

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

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

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

There being absent: Eddie Ware

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as  
the governing authority of said Parish by Mike Harper. Nelson  
Morgan gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. INVOCATION

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Beauregard Covered Arena will be hosting 2024 LSUAg  
Center State Horse Show, July 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.
- B. RealArt of DeRidder Gallery is having an Art Camp  
for children grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. July 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>,  
9:30am - 11:30am at 108 West 1<sup>st</sup>. Street.  
Registration is \$85 per child.
- C. Dragonette Dance Camp will be July 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at  
DeRidder High School
- D. Shining STARS Business and Leadership Summer Program  
for upper elementary, middle school and high school  
students in the five parishes of Southwest LA will  
be July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the  
United Way of SWLA on 815 Ryan Street in Lake  
Charles. Program Tuition is \$225.
- E. Beauregard United Soccer Association will be having  
their Challenger Sports Soccer Camp on July 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
26<sup>th</sup> for ages 3 - 14 yrs.
- F. DeRidder High School 2024-2025 Registration for 9<sup>th</sup> -  
12<sup>th</sup> grade students is July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am -  
2pm.
- G. Join us in celebrating the official opening of the  
Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office Training Center,  
July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm at 412 Bolivar Bishop  
Drive and the South Substation, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am  
to 1pm at 14062 Hwy 171, Ragley.

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

A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY

A motion was made by Kelly Bailey to add item #4 and  
seconded by Jerry Shirley. No one opposed. Motion  
carried.

4. Approval to purchase 40 Kenwood LIN radios for BPPJ work crews on state contract price not to exceed \$72,000.00 using American Rescue Plan Funds,

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

5. Approval to amend Resolution No. 10-2024 authorizing the Parish President, Michael E. Harper, Parish Vice President, Eddie Ware, Parish Administrator, Damon Cooley, and Parish Treasurer, Andrea Couch as signing authority for all bank accounts and to sign/endorse all checks related to Beauregard Parish Police Jury business.

B. ROAD & BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

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

7. Approval to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph for the entire length of Sandy Loop, Road District 2.

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

8. Approval for the purchase of a culvert, Road District 7 for \$317.00.

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

9. Approval of an ordinance regulating the use of Parish roads in certain instances.

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

10. Approval to amend Section 14 ½ - 5 of the Code of Ordinances to require speed limits be considered by the Parish prior to final acceptance of subdivision.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr to add item #11. No one opposed. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Resolution for Project No. 50-J06-23-02, Stamps Road Improvement to cover all costs over state funds for the reference project.

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

12. Approval to advertise to abandon Arthur Stone Road, Road District 4B.

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

13. Approval to strike the advertising to abandon Bud Mitchell Road, Road District 6.

C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

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

6. Approval to appoint Randall Anderson to the War Memorial Civic Center Board.

A motion was made by Shanel Handy to add #7 and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval for Tina Simmons, Sr. Accounting Specialist, to become full-time and eligible for benefits.

A motion was made by Shanel Handy to add item #8 and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval to temporarily halt advertising for the position of Civil Engineer and review at a later date.

D. WAYS & MEANS - EDDIE WARE  
None

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY  
None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY  
None

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. General Beauregard Award Recipient for July 2024 - Darbonne's Tire Shop. Owner, Joseph Darbonne

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Benjamin Parker - Item 2C of Personnel Committee

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of June 11, 2024.

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

8. CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

A. FINANCE - KELLY BAILEY

1. Approval of the June Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$2,018,375.17 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$258,023.55.

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

2. Approval to renew 2024-2025 CEA with LSUAg.

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

3. Approval of phases of work for the abatement and demolition of the Probation/Parole Building (old church).

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

4. Approval to purchase 40 Kenwood LWIN radios for BPPJ work crews on State contract price not to exceed \$72,000.00 using American Rescue Plan Funds.

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B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JEFFERY MEADOWS

1. Approval of June Emergency Work Orders totaling \$2,152.45.

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

2. Approval of Dumpster Site, Road District #3 on Airport Property, pending Airport Board Approval.

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

3. Approval to advertise to increase the speed limit on Nichols Sibley Road from 25 mph to 35 mph.

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

4. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on Stanley Hebert Road from 35 mph to 25 mph.

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

5. Approval to advertise the following road abandonments, Road District #3:

- a. A Cordell Spur
- b. Barry Justice Road
- c. Doherty Road
- d. John Lindsey Road
- e. Karen Townsley Road
- f. Mennonite Church Loop
- g. South Planer Mill Road
- h. Tree Farm Road

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

6. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on George Boyer Road to 15 mph.

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

7. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph for the entire length of Sandy Loop, Road District 2.

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9. Approval of Ordinance Regulating the use of Parish Roads in certain instances.

(President Michael E. Harper asked to provide more specifics to items being approved so the public will have a better understanding.)

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C. PERSONNEL - SHANEL HANDY

1. Approval of reappointment of Charles Hudson to the Airport Board, Road District #2.

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

2. Approval of reappointments for Fire Protection District #2 Board for the following:

a. Mark Simon

A motion is made by Shanel Handy and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery. Oppositions by James Hillebrandt and Jeffery Meadows. Motion carried.

b. Glen Mears

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

3. Approval to accept the resignation of Courtney Bone, District 5 of the War Memorial Civic Center Board.

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

4. Approval for the following employees to receive benefits:

a. Danny Cooper, Road District #2

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

b. Lewis Finch, Road District #6.

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

c. Robert Gumpright, Road District #2

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

5. Approval to accept the resignation of Willie Westmoreland of the War Memorial Civic Center, District 4B.

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

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1. None

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F. HIRING COMMITTEE - JERRY SHIRLEY

1. None

9. SECRETARY REPORT

A. All those who are attending the NACo Annual Conference should have received your packets. Please make sure you have everything you need.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT - ANDREA COUCH

A. Treasurer and culvert reports are in your packets. Our CPA firm will be here 3 days next week to help catch up on financials.

11. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - DAMON COOLEY

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, 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.

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MARGARET LYONS  
SECRETARY

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MICHAEL E. HARPER  
PRESIDENT