

The Bienville Parish Police Jury met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: Bill Sims, Jerry Roberson, Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Michael Nelson and Raymond Malone. Absent was Vic Fowler.

The invocation was given by President Jerry Bates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Roberson.

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Senator Robert Mills and the Driskill Mountain sign. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Roberson made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of August 10, 2022, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Senator Robert Mills updated the jury regarding the latest legislative session.

President Bates called on Mr. Hays for the report of the Public Works Committee. Mr. Hays stated that the Public Works Committee approved his recommendation as follows:

1. Approve the payment to the surface treatment for the 10% retainage for the invoices submitted in July.
2. Approve the request from the Town of Gibsland to fill a pothole on Sparta Street.
3. Approve the school bus turnarounds on Griffin Road, 11430 Hwy 501, 220 Homefront Road and Hill Street in Ringgold.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the following resolution detailing the 2023 priority road list:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 48:754, the Parish Transportation Act, requires the adoption of a three year prioritized capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury wishes to comply with all aspects of the Parish Transportation Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bienville Parish Police Jury that it does hereby adopt the following prioritized list of roads which are to comprise the 2023 through 2025 capital improvement program for Bienville Parish:

2023

(Prioritized)

236, 232, 235, 262, 452, 443, 519, 530, 531, 536, 537, 600, 624, 620, 622, 621, 717, 751, 755, 755-1, 753, 751-3, 751-4, 751-5, 751-6, 111, 131, 132, 133, 137, 298, 294.

2024

(Non-prioritized)

131, 132, 133, 137, 133-1, 131-1, 131-3, 122, 260, 262, 232, 277, 271, 272, 275, 452, 466, 463, 476, 477, 466, 460, 461, 463, 476, 477, 630, 647, 650, 648, 649, 751, 751-6, 751-5, 751-4, 751-3.

2025

(Non-prioritized)

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458, 446, 445, 449, 447, 460, 475, 471, 472, 553, 630, 713, 715, 712, 712-1, 715-1, 715-2, 715-3, 717, 709, 709-1, 710, 707, 708, 774, 775, 772, 772-1, 771, 699, 699-1, 699-2, 699-3, 699-4, 699-6, 698, 163, 161, 162, 162-1, 256, 253, 273, 347, 341, 342, 325, 375, 715-5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a part of the selective maintenance program outlined in the Parish Unit System Manual and the Parish Maintenance Procedures Manual, it is the intention of the Police Jury to provide routine maintenance to all roads in the parish throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any special or emergency project undertaken on any road not included in the priority list, will be reported to the police jury for approval as outlined in the Unit System Manual.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

After the report of the Building and Grounds Committee, Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the request from the Judge to replace the smart podium and the recording system in the courtroom and to replace the air conditioning unit at the jail as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

President Bates stated that the Police Jury served as the board of review for tax assessments. The secretary stated that no appeals had been received this year. Mr. Roberson made the motion to approve the values presented by Assessor Carol Brown. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

Mr. Sims made the motion to renew the health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana as presented by Mr. Dan Madden. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

Mr. Nelson submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the development of rural communities is important to the growth and development of any parish; and

WHEREAS, requests from several water systems have been presented to the jury for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury feels that each of these projects would be beneficial to the people of Bienville Parish; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Office of Community Development through the Local Government Assistance Program/Community Water Enrichment Fund is available for such projects as these.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of Bienville Parish that it does hereby request financial assistance from the State of Louisiana through the Office of Community Development to improve the facilities in Bienville Parish.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Roberson and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

After discussion of the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program, Mr. Sims made the Motion to authorize President Bates to sign the Waiver of Land Use/Permitting Form opting in to allow for expedited temporary housing assistance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

Mr. Roberson made the motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Jackson to the Recreation District #1 Board to replace Mr. Jessie Adams and Mrs. Toni Rodgers to the Communications District Board to replace Rusty Kaiser. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, excellence in teaching is the result of commitment, dedication, inspiration, patience, creativity, hard work, and the highest order of professional integrity; and

WHEREAS, Teacher of the Year programs were created as a means to publicly honor and recognize the critical role of instructional excellence in ensuring student success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding educators named 2023 Teach of the Year Honorees for schools in Bienville Parish are Joseph Joyner, Ringgold High School and Ginger Abney, Crawford Elementary School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby sincerely commend these teachers for their exemplary and dedicated service.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ryder and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Fowler.

Mr. Malone made the motion to approve all General Fund and Solid Waste Fund bills submitted by the treasurer and examined by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve all Road Fund bills submitted by the treasurer and examined by the Road Superintendent and the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

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Mr. Sims made the motion to approve payment for the historical marker at Driskill Mountain as presented by Mr. Brad Dison. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Nelson and Malone.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved, President Bates declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, October 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Jerry Bates
President