

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF BEAUREGARD,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY  
13th, 2026.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana,  
met in regular session on JANUARY 13th, 2026, at FOUR (4:00)  
o'clock p.m.

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

There being absent: Shanel Handy

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

1. **INVOCATION**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Installation Banquet & Awards Ceremony of the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Beauregard Parish Fair Exhibit Hall located at 506 West Drive, DeRidder, LA. Contact the Chamber with any questions and to purchase your tickets today
- B. The Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce will present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DeRidder Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 14, 2026, to begin at 4:00 PM. Registration is \$10.00 per entry
- C. You're invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle for the Paddle Gumbo Cook-off on February 14, 2026, at the Outdoor Pavillion of the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds. The entry fee is \$100 with prizes to be awarded in 3 divisions. Contact the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce for details.

4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2026

- a. Eddie Ware

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

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Kelly Bailey to close nominations.

5. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2026

- a. O.B. Morgan

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

A motion was made by Eddie Ware and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to close nominations.

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

**A. FINANCE - JEFFERY MEADOWS**

1. Approval of updated Covered Arena contract

A motion was made by Jeffery Meadows and seconded by Kelly Bailey to add #8.

**B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JAMES HILLEBRANDT**

1. Approval of a resolution for the DOTD Annual Certification of Compliance with the Off System Bridge Replacement Program

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Elizabeth Montgomery to add #6.

2. Approval to chipseal .35 miles of Corkern Road in Road District 3 at a cost of approximately \$19,250.00

A motion was made by James Hillebrandt and seconded by Jeffery Meadows to add #7.

**C. PERSONNEL - EDDIE WARE**

None

**D. WAYS AND MEANS - NELSON MORGAN**

None

**E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY**

None

**F. HIRING COMMITTEE - KELLY BAILEY**

None

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

**5. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. The partial abandonment of Donnis McWilliams Road, located in Section 20 of Township 2 South, Range 8 West, in Road District 3, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of approximately 264 feet or .05 mile(s) at the end of the road. The public road will then be 581 feet or .11 miles
- B. The partial abandonment of Hatfield Road, located in Section 8 of Township 3 South, Range 6 West, in Road District 7, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of approximately 739 feet or .14 mile(s) beginning at the property line for Terry and Lorrie Odom. The public road will now be 898 feet or .17 miles

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- A. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Michael E. Harper, for 10 years of service
- B. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Deborah Hollie, for 5 years of service

C. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Julee LaFleur for 5 years of service

D. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Louis Wade Morvant for 5 years of service

E. Recognition of Beauregard Parish Employee, Reggie Spikes for 30 years of service

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. October 2025

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

2. November 2025

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

3. December 2025

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

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

**A. FINANCE - JEFFERY MEADOWS**

1. Approval of the December Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$1,772,615.17 and the Payroll Register in the amount of \$400,032.35

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

2. Review and approval of monthly financial statements and budgets to actual comparison for November 2025 Financials

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

3. Approval of the Beauregard Sheriff Office Cooperative Endeavor Agreement annual 2.8% increase for operation of the Beauregard Parish Dog Pound in the amount of \$5,746.54

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

4. Approval of the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment for all full-time Parish employees of 2% to be effective January 25, 2026

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

5. Approval of payment for five submitted Chamber of Commerce Requests for Proposal in the amount of \$1,250.00

A motion was made by Michael E. Harper and seconded by Kelly Bailey. No one opposed. Motion carried

6. Approval to enter into a buy/sell agreement for 1.818 acre property located at TBD Highway 171, Longville, LA in the amount of up to ~~\$110,868.91~~ \$60,000.00 on behalf of the Beauregard Parish Library for a larger branch to serve the Longville and Ragley communities, contingent upon clean title verification

A motion was made by Michael E. Harper to amend amount to \$60,000. Jeffery Meadows second and go back into regular session. Motion made by Michael E. Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried

7. Approval of fourteen Parish employees to attend the Louisiana LTAP, Local Technical Assistance Program, Road Scholar #6 Training Class for Heavy Equipment Safety & Maintenance on January 28, 2025, at the cost of \$35.00 per individual

A motion was made by Elizabeth Montgomery and seconded by Michael E. Harper. No one opposed. Motion carried

8. Approval of updated Covered Arena contract

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

#### B. ROAD AND BRIDGE - JAMES HILLEBRANDT

1. Approval of the December 2025 emergency work orders in the amount of \$2,250.80

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

2. The partial abandonment of Donnis McWilliams Road, located in Section 20 of Township 2 South, Range 8 West, in Road District 3, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of approximately 264 feet or .05 mile(s) at the end of the road. The public road will then be 581 feet or .11 miles

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

3. The partial abandonment of Hatfield Road, located in Section 8 of Township 3 South, Range 6 West, in Road District 7, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of approximately 739 feet or .14 mile(s) beginning at the property line for Terry and Lorrie

Odom. The public road will now be 898 feet or .17 miles

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

4. Approval of correction from the approved private road named Roy's Way, to Rob's Way, located off Ben Elston Road in Road District 3

A motion was made by Michael E. Harper and seconded by Jeffery Meadows. No one opposed. Motion carried

5. Approval to publish for the partial abandonment of West Cole Road, located in Section 20 of Township 6 South, Range 8 West, in Road District 6, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, total length of approximately 528 feet or .1 mile(s) at the end of the road. The public road will then be 1,267 feet or .24 miles

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

6. Approval of a resolution for the DOTD Annual Certification of Compliance with the Off System Bridge Replacement Program

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

7. Approval to chipseal .35 miles of Corkern Road in Road District 3 at a cost of approximately \$19,250.00

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

#### C. PERSONNEL - EDDIE WARE

1. Approval of Travis Delome to be moved to full-time status with benefits beginning February 5, 2026, pending 90-day evaluation

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

2. Approval to reappoint William Allen Gothreaux, representing Voting District 5, to the Beauregard Parish Airport Board (term expiration January 20, 2026)

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

3. Approval to reappoint Joseph Michael Maggio to the Bundick Lake Board for District 5 (term expiration December 7, 2025)

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

4. Approval to reappoint Wesley K. Jeans to the Beauregard Fire Protection District 1 Board (term expiration January 12, 2026)

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

5. Approval to reappoint John O. Earl to the Beauregard Fire Protection District 2 Board (term expiration December 9, 2025)

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

6. Approval of the resignation of Matt Gillespie from the Beauregard Parish Fire Protection District 2 Board to be effective December 31, 2025 (term expiration June 11, 2026)

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

7. Approval to reappoint Ruthy A. Tyson to the Beauregard Fire Protection District 4 Board (term expiration January 20, 2026)

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

8. Approval to appoint Edmond (Beaux) U. Victor, Jr. to fill the remaining term of resigned Waterworks District 6 Board member Charles Nichols

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

9. Approval to appoint John T. Hendrix to fill the remaining term of resigned War Memorial Civic Center Board member Fred Parrot

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

D. WAYS & MEANS - O.B. MORGAN

1. Approval to include an At-Will Statement in the Beauregard Parish Police Jury Procedures Manual

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

E. POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE - ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY:

None

F. HIRING COMMITTEE - KELLY BAILEY:

None

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

None

**9. ASSISTANT TREASURER'S COMMENTS - TINA SIMMONS:**

None

**10. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS - DAMON COOLEY:**

Waste Collection site in Road District 6 will open this month on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Eddie Ware stated that if there was no further business to come before the Beauregard Parish Police Jury in the Regular Session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

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SHANNON SLAYDON  
SECRETARY

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EDDIE WARE  
PRESIDENT