

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Ryder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Warren.

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

Mr. Bates made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of October 8, 2025, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler 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 installation of a driveway culvert at 3694 College St. in Arcadia.
2. Approve the request from Saline to fix potholes on 4th and Natchitoches St.
3. Approve the request from Gibsland to replace a 24x30 culvert on Hilltop St.
4. Approve the setting of a public hearing at next month's meeting to abandon 550' of Babers Road.

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

Mr. Sims made the motion to purchase a new 14'x24' voting building for the Mt. Olive voting location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

President Ryder stated that tabulating the bids was the next order of business. The Secretary stated that bids were opened on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 12 noon and the results are as follows:

Galvanized Culverts/Coated Culverts						
Company	12"16G	15"16G	18"16G	24"14G	36"14G	48"14G
Wilson Culverts	13.09/19.63	16.28/24.43	19.50/29.25	31.20/46.80	46.88/70.32	74.66/111.99
Coburns Supply	14.91/23.96	18.10/29.71	22.36/34.50	37.26/56.08	56.45/83.00	75.60/111.29
Coastal Culvert *	30.00/35.00	35.00/40.00	40.00/46.00	60.00/75.00	95.00/122.00	130.00/155.00
Co-Heir Drainage *	14.95/19.45	17.75/23.25	22.50/30.00	34.95/47.50	54.00/71.00	80.00/105.00

* - 10% preference requested per Louisiana Preference Law R.S. 39:1604

Maintenance Stone						
	3x5 Stone	Gravel	SB2	Rip Rap	Crushed Concrete	Commercial Base
Madden Contracting, Inc.	\$50.50/\$51.75		\$47.50/\$47.75	\$61.75/\$62.00	\$35.00/\$36.50	\$44.75/\$45.00
Southland Sand Company		\$30.00	n/b	n/b	n/b	n/b
LJ Haddox		n/b	n/b	n/b	\$46.00/yard	n/b

Hot Mix		
Company	Plant Location	Price - Per Ton
Amethyst Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Ruston	\$110.00
Madden Contracting, Inc.	Minden	\$113.00/\$113.50

Polyethylene Culverts					
Company	12"	15"	24"	36"	48"
Coburn Supply	\$7.41	\$10.14	\$22.94	\$44.76	\$74.36
Coastal Culvert	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$111.00
Irrigation Mart	\$7.45	\$10.25	\$22.96	\$44.80	\$74.43
Co-Heir Drainage Products	\$7.50	\$10.25	\$23.50	\$45.75	\$76.00

Surface Treatment

Bidder	Price per Sq. Yard
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	One Coat Stone	C-2 Coat Stone
Dreher Construction.	\$2.87	\$3.25

Mr. Fowler made the motion to accept the low bid on Galvanized and Coated Culverts from Co-Heir Drainage, accept all bids on Maintenance Stone based on availability, accept both bids on Hot Mix based on availability, accept the low bid from Coburn Supply on Polyethylene Culverts and accept the bid from Dreher Construction on Surface Treatment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Bates made the motion to set the December 10, 2025 meeting as a public hearing to consider adoption of the 2026 operating budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson 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

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, Ryder, Fowler, Bates, Nelson and Duck.
 NAYS: None.
 ABSENT: Roberson.

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the requests from the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Town of Arcadia in the amount of \$3,000 for their Christmas Festival. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has been made aware of the opposition to Carbon Capture (Class VI) wells in Bienville Parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby oppose the construction of any Carbon Capture (Class VI) wells within Bienville Parish.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roberson.

Mr. Duck 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. Fowler 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. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve all ARPA fund bills submitted by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

During the Public Comments portion of our meeting, Mr. Mike Kirkham came to the podium to express his opposition for the saltwater injection well by Brickyard Trucking in the Jamestown community.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved, President Ryder declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, December 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Darryl Ryder
President