

July 16, 2025

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Public Comments
8. Senator Alan Seabaugh
9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
10. Representative Larry Bagley
11. Planning Commission
  - (a) Discuss Partition Survey of 2.08 Acres
  - (b) Discuss Partition Survey of 2.0 Acres
12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held June 18, 2025
13. Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman- Provide Update on Sabine High School Revitalization Project
14. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc.
15. Mr. Danny Asbell - Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board
16. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of April Through June 2025
17. Re-appoint Mr. Keith Broussard to the Board of Commissioners of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1
18. Review and Award Bid for Truck Scales (Pugmill Scales)
19. Introduce an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance No. 4 of 2022 (An Ordinance Restricting Trailers with a Length Exceeding Sixteen (16) Feet from Being Utilized To Dump Garbage At Parish Compactor Sites)
20. Introduce an Ordinance Restricting Trailers with a Length Exceeding Twelve (12) Feet From Being Utilized to Dump Garbage at Parish Compactor Sites
21. Declare Two Parish Compactor Bins as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (Govdeals.com)
22. Consider Increasing the Base Rate of Pay for Compactor Workers to \$11.53 Per Hour
23. Consider Increasing Base Rate of Pay for Pugmill Operator/Foreman
24. Approve Abandonment of Clauristy Street, Jonas Street and Nicole Street Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17)
- 24a. Consider Abandonment of Malcom Street Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17)
25. Consider Accepting Farris Road into the Parish Maintenance System (Ward 2, Road District 16)
26. Consider Purchase of Diagnostic Equipment for Shop
27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for July Operations (\$500,00 0)
29. Committee Reports
30. Operations
31. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Ricky L. Sepulvado called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: "Bo" Stewart, Barry Stevens, Ronny Bison, Bruce Taylor, Eric Garcie, Ricky "K-Wall" Sepulvado, and Kenny John Remedies.

The following jurors were absent or arrived late:

William E. Ruffin and Randy Byrd

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Weatherford, Secretary-Treasurer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ronny Bison.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda must be allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda. There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 9803

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to amend the agenda to include the following item:

24a. Consider Abandonment of Malcom Street Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17)

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 9804

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Ricky L. Sepulvado, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. There were no public comments.

8. Senator Alan Seabaugh

No representative from Senator Alan Seabaugh's office was present at the meeting.

9. Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

Ms. Shanna Gaspard, Legislative Assistant to State Representative Rodney Schamerhorn, was present at the meeting but did not provide a report.

10. Representative Larry Bagley

Representative Larry Bagley informed the Police Jury of Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Program which is a statewide effort to strengthen energy resilience, enhance disaster response, and position Louisiana as a global leader in grid innovation. He encouraged the Police Jury to research the funding opportunities the program had to offer.

He also provided an overview of the 2025 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

11. Planning Commission

(a) Discuss Partition Survey of 2.08 Acres

Mr. Bobby Hughes, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that the Planning Commission had approved the partition survey of the 2.08 acres of property located on Red Oak Road during the last meeting.

(b) Discuss Partition Survey of 2.0 Acres

In addition, he stated that the Planning Commission had also approved the partition survey of 2.0 acres located off of LA Hwy 1216.

12. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting Held June 18, 2025

Resolution No. 9805

Motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 18, 2025.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

13. Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman- Provide Update on Sabine High School Revitalization Project  
Mrs. Sandra Garner-Coleman provided an update to the Sabine High School Revitalization Project. She informed the Jury that to date multiple rooms have been weatherized, and the broken windows have been removed. She expressed that the management group overseeing the project recently met with a construction company and agreed to complete the construction in phases with phase one expected to be completed in approximately five-six months.

14. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc.

Since 2023, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has provided the Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc funds which are used to assist with the project. This yearly contribution is included in the annual Police Jury Budget. The Police Jury is in receipt of a letter from the Sabine High School Revitalization Project (SHSRP) Management Group, Inc. requesting the annual contribution of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Resolution No. 9806

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Taylor:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine Parish Police Jury hereby approves entering a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine High School Revitalization Project Management Group, Inc. to provide five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to revitalize the old Sabine High School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Police Jury is authorized to sign and otherwise execute the said cooperative endeavor agreement.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

15. Mr. Danny Asbell - Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board

Mr. Danny Asbell, Chairman on the Sabine Parish EMS Advisory Board, noted that the board had recently approved requesting submission of proposals for ambulance service in Sabine Parish. He stated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) will begin advertising in the Sabine Index next week and will be advertised for six consecutive weeks. Chairman Asbell advised that the board will present a recommendation of award to the Police Jury in October of this year.

16. Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner - Report on the Coroner's Office Activities During the Period of April Through June 2025

Mr. Stanley Cook, Deputy Coroner, reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Sabine Parish Coroner's Office during the second quarter of 2025.

Mr. Cook reported that the Coroner's Office received 133 calls of service during the second quarter of 2025. The Office worked 55 deaths, committed 60 individuals, and worked 18 cremation investigations.

17. Re-appoint Mr. Keith Broussard to the Board of Commissioners of the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1

The Sabine Parish Police Jury has received correspondence from the Sabine Parish Waterworks District No. 1 requesting Mr. Keith Broussard be re-appointed as a commissioner.

Resolution No. 9807

On motion by Taylor and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the term of Mr. Keith Broussard as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Water District No. 1 expires August 19, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Water District No. 1 has requested that Mr. Keith Broussard be re-appointed as a commissioner.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Keith Broussard be re-appointed as a commissioner for the Sabine Parish Water District No. 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Broussard be appointed for a five-year term expiring August 19, 2030.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

18. Review and Award Bid for Truck Scales (Pugmill Scales)

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted sealed bids for truck scales (pugmill scales) until 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2025, when the bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Two sealed bids were received by the Police Jury.

Resolution No. 9808

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies :

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury has accepted bids for truck scales for pugmill operations until 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2025, and

WHEREAS, two bids were received for truck scales (pugmill scales) as follows:

| <b>Bidder</b>                            | <b>Bid Amount</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| G.T. Michelli Co., LLC                   | \$146,483.00      |
| Pro Scales and Construction Services LLC | \$116,325.00      |

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby accepts the bid from Pro Scales and Construction Services LLC in the amount of \$116,325.00.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

19. Introduce an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance No. 4 of 2022 (An Ordinance Restricting Trailers with a Length Exceeding Sixteen (16) Feet from Being Utilized To Dump Garbage At Parish Compactor Sites)

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance to Rescind Ordinance No. 4 of 2022- An Ordinance Restricting Trailers with a Length Exceeding Sixteen (16) Feet from Being Utilized To Dump Garbage At Parish Compactor Sites. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read the proposed ordinance name aloud.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7 of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2022 (AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING TRAILERS WITH A LENGTH EXCEEDING SIXTEEN (16) FEET FROM BEING UTILIZED TO DUMP GARBAGE AT PARISH COMPACTOR SITES)**

20. Introduce an Ordinance Restricting Trailers with a Length Exceeding Twelve (12) Feet From Being Utilized to Dump Garbage at Parish Compactor Sites

The Sabine Parish Police Jury desires to adopt an ordinance to restrict trailers with a length exceeding twelve (12) feet from being utilized to dump garbage at parish compactor sites. The first step in this process is introducing an ordinance for this purpose. Secretary Treasurer Weatherford then read the proposed ordinance name aloud.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8 of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING TRAILERS WITH A LENGTH EXCEEDING TWELVE (12) FEET FROM BEING UTILIZED TO DUMP GARBAGE AT PARISH COMPACTOR SITES**

21. Declare Two Parish Compactor Bins as Surplus Equipment and Approve Sale by Electronic Auction (Govdeals.com)

The following compactor bins are considered to no longer serve useful purpose to the Sabine Parish Police Jury. On July 1, 2025, the Solid Waste Committee met and unanimously declared the bins surplus and approved disposal of them through electronic auction.

Resolution No. 9809

On motion by Remedies and seconded by Bison:

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee met on July 1, 2025, and recommended that the following compactor bins be declared surplus property:

| COMPACTOR (UNIT)NUMBER | DESCRIPTION   | SERIAL NUMBER | MINIMUM BID |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| SPPJ - 02              | Compactor Bin | LP 70 680     | \$100.00    |
| SPPJ - 12              | Compactor Bin | 14040         | \$100.00    |

and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above listed property be hereby declared surplus property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the surplus property be sold through electronic auction (Govdeals.com) at a price no lower than the minimum bid amount noted above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to sign and otherwise execute any documents necessary to finalize the sale of the listed property.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

22. Consider Increasing the Base Rate of Pay for Compactor Workers to \$11.53 Per Hour

Prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 9451 of December 20,2023, the base rate of pay for all compactor workers was \$10.53 per hour. Resolution No. 9451 granted every compactor worker hired prior to January 1, 2023, a \$1.00 per hour raise that became effective January 1, 2024. The compactor workers hired between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, received a \$1.00 per hour raise on their one-year anniversary date of employment in 2024. Every compactor worker hired on or before December 31, 2023, currently makes \$11.53 per hour. Every compactor worker hired after December 31, 2023, currently makes \$10.53 per hour. The Solid Waste Committee met on July 1, 2025, and recommended setting the base rate of pay for all compactor workers to \$11.53 per hour.

Resolution No. 9810

On motion by Bison and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the base rate of pay for all compactor workers was \$10.53 per hour prior to adoption of Resolution No. 9451 of December 20,2023, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9451 of December 20,2023 granted every compactor worker hired prior to January 1, 2023, a \$1.00 per hour raise effective January 1, 2024, and granted every compactor worker hired in the calendar year 2023 a \$1.00 per hour raise on their one-year anniversary date of employment in calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, every compactor worker hired on or before December 31, 2023, currently makes \$11.53 per hour, and

WHEREAS, every compactor worker hired after December 31, 2023, currently makes \$10.53 per hour and the Solid Waste Committee recommends all compactor workers have the same base rate of pay of \$11.53 per hour

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the base rate of pay for all (existing and future) compactor workers be set at \$11.53 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective July 16, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

23. Consider Increasing Base Rate of Pay for Pugmill Operator/Foreman

Resolution No. 9695 of December 18, 2024, approved the creation of three employment positions to form a pugmill crew to operate the pugmill and oversee day-to-day operations at the site. One of the approved positions included a Pugmill Operator/Foreman with a base rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour. Since that time, the Road and Shop Committee has recommended raising the base rate of pay for the Pugmill Operator/Foreman to \$25.00 per hour due to the complexity of the job.

Resolution No. 9811

Motion by Bison and seconded by Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury approved and formed a pugmill crew on December 18, 2024 which included an employment position for a Pugmill Operator/Foreman, and

WHEREAS, the base rate of pay for the Pugmill Operator/ Foreman was then set at \$18.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the Road and Shop Committee recommended increasing the base rate of pay for the Operator/Foreman to \$25.00 per hour.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby approves increasing the base rate of pay for the Pugmill Operator/Foreman from \$18.00 per hour to \$25.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay will be the base rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour and adjusted by any STEP increases or other increases, if applicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective July 16, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

24. Approve Abandonment of Clauristy Street, Jonas Street and Nicole Street Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17)

The Road and Shop Committee met on July 11, 2025, and recommended that the Police Jury abandon Clauristy Street, Jonas Street and Nicole Street and remove them from the Parish Maintenance System because the streets are in town limits of Many, Louisiana and the Town of Many maintains them.

Resolution No. 9812

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Remedies to abandon Clauristy Street, Jonas Street and Nicole Street (located in Ward 4, Road District 17) and remove them from the Parish Maintenance System.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

24a. Consider Abandonment of Malcom Street Located in Ward 4 (Road District 17)

Resolution No. 9813

Motion by Remedies and seconded by Garcie to abandon Malcom Street (located in Ward 4, Road District 17) and remove it from the Parish Maintenance System.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

25. Consider Accepting Farris Road into the Parish Maintenance System (Ward 2, Road District 16)

Resolution No. 9814

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Garcie to table adopting Farris Road, located in Ward 2 (Road District 16), into the parish maintenance system.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

26. Consider Purchase of Diagnostic Equipment for Shop

On July 11, 2025, the Road and Shop Committee met and discussed purchasing diagnostic equipment for the mechanic shop. The Road Superintendent informed the committee he had obtained prices for both Plier International (International) and Caterpillar (CAT) diagnostics systems. The International system includes an initial software cost of \$1,200 and a recurring annual subscription cost of \$ 900. CAT's system requires an initial software cost of \$1,300 and a recurring annual subscription cost of \$1,500. The committee agreed the parish mechanics could benefit from the equipment and increase the possibility of keeping all repairs and maintenance of parish machinery in-house rather than relying on outsourcing. The committee recommended purchasing both International and CAT diagnostic equipment.

Resolution No. 9815



Motion by Taylor and seconded by Stewart to purchase diagnostic equipment (Plier International and Caterpillar) for the mechanic shop.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

27. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 9816

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Bison to pay the approved bills.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

28. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for July Operations (\$500,000)

Resolution No. 9817

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to appropriate and transfer \$500,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for July 2025 operations.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

29. Committee Reports

Police Juror Barry Stevens informed the Jury that the Sabine Parish Library Board had recently appointed Jodi Cook as the new librarian after the retirement of Ms. Debbie Anderson.

30. Operations

Road Superintendent Hughes stated that the herbicide application process had been completed for this year, and the Parish received good results from the company hired to do the work.

He also mentioned that the Pugmill Crew produced some oil sand this week as a trial run.

31. Adjournment

Resolution No. 9818

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Taylor to adjourn.

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

Yeas: 7 - Stewart, Stevens, Taylor, Bison, Garcie, Sepulvado, Remedies

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2- Ruffin and Byrd

s/William E. Weatherford  
William E. Weatherford  
Secretary Treasurer

s/Ricky L. Sepulvado  
Ricky L. Sepulvado  
President