

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on February 15, 2024, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m.

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

There being absent: Shanel Hardy and Kelly Bailey.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mike Harper, President. Ernest "Luke" Dickerson, Jr. gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. INVOCATION

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The 2024 National Day of Prayer will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Serving lines open at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at 11:55 a.m.
- B. Groundbreaking ceremony of Freedom Ministries Crossties Aftercare Program on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Located at 516 Warren St.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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

A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY

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

11. Approval to issue a Request for Proposal for Debris Removal from Lateral Drainage Ditches - CAT A Project 43662.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley to add item #12 and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

12. Approval to issue a Request for Proposal for Debris Monitoring from Lateral Drainage Ditches - CAT A Project 43662.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr. to add item 2-d. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2-d. Abandonment of Clytie Reeves Road

A motion was made by Jeff Meadows and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr. to add item 4. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval to accept Angel Oak Estates Subdivision

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. to add item #5a. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval to advertise for the following road gravels

a. Sand

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr to add item #5b. No one opposed. Motion carried.

b. Road Gravel

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrant to add item #5c. No one opposed. Motion carried.

c. Washed Pea Gravel

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

6. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on Midkiff Road from 35 mph to 25 mph in the Kenzie Estates Subdivision.

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

7. Approval of Resolution for Project No. 50-J06-23-04 Matching Funds for Granberry Road, \$51,700.00, Road District 3.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrant to add item #8. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Resolution for Project No. 50-J06-23-03 Matching Funds of Graybow Road, \$111,200.00, Road District 3.

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

9. Approval to haul sand and gravel for Beauregard United Soccer Association (BUSA) to their complex at 2120 D Street (Parish owned property).

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Luke Dickerson to add item #10. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. Approval for Beauregard Parish Police Jury to commit to all cost over State funds including a minimum of \$863,560.35 of construction funds to provide for all necessary funding for the Total Project Cost (Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1) for Camp Edgewood Road improvements, Project NO. 50-J06021091.

C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

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

4. Approval to appoint one of the following members to the Fire Protection District #2 Board to fill the vacant seat of Karl Overton.

a. Dustin Richard

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

b. Jeffery Johnson

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

c. Paul W. Byrd

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

d. Ronald P. Tower

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add item #5a. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval to reappoint the following to the Fire Protection District #4 Board.

a. Ruthy Tyson - Effective January 21<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add item #5b. No one opposed. Motion carried.

b. Gene Gill - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add item #5c. No one opposed. Motion carried.

c. Benny Parks - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add item #5d. No one opposed. Motion carried.

d. James Thompson - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley to add item #6a. No one opposed. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and approval to fill the vacant seats of Bryan McReynolds on the following committee's and/or Boards.

(a) Airport Board - Mike Harper

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by James Hillebrandt to add item #6b. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(b) Ambulance Board - Elizabeth Montgomery and O.B. Morgan

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

(c) PEMAC Committee - Eddie Ware

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

7. Approval of 2.5% increase for additional job responsibilities for the Safety Supervisor.

D. WAYS AND MEANS - EDDIE WARE

None

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

None

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- A. General Beauregard Award Recipient for February 2024 - Singer Supply, Owners John Cassell and Todd Glass. Present to accept is Chad Austin.
- B. Beth Smith - Branded Productions
- C. Ms. Beauregard - no appearance

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. The following roads to be abandoned, Road District #8
  - 1. The abandonment of Arthur Crow Rd, located in Section 26 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 370 Feet or 0.07 mile(s).
  - 2. The abandonment of Bobby Gotreaux Rd, located in Section 16 Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 1003 feet or 0.19 mile(s).
  - 3. The abandonment of Charles Howell Road, located in Section 24 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 739 feet or 0.14 mile(s).
  - 4. The abandonment of Clytie Reeves Road, located in Section 13 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 370 feet or 0.07 mile(s).
  - 5. The abandonment of David Cole Rd, located in Section 35 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 475 feet or 0.09 mile(s).
  - 6. The abandonment of Donna Wilson Rd, located in Section 1 of Township 5 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total 655 feet or 0.124 mile(s).
  - 7. The abandonment of Eleanor Andrews Rd, located in Section 26 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 422 feet or 0.08 mile(s).
  - 8. The abandonment of Gerald Sanders Rd, located in Section 9 of Township 5 South, Range 6 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 528 feet or 0.1 mile(s).
  - 9. The abandonment of Homer Bradford Rd, located in Section 35 Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 950 feet or 0.18 mile(s).
  - 10. The abandonment of Johnny Howell Rd, located in Section 24 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 950 feet or 0.18 mile(s).
  - 11. The abandonment of Mae Parker Rd, located in Section 24 Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 2218 feet or 0.42 mile(s).
  - 12. The abandonment of Matt Farmer Rd, located in Section 19 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 475 feet or 0.09 mile(s).

13. The abandonment of Monette Lindsay Rd, located in Section 28 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 581 feet or 0.11 mile(s).
14. The abandonment of Quebedeaux Rd, located in Section 6 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 475 feet or 0.09 mile(s).
15. The abandonment of Ruth Young Rd, located in Section 3 of Township 5 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 686 feet or 0.13 mile(s).
16. The abandonment of Ryan Harper Rd, located in Section 26 of Township 4 South, Range 7 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 475 feet or 0.09 mile(s).
17. The abandonment of William Sanders Rd, located in Section 9 of Township 5 South, Range 6 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 370 feet or 0.07 mile(s).

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Not available

**8. CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

**A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY:**

1. Approval of the December Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$1,967,272 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$364,727.49.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of February 2024 Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,567.65.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Review and approve the monthly financial statements and budgets to actual comparison of December 2023 Financials.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval to renew Property Coverage in the amount of \$499,447.75 effective 3/1/2024.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval to remove Producer, Branded Productions including the name of the managers of this production, event produces at the Covered Arena.

Eddie Ware made a motion to amend item 5 on the agenda to place Branded Production on probation for one (1) year

and monitor. No one seconded. Motion to amend item 5 not carried.

Back to the original item 5 on the agenda. No motion made therefore item 5 is failed.

6. Approval of Resolution amending Resolution No. 03-2024 adopted on January 16, 2024, authorizing the issuance and sale of Six Million Dollars (6,000,000) of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection with.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Resolution amending Resolution NO. 04-2024 adopted on January 16, 2024, authorizing the issuance and sale of Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) of Hazard Mitigation Revenue Notes of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval for \$500,000 set aside for matching fund obligations for special projects.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

9. Approval for Dianna Nichols to attend the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association in Lafayette, April 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$225, Travel and lodging to be determined.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. A Resolution approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of Hospital Revenue Bonds of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, in multiple series, in and amount not to exceed \$25,863,000, approving other transactions and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

11. Approval to issue a Request for Proposal for Debris Removal from Lateral Drainage Ditches - CAT A Project 43662

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

12. Approval to issue a Request for Proposals for Debris Monitoring from Lateral Drainage Ditches - CAT A Project 43662.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

1. Approval of January Emergency Work Orders totaling \$10,581.78.

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

2. Approval to abandon the following roads, Road District #8:

- (a) Arthur Crow Road

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

- (b) Bobby Gotreaux Road

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

- (c) Charle Howell Road

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

- (d) Clytie Reeves Road

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

- (e) David Cole Road

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

- (f) Donna Wilson Road

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

- (g) Elenor Andrews Road

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

- (h) Gerald Sanders Road

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

- (i) Homer Bradford Road

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

(j) Johnny Howell Road

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

(k) Mae Parker Road

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

(l) Matt Farmer Road

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

(m) Monette Lindsey Road

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

(n) Quebedeaux Road

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

(o) Ruth Young Road

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

(p) Ryan Harper Road

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

(q) William Sanders Road

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

3. Approval to advertise the abandonment of the following roads, Road District #6:

(a) Blackberry Road

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(b) Bob Brown Road

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(c) Bob Gimnick Road

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(d) Bud Mitchell Road

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(e) Dan Thompson Road



A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(f) Erma Road

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(g) Quail Road

4. Approval to accept Angel Oak Estates Subdivision

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

5. Approval to advertise for the following road gravels:

(a) Sand

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(b) Road Gravel

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

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

C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

1. Approval to move Kimberly Kezerle to permanent with benefits, effective February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

2. Approval to reappoint the following board members:

- (a) William Gothreaux - Airport Board, effective January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

- (b) Wendell Terrell - Bundicks Lake Board, effective February 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- (c) Wesley Jeans - Fired Protection District #1 Board, effective January 12<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Approval to appoint Karl Overton to the Waterworks District #3 Board to fill the vacant seat of Mr. O.B. Morgan.

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

4. Approval to appoint one the following members to the Fire Protection District #2 Board to fill the vacant seat of Karl Overton:

- (a) Dustin Richard

President Mike Harper offered a roll call vote as follows:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
James Hillebrandt		x	
Ernest Dickerson, Jr.		x	
Jeffery Meadows		x	
Eddie Ware	x		
Jerry Shirley	x		
Elizabeth Montgomery	x		
Nelson Morgan	x		
Shanel Handy			x

Kelly Bailey			x
Mike Harper	x		

Five Yeas and Three Nay's.

(b) Jeffery Johnson

President Mike Harper offered a roll call vote as follows:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
James Hillebrandt	X		
Ernest Dickerson, Jr.	X		
Jeffery Meadows	X		
Eddie Ware		X	
Jerry Shirley		X	
Elizabeth Montgomery		X	
Nelson Morgan		x	
Shanel Handy			x
Kelly Bailey			x
Mike Harper		x	

Five Nay's and Three Yeas.

(c) Paul W. Byrd

President Mike Harper offered a roll call vote as follows:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
James Hillebrandt	x		
Ernest Dickerson, Jr.		x	
Jeffery Meadows		x	
Eddie Ware		x	
Jerry Shirley		x	
Elizabeth Montgomery		x	
Nelson Morgan		x	
Shanel Handy			x
Kelly Bailey			x
Mike Harper		x	

Seven Nay's and One Yea.

(d) Ronald P. Tower

President Mike Harper offered a roll call vote as follows:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
James Hillebrandt		x	
Ernest Dickerson, Jr.		x	
Jeffery Meadows	x		
Eddie Ware		x	
Jerry Shirley		x	
Elizabeth Montgomery		x	
Nelson Morgan		x	
Shanel Handy			x
Kelly Bailey			x
Mike Harper		x	

Seven Nay's and One Yea.

Dustin Richard is Appointed to the Fire Protection District 2 Board.

5. Approval to reappoint the following to the Fire Protection District #4 Board:

(a) Ruthy Tyson - Effective January 21<sup>st</sup>

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(b) Gene Gill - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(c) Benny Parks - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

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

(d) James Thompson - Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

President Michael Harper would like to stagger the reappointment dates so they don't all expire at the same time.

6. Discussion and approved to fill the vacant seats of Bryan McReynolds on the following committees and/or boards.

(a) Airport Board - Mike Harper

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

(b) Ambulance Board - Beth Montgomery and O.B. Morgan.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

(c) PEMAC Committee - Eddie Ware

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval of 2.5% increase for additional job responsibilities for Safety Supervisor.

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

D. WAYS AND MEANS - EDDIE WARE

None

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

None

**9. SECRETARY REPORT**

A. None

**10 INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. None

Mike Harper stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by Eddie Ware. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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MARGARET LYONS  
SECRETARY

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MIKE HARPER  
PRESIDENT