

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, April 9,  
2024

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana,  
met in regular session on April 9, 2024, at six (6:00) o'clock  
p.m.

Roll Call Attendance with there being present: Police Jurors:  
James Hillebrandt, Jeffery Meadows, Eddie Ware, Jerry Shirley,  
Elizabeth Montgomery, Nelson Morgan, Shanel Handy, and Kelly  
Bailey.

There being absent: Ernest Dickerson, Jr. and Mike Harper

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as  
the governing authority of said Parish by Eddie Ware, Vice  
President. Nelson Morgan gave the Invocation and the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

1. ROLL CALL

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Beauregard Health System will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual Wellness Without Walls on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30  
p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Civic Center
- B. Judge Anthony Eaves is running for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Court of Appeals and will be hosting a meet and  
greet event on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. - 10  
a.m. at Cat's Coffee & Creamery.
- C. Beauregard Second Chance Job Fair will be held on  
April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the War Memorial  
Civic Center.
- D. Beauregard Chamber of Commerce invites you to an  
hour with the Louisiana Economic Development on  
Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at Cecil's  
Cajun Kitchen. We will be learning about the  
Programs & Initiatives available from Small Business  
Development in Beauregard Parish.

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

A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add item #7 and  
seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed.  
Motion carried.

7. Approval to purchase a JOHN DEERE 5105M Utility  
Tractor for \$80,720.60, state contract price, from  
Sunshine Quality Solutions, for Road Districts 1 and 5  
using American Rescue Plan Funds.

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

8. Approval to purchase Kubota Z252KW-54 Mower from Simmons Tractor & Hardware for \$7,095.00 for the covered arena using American Rescue Plan Funds.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add item #9 and seconded by James Hillebrant. No one opposed. Motion carried.

9. Approval for security enhancements for the BPPJ Administration Building.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add item #10 and seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. Approval of ITEX (Industrial Tax Exemption Program) Application - Packaging Corporation of America.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add #11a and seconded by James Hillebrant. No one opposed. Motion carried.

11. Approval to change locations for HMGP Hardening Projects.

a. Hazard Mitigation Hardening Renovations moved from Air Flight Services Building to BPPJ Administration Building.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add #11b and seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion carried.

b. Hazard Mitigation Hardening Renovations moved from Hyatt School to Beauregard Parish Health Unit.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add #12a and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and approval to change generator locations on the following projects:

a. Relocate Road District 2 generator (already purchased by road district) to Administration Building.

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add #12b and seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion carried.

b. Relocate Airflight Services Building generator to the National Guard Armory Building provided it will be utilized by the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office for Unified Command.

B. ROAD & BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

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

6. Approval to design a plan for a Waste Collection site in conjunction with the design phase for a saferoom for Road District 6.

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

7. Approval of to move the Waste Collection site from Road District 3 maintenance yard to the Air Flight Services location.

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

8. Approval for LDEQ to burn trees at 1584 North Three Pine Road, DeRidder, Louisiana, for hazardous tree removal for the LA DOTD District 7, expected completion to be 90 days.

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

9. Approval to enter into a CEA with DOTD to stripe Taylor Road upon approval from DOTD not to exceed \$8,000.

C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

None

D. WAYS & MEANS - EDDIE WARE

None

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. General Beauregard Award Recipient for April 2024 is Simmons Tractor and Hardware. Present to receive the award is Shannon Jantz with Simmons Tractor & Hardware.
- B. Tommy Edwards and Beth Wilcox with CASA Voice.
- C. Karl Kremser - Nexteraenergy - Solar Project Requirements
- D. Morami Engler - Request the removal of abandonment of Nolan Cormier Road.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The abandonment of Blackberry Rd, located in Section 10 of Township 6 South, Range 9 West, in Road District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 370 feet or 0.07 mile (s).
- B. The abandonment of Bob Brown Rd, located in Section 13 of Township 7 South, Range 9 West, in Road

District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 560 feet or 0.016 mile(s).

- C. The abandonment of Bob Gimnick Road, located in Section 34 of Township 6 South, Range 10 West, in Road District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 565 feet or 0.107 mile(s).
- D. The abandonment of Dan Thompson Rd, located in Section 34 of Township 6 South, Range 9 West, in Road District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 2270 feet or 0.43 mile(s).
- E. The abandonment of Erma Rd, located in Section 19 of Township 6 South, Range 8 West, in Road District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 1151 feet or 0.154 mile(s).
- F. The abandonment of Quail Rd, located in Section 25 of Township 7 South, Range 10 West, in Road District #6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of 1162 feet or 0.22 mile(s)

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024.

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

9. CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY

- 1. Approval of March Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$1,553,104.02 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$255,815.00.

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

- 2. Approval of April 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 and February 2024 Financials.

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

- 4. Approval of membership for the Beauregard Parish Police Jury of Eagle Membership to the Louisiana Armed Forces Association Board.

Jerry Shirley recuses himself from this motion due to a conflict.

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

5. Approval to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for the following:

- a. Approval of a scoreboard for the Merryville Recreational Baseball League, not to exceed \$5,000.

A motion was made by Jerry Shirley and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of \$5,000 to the Beauregard United Soccer Association towards the purchase of new equipment and building improvements.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. Opposed by Shanel Handy. Motion carried.

6. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with The Rapids Area Planning Commission for Building Permits.

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

7. Approval to purchase a JOHN DEERE 5105M Utility Tractor for \$80,720.60, state contract price, from Sunshine Quality Solutions, for Road District 1 and 5 using American Rescue Plan Funds.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval to purchase Kubota Z252KW-54 Mower from Simmons Tractor & Hardware for the covered arena for \$7,095.00 using American Rescue Plan Funds

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

9. Approval for security enhancements for the lobby of the BPPJ Administration Building.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. Approval of ITEP (Industrial Tax Exemption Program) Application - Packaging Corporation of America.

Jeffery Meadows recused himself from this motion due to a conflict.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by James Shirley. Opposed by Elizabeth Montgomery, Eddie Ware and Shanel Handy. Motion failed.

11. Approval to change locations for HMGP Hardening Projects.

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

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

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

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A motion was made by Shanel Handy and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

1. Approval of March Emergency Work Orders totaling \$6,046.39.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the abandonment for the following roads, Road District #6:

- a. Blackberry Road

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

- b. Bob Brown Road

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded

by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

c. Bob Gimnick Road

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

d. Dan Thompson Road

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

e. Erma Road

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

f. Quail Road

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

~~3. Approval to advertise the abandonment of Nolan Cormie Road.~~

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows to scratch this at this time, the motion was seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion to scratch this is carried.

4. Approval for road crews to attend Roads Scholar 3 Drainage Training

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

5. Approval of an ordinance prohibiting unmuffled compression brakes at specified locations.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

6. Approval to design a plan for a Waste Collection site in conjunction with the design phase for the saferoom for Road District 6.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Nelson Morgan. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval to move the Waste Collection site from Road District 3 maintenance yard to the Air Flight Services location.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval for LDEQ to burn trees at 1584 North Pine Road, DeRidder, Louisiana, for hazardous tree removal for the LA DOTD District Number 7, expected completion to be 90 days.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

9. Approval to enter into a CEA with DOTD to stripe Taylor Road upon approval from DOTD not to exceed \$8,000.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt. No one opposed. Motion carried.

C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

1. Approval to readvertise for Civil Engineer.

A motion was made by Shanel Handy and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of proposed process for appointing Board and Commission Members.

A motion was made by Shanel Handy and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

D. WAYS AND MEANS - EDDIE WARE

1. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Beauregard Parish School Board and Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office for a Last Resort Shelter during hurricane evacuations.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Shanel Handy. No one opposed. Motion carried.

2. Approval of enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Beauregard Parish School Board and Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office for a Temporary Shelter for residents of the parish who are evacuating from the emergency site or area.

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

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

1. None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

1. None

10. SECRETARY REPORT

None



11. INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AND TREASURER'S REPORT  
None

Eddie Ware stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

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MARGARET LYONS  
SECRETARY

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EDDIE WARE  
VICE PRESIDENT