

AVOYELLES PARISH POLICE JURY  
REGULAR SESSION, held in the meeting Room in the Courthouse, Marksville, La  
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, met for a Regular Meeting at its meeting place, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 312 North Main Street, Marksville.

There were present: Mark Borrel, Jacob Coco, Darrell Wiley, Clyde Benson, Allen Thomas, Sam Pearce, Rhett Desselle-Pan American Engineers, Twyla Lemoine, Kevin Bordelon, Assistant District Attorney-Jonathan Gaspard, Tookie Pearce, Jenny Falls, Ronald Coco, Marcus Guillory-Delta Engineering, District Attorney- Charles Riddle, Erin Ducote, Joyce Corner, David Skoug, Steven Turner, Lynn Bordelon, A.J. Roy, and Minh Luu

Absent: McKinley Keller and Travis Franks

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wiley announced all items on the agenda are open for public comment. Anyone wishing to speak, should fill out a "Request to Speak" card.

Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024, as printed in the Weekly News, and emailed/mailed to all Jurors. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel, adopt the minutes of the Tourist Commission meeting held on November 25, as presented. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Mark Borrel, seconded by Clyde Benson, to proceed with planting cedar elm trees at sites designated by Courthouse Chair, Mark Borrel. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, to appoint Renee Borrel to the Airport Authority Board for 5 years. On vote, the motion carried. \*Juror Borrel abstained

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Jacob Coco approving repairs to Big Bend Museum not to exceed \$2,000. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Sam Pearce to abandon a portion Lake Pearl Road. The motion failed for a lack of a second. On vote, the motion carried. \* A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting. Steve Turner was in attendance. He advised the jury the road is not an abandoned road like some are making it out to be. He went on to say the road is used by residents. He stated Rock Bordelon told him it was a done deal. He stressed the importance of leaving the road open. Another gentleman, Tony (last name unknown) addressed the board and stated there is a boundary dispute, and none of the residents are in favor.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Mark Borrel to abandon a portion of the Lestan Normand Road. On vote, the motion carried. \* A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting. No one in attendance objected.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas to approve 3.5% COLA. On vote, the motion carried. \*Health Unit and Library excluded

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Earnest Anderson to adopt the District Attorney 2024 Revised Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel to adopt the District Attorney 2025 Proposed Budget. On vote, the motion carried.

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On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Sam Pearce to select Cottonport Bank as Fiscal Agent. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Clyde Benson to adopt a resolution authorizing the president to sign all documents to complete the sub-award grant and enter a contract with LDWLF for a Target Range. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Allen Thomas, seconded by Earnest Anderson to adopt a resolution approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of Water Revenue Bonds of the Southwest Avoyelles Waterworks District. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Jacob Coco, seconded by Earnest Anderson to adopt the 2025 Holiday/Meeting schedule. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Sam Pearce to adopt the Committee Meeting days. On vote, the motion carried.

On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mark Borrel, granting Secretary/Treasurer to pay all bills and waive a reading of the whole.

There being no further business, on motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Allen Thomas, the meeting adjourned.

s/ Darrell Wiley  
President

s/Jamey M. Wiley  
Secretary-Treasurer