3619 at 1115 Hwy 27, DeRidder on Saturday, September 26th from 7-11 AM for the Suicide Prevention Pancake Breakfast because together we can make a difference
   C. Louisiana Office of the Lieutenant Governor Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism's ***Love Our Waterways*** kicks off today! Individuals and organizations can register a cleanup event, volunteer for an existing event, or learn more by visiting **LoveLAWaterways.org**.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

A. FINANCE – MICHAEL HARPER

1. Approval to make Mike Clary of HUB International the Agent of Record for Parish Equipment and Worker's Compensation policies

   A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to strike #8.

2. Approval to declare 410 Jefferson Street, DeRidder as a surplus property for adjudicated property sale

   A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #11.

3. Approval for Police Jury representatives to attend the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance's SWLA Delegation Visit to Des Moines Data Center Cluster in Iowa on September 27-28. Travel cost and hotel accommodations of approximately $1,000.00 per

person with meals to be determined. Registration deadline September 9th

A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper to add #12.

4. Approval to extend EAB catering contract for the Beauregard Covered Arena through October 31, 2026

A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery to add #13.

5. Approval for Dianna Nichols to attend the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association Fall Workshop and Board Meeting October 15-16. Registration is free with travel, accommodations, and meals to be determined

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

6. Approval of $400 increase for President salary to be effective January 2027

A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Kelly Bailey to amend to be effective today. No one opposed. Motion carried

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Beth Montgomery to add #15.

7. Approval for Police Jury representatives to attend the NACO Legislative Conference February 19 – 23, 2027 in Washington, D.C.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and Beth Montgomery to add #16

B.ROAD AND BRIDGE – NELSON MORGAN - None

C.PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – KELLY BAILEY

1.Approval to appoint Brady G. Ashworth to fill the expiring seat of L.D. Spears on the Fire Protection District 3 Board (term to expire September 10, 2026)

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Jerry Shirley to strike #1. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2.Approval to move Leon "Marty" Puryear, Jr. to full-time status with benefits pending 90-day evaluation to be effective September 24, 2026

A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add #7.

3. Approval to move the October 6th meeting time to 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Beth Montgomery to add #8.

A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by O.B. Morgan after the final amendment in Personnel to return to Finance amendments.

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8. Approval to purchase a total of thirteen (13) iPads for Jurors and staff for up to $500 each

Motion was made by Doug Hillebrandt and seconded by Michael Harper to add #17. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4.WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - DOUG HILLEBRANDT - None

5.POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE – ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY - None

6.ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE – JEFFERY MEADOWS - None

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 for Gaytine Road to decrease the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from Hwy 171 to Coonie Jackson Rd, located in Section 18 of Township 7 South Range 8 West, Road District 6, Beauregard Parish, LA.
B. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 for Earl Barrett Road to decrease the speed limit 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.
C. The partial abandonment of Bennie Derrough Rd, 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 ft east of Longacre to approximately 6,588 ft west of Rutherford Road, abandoning approximately 3,280 feet or .621 miles. New public road length would be approximately 10,733 ft or 2.033 miles

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. General Beauregard Award Recipient for September 2026 – Sempra Infrastructure's Port Arthur Pipeline, Louisiana Connector and Gillis Hub Pipeline
B. Brent Rutherford - Beauregard Tax Assessor's Board of Review for 2026 Beauregard Parish assessment lists
C. O.B. Morgan – South Beau Recreation District 2 Letter

7.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval to adopt the Special Session Minutes of August 4, 2026

The motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

B. Approval to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026

The motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

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8. CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

A. FINANCE – MICHAEL HARPER

1. Approval of the August Accounts Payable Register in the amount of $1,720,713.92 and the Payroll Register in the amount of $271,045.94

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

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

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

3. Approval of a Resolution to adopt Adjusted Millage Rates

   a. Health Unit – 2.420 mills
   b. Library – 7.850 mills
   c. War Memorial – 1.190 mills
   d. Fire District 2 – 6.460 mills
   e. Road District 1 – 24.360 mills
   f. Road District 2 – 4.830 mills
   g. Road District 3 – 5.320 mills
   h. Road District 4 – 32.810 mills
   i. Road District 5 – 18.840 mills
   j. Road District 6 – 22.540 mills
   k. Road District 7 – 30.920 mills
   l. Road District 8 – 26.460 mills
   m. General Alimony – 4.250 mills
   n. Exempted Municipalities – 2.120 mills

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed.

4. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Treasury in the amount of $200,000.00 for 2026 line-item appropriation funding. This line-item appropriation funding must be expended for road repairs to Dogwood Trail in District 3B

   The motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed.

5. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Treasury in the amount of $500,000.00 for 2026 line-item appropriation funding. This line-item appropriation funding must be expended for road maintenance to Newt Hodges Road, Magnolia Church Road, Pullin Road, and Dubose Road in Road District 6

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

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6. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Treasury in the amount of $52,639.00 for 2026 line-item appropriation funding. This line-item appropriation funding must be expended to maintain, repair, operate, and promote the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

7. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Treasury in the amount of $50,000.00 for 2026 line-item appropriation funding. This line-item appropriation funding must be expended to provide matching funds for the maintenance and repair of Lumas Road in Road District 4

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

8. ~~Approval to make Mike Clary of HUB International the Agent of Record for Parish Equipment and Worker's Compensation policies~~

9. Approval to purchase a half-ton pickup truck from Alford Motors, Inc. in the amount of $51,423.25 from the Parishwide fund

   The motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

10. Approval for administrative staff to attend the Louisiana Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Fall Conference in Baton Rouge, October 7-9. Registration is $250 per person with hotel accommodations of $119 per night with meals and mileage to be determined

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

11. Approval to declare 410 Jefferson Street, DeRidder as a surplus property for adjudicated property sale

    A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

12. Approval for Police Jury representatives to attend the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance's SWLA Delegation Visit to Des Moines Data Center Cluster in Iowa on September 27-28. Travel cost and hotel accommodations of approximately $1,000.00 per person with meals to be determined. Registration deadline September 9th

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

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13. Approval to extend EAB catering contract for the Beauregard Covered Arena through October 31, 2026

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

14. Approval for Dianna Nichols to attend the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association Fall Workshop and Board Meeting October 15-16. Registration is free with travel, accommodations, and meals to be determined

    A motion was made by Michael Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed it.

15. Approval of $400 increase for President salary to be effective immediately

    A motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Jerry Shirley. Jeffery Meadows opposed it.

16. Approval for Police Jury representatives to attend the NACO Legislative Conference February 19 – 23, 2027 in Washington, D.C.

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

17. Approval to purchase a total of thirteen (13) iPads for Jurors and staff for up to $500 each

    A motion was made by Doug Hillebrandt and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed it.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE – NELSON MORGAN

1. Approval of the August 2026 Emergency Work Orders in the amount of $75.82

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

2. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 for Gaytine Road to decrease the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from Hwy 171 to Coonie Jackson Rd, located in Section 18 of Township 7 South Range 8 West, Road District 6, Beauregard Parish, LA.

   A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed it.

3. Approval to amend Ordinance 7-88 for Earl Barrett Road to decrease the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH for the entire length of .99 miles or 5227 feet, located in Section 30 of Township 4 South Range 6 West, Road District 8, Beauregard Parish, LA.

   A motion was made by O.B. Morgan and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed it

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4. Approval of the partial abandonment of Bennie Derrough Rd, 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 ft east of Longacre to approximately 6,588 ft west of Rutherford Rd abandoning approximately 3,280 feet or .621 miles. New public road length would be approximately 10,733 ft or 2.033 miles

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

5. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit of Reneau Road located in District 6 from 35 mph to 25 mph for the entire length of .51 mile(s)

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

6. Approval to release Momentum Road Bond

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

2. PERSONNEL – KELLY BAILEY

~~1. Approval to appoint Brady G. Ashworth to fill the expiring seat of L.D. Spears on the Fire Protection District 3 Board (term to expire September 10, 2026)~~

2. Approval to reappoint Heather Nelson Nortman to the Hospital District 2 Board (term to expire September 7, 2026)

   The motion was made by Beth Montgomery and seconded by Michael Harper. No one opposed.

3. Approval to appoint one of the following applicants to fill the seat of Berl Andrews on the Hospital District 2 Board to represent District 3A (term to expire September 7, 2026):
   a. Berl Andrews (reappointment)
   b. Penny S. Sheff

   A unanimous selection for candidate **b. Penny S. Sheff** to be appointed, was determined by roll call vote by the following Jurors: Beth Montgomery, Doug Hillebrandt, Kelly Bailey, O.B. Morgan, Jerry Shirley, Luke Dickerson, Michael Harper, and Jeffery Meadows.

   The motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

4. Approval to reappoint Lisa G. Adams to the War Memorial Civic Center Board representing Jury District 5 (term to expire September 11, 2026)

   The motion was made by Kelly Bailey and seconded by

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Beth Montgomery. No one opposed.

5. Approval to reappoint Paul S. Cuevas to the War Memorial Civic Center Board representing Jury District 2 (term to expire September 12, 2026)

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

6. Approval to appoint Carlos Ray Archield to the Beauregard Tourist Commission Board to fill the remaining term of Bruce Hudson, representing 3A (term to expire 2028)

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

7. Approval to move Leon "Marty" Puryear, Jr. to full-time status with benefits pending 90-day evaluation to be effective September 24, 2026

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

8. Approval to move the October 6th meeting time to 2:00 p.m.

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

3. WAYS & MEANS – DOUG HILLEBRANDT
   None

4. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE – ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY
   None

5. ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE – JEFFERY MEADOWS

   1. Approval of a Moratorium on Data Centers until December 31, 2026

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

9.ASSISTANT TREASURER'S COMMENTS – TINA SIMMONS:

Region VII Meeting insert in packets to show the cost was covered by sponsors of the event

10.ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS – DAMON COOLEY:

Chipseal update: About 2 weeks remaining in Road District 3 to be followed with one to complete in Road District 6 before moving to the Fields area

Eddie Ware made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session this 9th day of SEPTEMBER 2026, and Jerry Shirley seconded his motion to adjourn.

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SHANNON SLAYDON	EDDIE WARE
SECRETARY	PRESIDENT

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