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. Bates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sims.

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 October 14, 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 release of the 10% retainage to the surface treatment contractor.

2. Approve the request from Arcadia for 2 loads of sand.

3. Approve the request from Gibsland to install a culvert at 1668 Main St.

4. Approve the hiring of Thad Bates to be placed on full time.

5. Approve the request to change the speed limit from 45mph to 15mph on Golden Slipper Rd.

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

President Nelson called on the Secretary for the report from the Building and Grounds Committee. The Secretary stated that the Building and Grounds Committee approved his recommendation as follows:

1. Approve the Public Notice for the Safe Room Request for Qualifications be extended for an additional 30 days in the official journal.

2. Approve the repairs to the generator at the Ringgold Annex.

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

President Nelson stated that tabulating the bids was the next order of business. The Secretary stated that bids were opened on Monday, November 9, 2026 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	14.66/21.99	18.23/27.34	21.84/32.76	34.94/52.41	52.50/78.75	83.62/125.43
Coburns Supply	16.20/21.02	21.84/25.36	24.31/31.69	38.88/50.71	58.33/76.06	85.55/111.55
TriState Culverts	15.86/23.79	19.71/29.57	23.62/35.43	37.79/56.68	56.79/85.18	90.44/135.65
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 *	**15.00/20.00**	**18.00/24.00**	**23.00/30.00**	**35.00/48.00**	**55.00/72.00**	**82.00/108.00**

* - 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.	**$54.50/$56.00**		**$50.50/$51.75**	**$64.50/$66.50**	**$35.00/$35.00**	**$46.25/$47.25**
Southland Sand Company		**$35.00**	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	**$118.00**
Madden Contracting, Inc.	Minden	**$125.75/$127.75**

Polyethylene Culverts					
Company	12"	15"	24"	36"	48"
Coburn Supply	$7.90	$10.80	$24.42	$47.64	$79.16
TriState Culvert	$8.10	$11.00	$25.00	$48.00	$81.00
Lafayette WinWater-North	**$7.65**	**$10.45**	**$23.67**	**$46.19**	**$76.75**
Coastal Culvert	$15.00	$20.00	$40.00	$80.00	$110.00
Irrigation Mart	$7.75	$10.65	$24.10	$47.00	$78.10
Co-Heir Drainage Products	$7.95	$10.90	$24.65	$48.00	$79.50

Surface Treatment

Bidder	Price per Sq. Yard	
	One Coat Stone	C-2 Coat Stone
Dreher Construction.	**$3.87**	**$4.50**

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 Lafayette WinWater- North on Polyethylene Culverts and accept the bid from Dreher Construction on Surface Treatment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryder and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Bates made the motion to set the December 9, 2026 meeting as a public hearing to consider adoption of the 2027 operating budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.
Mr. Sims 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. Ryder and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

After a brief presentation from our Registrar of Voters, Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the Registrar's Chief Deputy to begin the CERA courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryder made the motion to approve the requests from the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Town of Arcadia Christmas Festival in the amount of $4,500, the Village of Castor Pine

Beetle Festival in the amount of $4,500, the Town of Gibsland Christmas Festival in the amount of $1,500 and for the Village of Saline for their Christmas Festival in the amount of $1,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

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.

Ms. Roberson 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. Bates and unanimously approved.

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, December 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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Turner Madden	Michael Nelson
Secretary	President