

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2024, 9:00 A.M. ARCADIA, LA.

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, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Keith Duck.

The invocation was given by President Ryder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Roberson.

Mr. Roberson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of November 13, 2024, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

President Ryder 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 plumbing contractor for the District B shop in the amount of \$5,800.
2. Approve the payment to the A/C contractor for the District B shop in the amount of \$8,700.
3. Approve the final payment to the shop builder for the District B shop in the amount of \$36,502.

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

Mr. Duck made the motion to approve the emergency A/C repair in the amount of \$18,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

President Ryder stated that this meeting had been scheduled as a public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2025 budget. The secretary stated that no comments had been submitted regarding the proposed budget and that it had been advertised as required. The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Sims:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:463 Et. Sec. requires the adoption of an annual budget by the governing authority of a parish, by a budget adoption instrument, and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing prior to adoption of the proposed 2025 budget as hereinafter set forth has been duly given as prescribed by said statute,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Bienville Parish that it does hereby approve and adopt the 2025 Budget which is available for inspection at the Bienville Parish Police Jury Office.

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

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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ABSTAINING: None.

President Ryder stated that this meeting had been set as a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Precinct Merger Ordinance. The secretary stated he had received no objections and there were none made by the audience. Mr. Bates submitted the following Ordinance for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REAPPORTIONMENT ORDINANCE OF THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY DATED JUNE 8, 2022; ESTABLISHING ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THE PARISH OF BIENVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ESTABLISHING ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY AND DEFINING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF EACH.

Part 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bienville Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 11th day of December, 2024, that it does hereby establish election precincts for the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, effective the date of public notification on December 11th, 2024, and describe boundaries of said election precincts, in accordance with the 2020 decennial census of population, as required by law.

Act 670 of the 1985 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the governing authority of each parish to establish voting precincts on visible boundary lines. Revised Statute 18:532 and the sub-paragraphs as amended by the Louisiana Legislature meeting in regular session in 1997, require the visible boundary lines to conform with strict guidelines. Ordinance No. 1 of June 8, 2022, which established voting precincts for Bienville Parish, be and are hereby amended and merged; the affected voting precincts for Bienville Parish are described as follows:

PRECINCTS TO BE MERGED

District 2: Precinct 2-3, 2-4 and 2-5 merged into 2-3.

DEFINITIONS BY PRECINCT NUMBER(ORIGINAL) FOLLOWED BY DEFINITIONS OF MERGED PRECINCT.

PRECINCT 2-4

Beginning at intersection of Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street) with Locust Street in the Town of Arcadia, thence proceed southeasterly on Locust Street to its intersection with South Laurel Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to its intersection with Oak Street, thence proceed easterly then southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Jonesboro Road), thence proceed easterly on said road to its intersection with James Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Madden Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with First Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Butler Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Walnut Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Pine Street, thence proceed northerly on said street its intersection with Sixth Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Hazel Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Daniel Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Sixth Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to

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its intersection with State Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Texas Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Fourth Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with a spur of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, thence proceed southeasterly on said spur to its intersection with Beech Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with the Kansas City Southern Railroad, thence proceed southeasterly on said railroad to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Orleans Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to its intersection with South Hazel Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Locust Street, the point of beginning.

Physical Location/Address of the Polling Place for Precinct 2-4 is: Bienville Parish Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Drive, Arcadia, LA 71001.

PRECINCT 2-5

Beginning at the intersection of State Street and Texas Street, thence proceed southwesterly on Texas Street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Fourth Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with 2nd Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with State Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Texas Street, the point of beginning.

Physical Location/Address of the Polling Place for Precinct 2-5 is: Bienville Parish Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Drive, Arcadia, LA 71001.

PRECINCT 2-3

Beginning at intersection of Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street) with Locust Street in the Town of Arcadia, thence proceed southeasterly on Locust Street to its intersection with South Laurel Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to its intersection with Oak Street, thence proceed easterly then southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Jonesboro Road), thence proceed westerly then northerly (at which point it becomes known as Hazel Street) along said highway to its intersection with Florida Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Driskill Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Orleans Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street), thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Locust Street, the point of beginning.

Physical Location/Address of the Polling Place for Precinct 2-3 is: Bienville Parish Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Drive, Arcadia, LA 71001.

Part 2

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY THAT THE NEWLY MERGED PRECINCTS ARE HEREBY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT 2-3

Beginning at intersection of Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street) with Locust Street in the Town of Arcadia, thence proceed southeasterly on Locust Street to its intersection with South Laurel Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to its intersection with Oak Street, thence proceed easterly then southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Jonesboro Road), thence proceed westerly then northerly (at which point it becomes known as Hazel Street) along said highway to its intersection with Florida Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Driskill Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Orleans Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street), thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Locust Street, the point of beginning. Also beginning at intersection of Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Hazel Street) with Locust Street in the Town of Arcadia, thence proceed southeasterly on Locust Street to its intersection with South Laurel Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to its intersection with Oak Street, thence proceed easterly then southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 147 (which is also known as Jonesboro Road), thence proceed easterly on said road to its intersection with James Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Madden Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with First Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Butler Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Walnut Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Pine Street, thence proceed northerly on said street its intersection with Sixth Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Hazel Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Daniel Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to its intersection with Sixth Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with State Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Texas Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Fourth Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with a spur of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, thence proceed southeasterly on said spur to its intersection with Beech Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with the Kansas City Southern Railroad, thence proceed southeasterly on said railroad to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Orleans Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to its intersection with South Hazel Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to its intersection with Locust Street, the point of beginning. Also beginning at the intersection of State Street and Texas Street, thence proceed southwesterly on Texas Street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Fourth Street, thence proceed southeasterly on said street to its intersection with Maple Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with Third Street, thence proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with Cherry Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to its intersection with 2nd Street, thence

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proceed northwesterly on said street to its intersection with State Street, thence proceed northeasterly on said street to its intersection with Texas Street, the point of beginning.

Physical Location/Address of the Polling Place for Precinct 2-3 is: Bienville Parish Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Drive, Arcadia, LA 71001.

Part 3

DEFINITIONS BY PRECINCT NUMBER OF THE NEW ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY.

THE ELECTION DISTRICTS IN BIENVILLE PARISH ARE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS:

District 1: Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7

District 2: Precincts 2-1, 2-2, 2-3

District 3: Precincts 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7

District 4: Precincts 4-1, 4-2, 4-3

District 5: Precincts 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4

District 6: Precincts 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5

District 7: Precincts 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4

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

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren

Secretary

/s/ Darryl Ryder

President

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the 2024 Budget amendments. The amended budget will be available for inspection at the Police Jury office at 100 Courthouse Drive, Suite 2100, Arcadia, Louisiana between the hours of 7:30 a.m and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates 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

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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. Nelson and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Fowler, Bates, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Bates made the motion to appoint the following board members: Bill Sims - North Bienville Fire District; Don Moore - Ward 4&5 Fire District; Keith Duck - Fire District #7; Gloria Brackens and Terry Caleb - Recreation District No. 3; Bill Sims and Rodney L. Warren - CDC Board; Toni Rodgers - Communications District; Marsha Andrews, Larry Kennedy and Tammy Hill - Library Board of Control; Ann Evans, Donna Wiggins and Pam Volentine - Tourist Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve the pay increases to start on December 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates 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. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson 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. Sims and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to accept the Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal proposal from Wimberly Agency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved, President Ryder declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, January 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren

Secretary

Darryl Ryder

President