

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD,
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 8,
2025.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana,
met in regular session on April 8, 2025, at six (6:00) o'clock
p.m.

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

There being absent: Jerry Shirley

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard was duly convened as
the governing authority of said Parish by Mike Harper,
President. James Hillebrandt gave the Invocation and Pledge of
Allegiance.

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Beauregard Parish Health Unit is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair at DeRidder High School on April 29, 2025, at the DeRidder High School Gym from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- B. Beauregard Parish Health Unit is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair at South Beauregard High School on April 16th, 2025, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- C. Beauregard Watermelon Festival will be May 8th through the 10th, 2025, at the Beauregard Parish Fair Grounds, 506 West Drive, DeRidder, LA.
- D. Beauregard Parish Police Jury, with a grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful, will be hosting a Love the Boot Trash Bash Day on April 11th and 12th, 2025. Locations are posted on our Facebook Page. Flyers are posted in our lobby, or call the Police Jury Office to get specific locations.

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

A. **FINANCE – KELLY BAILEY**

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #8. No one opposed.
Motion carried.

8. Approval of CEA's using Recreation and Culture Funding with a \$2,500.00 disbursement limit.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #9. No one opposed.
Motion carried.

9. Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #10a-c. No one opposed. Motion carried.

10. Approval of invoice from Wynn White Consulting Engineers.

- a. Invoice 12617 for \$5,000.00.
- b. Invoice 12774 for \$32,420.07.
- c. Invoice 12951 for \$12,805.33.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #11. No one opposed. Motion carried.

11. Approval of CEA with Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

12. Approval to enter into CEA with the DeRidder Rodeo Association for a reduction of rental fee in the amount of \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by James Hillebrandt to add #13a-k. No one opposed. Motion carried.

13. Approval to Bid the following Road Materials:

- a. Emulsified Asphalts
- b. Tank Car Culverts and Half Tank Car Culverts
- c. Cold Mix
- d. Corrugated Metal Culverts & Bands
- e. Limestone (Various Sizes)
- f. Fuel
- g. Sand
- h. Gravel
- i. Oil
- j. Interlock Sheet Piling
- k. Rolled & Welded Steel Pipe.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Ernest Dickerson to add #14. No one opposed. Motion carried.

14. Approval of Ratcliff Final Pay Application 6 in the amount of \$170,705.27 and Certificate Project Completion.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Ernest Dickerson to add #15. No one opposed. Motion carried.

15. Approval to purchase containers to house waste tires at waste collection sites not to exceed \$5,000.00 per unit.

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #16. No one opposed. Motion carried.

16. Approval of the Sale of Surplus Equipment as listed on the Surplus Equipment List.

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

17. Approval to form Local ITEP Committee Formation.

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

18. Approval to appoint a Jury representative to the local ITEP Committee with a motion to appoint the Parish President.

B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JAMES HILLEBRANDT

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr. to add #1. No one opposed. Motion carried.

1. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on the first half mile of Casey Road on the North end from Hwy 389, located in Section 34 of Township 6 South Range 12 West, Road District 1, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

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

4. Approval of Pipeline Ordinance and Policy revisions, including the release of the Pipeline Permit Moratorium.

A motion was made by James Hillebrant and seconded by Ernest Dickerson, Jr. to add #5. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on Old School Road to 15 mph for the entire length of 0.66 miles to 3,485 feet, located in Section 31 of Township 2 South Range 6 West, Road District 7, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

A motion was made by James Hillebrant and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #6. No one opposed. Motion carried.

6. Approval to extend a Phase 2 on Longville Road (Longview Road) to exhaust underrun of \$199,441.25, including the parish match to be paid out of the Road District(s) fund.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Eddie Ware to add #7. No one opposed. Motion carried.

7. Approval to advertise to reduce the speed limit on Eugene Perry Road to 10 mph from 35 mph for the entire length of the road.

C. PERSONNEL - EDDIE WARE

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

4. Approval to accept resignation of Gerald Spears, Board Member, Fire District 1, effective April 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #5. No one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Approval to reappoint Bruce G. Hudson, Board Member, Beauregard Tourist Commission, whose appointment expired on March 11, 2025.

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6. Approval to reappoint Patricia Andrews, Board Member, Beauregard Tourist Commission, whose appointment expired on March 11, 2025.

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7. Approval for Justice of the Peace/Constables to attend the Spring Conference, May 21st through 22nd, 2025, in Baton Rouge. The conference registration is \$275.00, and the hotel accommodations.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #8. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. Approval to appoint the Parish Treasurer as the temporary Parish Secretary to sign and certify documents.

D. WAYS AND MEANS - NELSON MORGAN

A motion was made by Nelson Morgan and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to add #4a-b. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approval to renew the following ambulance permits.
a. Med Express Ambulance Services
b. Acadian Ambulance Services

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #4. No one opposed. Motion carried.

1. Approval to draft a non-disclosure agreement with Elimini.

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - KELLY BAILEY
None

G. ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE - ERNEST DICKERSON, JR.
None

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- A. Recognition of Employees' Years of Service:
1. Sam Lack for 15 years of service
2. James Higginbotham for 10 years of service.
- B. Proclamation making April as Fair Housing Month.
- C. Presentation of Classroom Poster Contest Winners for Trash Bash 2025.
High School:
1st Place - DeRidder Jr High, Rose Ruello's 8th grade 6th hour class

2nd Place - DeRidder Jr High, Rose Ruello's 7th grade 5th hour class

3rd Place - DeRidder High, Nisa Stapp's 9th grade class

Elementary:

1st Place - Singer, Ms. Hardwick's 2nd grade class

2nd Place - South Beau Upper Elementary, Mrs. Lindsey Brady's 4th Grade class

3rd Place - DeRidder Elementary, Mrs. Martinez's 4th Grade class
- D. Louisiana Armed Forces Alliance - Avon Knolton

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

~~A. The name change of Noah Reed Road, located in Section 19 of Township 4 South, Range 6 West, in Road District #8, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. The new name will be John E. Barrett Road.~~

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Eddie Ware to remove #A from the agenda. No one opposed. Motion carried.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by James Hillebrant to approve the minutes presented.

9. **CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE REPORT(S) :**

A. **FINANCE – JEFFERY MEADOWS**

1. Approval of the March Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$785,6961.36 and the payroll register in the amount of \$281,546.85.

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

2. Review and approve the monthly financial statements and budgets to actual comparison with the February 2025 Financials.

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

3. Approval of terminating the purchase agreement for the Phoenix Hat Property.

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

4. Approval to use \$75,000 ACT 776 funding for Road District 5 tank car and culvert replacement.

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

5. Approval of the Police Jury to attend the 2025 NACo Annual Conference & Expo in Philadelphia, PA, July 11-14, 2025. Registration is \$550 per member. Hotel accommodations and travel expenses are to be determined.

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

6. Approval to purchase the following equipment from parish-wide funds.

- a. Tractor and Boom Mower (Housed at Road District 1&5) – cost estimate \$191,680.26
- b. Rubber Tire Leader (Housed at Road District 4) – Cost estimate \$106,187.00

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

7. Approval to pay The Savant Strategist Invoice 0879 in the amount of \$2,475.00.

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

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2. Approval authorizing the Parish Administrator to provide DOTD with correspondence of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury's intent to enter into a CEA with the State of Louisiana for the transfer of property for the addition of a turn lane on HWY 27 at the

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

3. Approval of March 2025 Emergency Work orders totaling \$6012.59.

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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C. PERSONNEL - EDDIE WARE:

1. Approval of Michael Worten to be moved to full-time with benefits effective April 30, 2025.

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

2. Approval to reappoint Jo Blankenship to the Library Board.

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

3. Approval to reappoint Hubert "Dale" Sharp to the Bundick Lake Fish and Game Commission.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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D. WAYS AND MEANS – NELSON MORGAN:

1. None

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE – ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY:

1. Approval to adopt the Procurement policy provided by the Office of Community Development to comply with the OCD CDBG program guidelines.

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

2. Approval to adopt the record keeping policy provided by the Office of Community Development to comply with the OCD CDBG program guidelines.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Doug Hillebrant. No one opposed. Motion carried.

1. Approval to adopt the Financial Policy provided by the Office of Community Development to comply with the OCD CDBG program guidelines

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

2. Approval to draft a non-disclosure agreement with Elimini.

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

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - KELLY BAILEY:
None

G. ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY COMMITTEE - ERNEST DICKERSON, JR.:

1. Approval for CO2 Alliance to send the proposed letter to the Washington Congressional Delegation and request that it also be sent to all members of Congress - remove Coushatta.

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

2. Approval of Resolution to the Louisiana Legislature Regarding Class V and Class VI Well Permits

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

10. TRESURER'S REPORT - ANDREA COUCH:

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS - DAMON COOLEY:

Mike Harper stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 8th day of April 2025, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Beth Montgomery. No one opposed. Motion carried.

ANDREA COUCH
SECRETARY

MICHEAL HARPER
PRESIDENT