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

The invocation was given by Mr. Fowler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Warren.

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

Mr. Ryder made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of April 8, 2026, 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 Nelson 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 repair to the garbage truck turn around at 826 CC Road.
2. Approve the request from the Village of Bienville to replace twelve culverts on city streets.
3. Approve the addition to the 2026 Priority list of the following roads; 537, 536, 630, 721, 718, 625, 633, 758, 754, 759, 752, Locust Street in Arcadia, and Mellon, School, Rhodes, N. Market, Pearl, Hilltop, and Southfield Street in Gibsland.

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

After a discussion between the Jury and Mr. Hays about the strain on the debris trucks, Mr. Sims made the motion to limit the diameter and length of the limbs that will be picked up by the debris truck to 8 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Bienville Parish Police Jury:

MILLAGE

Ad Valorem, Parishwide	5.21 Mills
Special Parishwide Road Maintenance	7.32 Mills
Library Tax, Parishwide	4.03 Mills
Recreation District #1	3.45 Mills
Council On Aging	1.24 Mills
Courthouse & Annex	2.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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

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

Ms. Roberson made the motion to reduce the speed limit to 35mph and place Slow-Children Playing signs on Jacob Knotts Rd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce requests on behalf of the Jonquil Jubilee Festival in the amount of \$1,500, the Slabtown Commission Inc in the amount of \$2,250, the Saline Watermelon Festival in the amount of \$3,000, and the Mount Lebanon Historical Society in the amount of \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberson and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mr. Duck:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 27, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Bienville Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 6.64 mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$1,091,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of paying costs of providing hospital and other health care services in the District, including acquiring maintaining, operating and supporting facilities, equipment and furnishings therefor, said millage to represent a .64 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 6 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on December 10, 2016?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Michael Nelson
President

Mr. Ryder submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Gibsland Coleman High School Bulldogs are the 2026 Class C Track and Field State Champions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, state of Louisiana, that it does hereby express its congratulations to the athletes and coaches of the Gibsland Coleman High School Bulldogs for their outstanding accomplishments this season.

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

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

President Nelson submitted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodney L. Warren served the people of Bienville Parish faithfully and diligently for over 26 years as Secretary/Treasurer and Bienville Parish Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Warren has decided to retire.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, that it does hereby adopt this resolution in appreciation and admiration for the many years of service Mr. Rodney L. Warren gave to the Bienville Parish Police Jury.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Ryder 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. Bates unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck 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. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to reconvene the regular session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler stated the personnel committee made the recommendation to appoint Mr. Turner Madden as the Secretary/Treasurer and as the Bienville Parish Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and a roll call was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sims.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved, President Nelson declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, June 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney L. Warren
Secretary

Michael Nelson
President

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