

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA

APRIL 23, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MAIN COURTHOUSE BUILDING

NEW IBERIA, LA 70560

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER & PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Policy allows Three (3) Minutes/person)

1. Comments from the General Public on Agenda Items
 - a. Representatives from Iberia Mental Health Initiative to address the Council to announce May 2025 as Mental Health Month and Bayou Side Mental Health Run to be held on May 3, 2025.
2. Persons being considered for appointment to Parish Boards/Commissions to address the Council.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION):

1. Balance Sheets for January and February 2025. (On Request)
2. Budget Reports for January and February 2025. (On Request)

REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. Monthly Permit Report for the month of March 2025.
2. Mr. Mike Tarantino to provide an update on Professional Economic Services provided to the Parish, all as authorized by Resolution No. 2021-27.1.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated March 26, 2025 through April 8, 2025.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)

MINUTES:

Correction to Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2025 - Resolution No. 2025-49.
Regular Meeting of April 9, 2025.

SUMMARY NO. 77 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Iberia Parish.

SUMMARY NO. 78 (Introduced by Clerk of the Council)

A Resolution proclaiming the week of May 4-9, 2025 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Iberia Parish.

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SUMMARY NO. 79 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month in Iberia Parish.

SUMMARY NO. 80 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

SUMMARY NO. 81 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Iberia Parish Government regarding construction of the Rutten Rill Road Water Control Structure Project (TV-0094) to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 82 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Iberia Parish Government regarding construction of the Stumpy Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0095) to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 83 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Iberia Parish Government and 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office to provide for opioid settlement funding for approved purposes in the Family Services Division; to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 84 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Iberia Parish Government and 16th Judicial District Court Judges to provide for opioid settlement funding for approved purposes in the Iberia Parish Adult Drug Court Program; to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 85 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Iberia Parish Government and 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office in connection with \$325,000 in opioid related expenses already appropriated in the 2025 Opioid Fund Budget for the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024; to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

SUMMARY NO. 86 (Introduced by Lloyd Brown, District 4)

A Resolution opposing House Bill No. 613 of the 2025 Legislative Session, which would create the Acadiana Regional Airport and the Lemaire Memorial Airport District; provide for powers, duties, functions and governance of the district; provide for the composition and tenure of the board of commissioners, officers, domicile, and authority; provide local government compliance and for related matters.

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SUMMARY NO. 87 (Introduced by James P. Trahan, District 8)
A Resolution authorizing Adams and Reese, LLP as the official federal lobbyist to promote Iberia Parish Government and its agencies, boards, and commissions for the period of February 1, 2025 thru February 1, 2026, and to authorize Parish President M. Larry Richard to execute any and all documents relating to said services.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)
None.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)

SUMMARY NO.35 (Introduced by Clerk of the Council)
A Resolution appointing one member to the Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission, representing Iberia Parish for the remainder of a four year term to fill a vacancy created by the expired term, whose term expires December 31, 2027. (Applications on file from: (a) James A. Holleman, and (b) Richard James Howell, II).

Note: This item was deferred at the March 12, 2025 Iberia Parish Council Meeting.

SUMMARY NO. 75 (Introduced by Scott Ransonet, District 9)
A Resolution amending the 2025 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,309.63 to provide adjustments to the Parish President's annual salary for Fiscal year 2025 from \$179,242 to \$185,551.63, and related benefits, as based on the averaging of annual salaries of Iberia Parish Sheriff (\$213,933.85), Iberia Parish Assessor (\$158,612.49), and Iberia Parish Clerk of Court (\$184,108.56), all in accordance with the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter, and to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years Line Item.

SUMMARY NO. 88 (Introduced by Clerk of the Council)
A Resolution appointing one member to the Robert B. Green Memorial Building Advisory Board for a five year term. (Applications on file from: (a) Ms. Kim Collins).

SUMMARY NO. 89 (Introduced by Parish President)
A Resolution amending the 2025 Opioid Abatement Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,000 for opioid related expenditures to be incurred by the 16th Judicial District Attorney's in the Family Services Division, all to be funded from Opioid Funds collected through 2024.

SUMMARY NO. 90 (Introduced by Parish President)
A Resolution amending the 2025 Opioid Abatement Fund Budget in the amount of \$200,000 to the 16th Judicial District Court Judges for Iberia Parish Adult Drug Court Program for opioid related expenses, all to be funded from Opioid Funds collected through 2024.

SUMMARY NO. 91 (Introduced by Parish President)
A Resolution amending the 2025 Road Projects Construction Fund Budget (3440) in the amount of \$20,952,850 to appropriate funding for Phase 1 Project A, B, and C for road improvements throughout Iberia Parish, with same to be funded from \$17,000,000 Bond, revenue in Road Sales Tax Fund and \$750,000 from the EDD#1 Fund Budget budgeted in 2025.

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SUMMARY NO. 92 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution amending the 2025 Road Sales Tax Fund (1190) in the amount of \$2,361,275 to appropriate additional funding for Phase 1 Project A, B, and C for road improvements throughout Iberia Parish, to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years.

SUMMARY NO. 93 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution amending the 2025 Criminal Justice Facility Fund Budget to recognize \$387,140 in revenue from Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and, further amending the 2025 Public Building Maintenance Fund Budget for the remaining balance to be funded from the transfer of \$129,047 from Fund Balance - Previous Years to the Criminal Justice Facility Fund Budget, for the purchase of a jail generator.

SUMMARY NO. 94 (Introduced by Parish President)

A Resolution amending the 2025 Sewerage District No. 1 Fund (4350) to appropriate \$1,393,158 in additional contract payments to the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant and to recognize additional revenue of \$903,158 from Grant of Water Sector Commission, \$240,000 match from the City of New Iberia, and \$250,000 match from Iberia Parish, with same to be funded from General Fund - Previous Years.

SUMMARY NO. 95 (Introduced by Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, District 3)

A Resolution authorizing the Iberia Parish Public Works Department to remove the 4-way stop signs on Admiral Doyle Drive and Install regular stop signs on Airport Boulevard, at the Admiral Doyle Drive/Airport Boulevard Intersection.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

(To be voted upon at next Council meeting, at which time comments from the general public will be heard)

SUMMARY NO. 5357: (Introduced by Brock Pellerin, District 10)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Compiled Ordinances to establish a speed limit of 35 MPH on Earl B. Wilson Road, District 10, and authorize the Public Works Department to install speed limit signs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting:

May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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<https://iberiaparishgovernment.com> to complete the Stormwater Management Survey and view adjudicated properties through Civic Source.

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<https://iberiaparishgovernment.com/parish-council>

ADJOURNMENT

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JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

TIME: Immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Iberia Parish Council Meeting

COMMITTEES: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Policy allows Three (3) Minutes/person)

1. Comments from the General Public on Agenda Items
2. Comments from the General Public on Non-Agenda Items

MINUTES

Regular Joint Committee Meeting of April 9, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Michael R. Landry, Chair
Brock Pellerin, Vice Chair

ITEM NO. 1: (Introduced by Clerk of the Council)
Quarterly Report of Compensatory Time from the Human Resources Department ending March 2025, all in accordance with Resolution No. 2014-33. (For Committee information only; no action necessary)

ITEM NO. 2: (Introduced by Caymen Crappell, District 13)
Discuss and consider a Resolution requesting our Louisiana Congressional and State Delegation to introduce legislation to provide equitable representation for Iberia Parish on the Twin Parish Port Commission.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Scott Ransonet, Chair
Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Vice Chair

ITEM NO. 1: (Introduced by Parish President)
Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Parishwide Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$621,736 to account for additional funds to be received as a result of the 2024 Mosquito Control/Drainage Tax Surplus Distribution, and further amending the 2025 Mosquito Control/Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,225,792 to provide for the Surplus Distribution in accordance with the sales tax proposition.

ITEM NO. 2: (Introduced by Mosquito Abatement District)
Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Mosquito Control/Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$95,000 to provide for carryover of equipment funding.

ITEM NO. 3: (Introduced by Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission)
Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,120 to provide carry forward from 2024 Grant for the purchase of equipment (event timer system, blower, weed eater, pressure washer) and work at Acadiana Fairgrounds (replace sprinklers, close in restrooms,

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air condition restrooms, close in concession area).

ITEM NO. 4: (Introduced by Parish President)

Discuss and consider amending the 2025 General Fund Budget in the net amount of \$41,832 to carry forward the remaining (1) LGAP-EQUIPMENT grant expenditure (\$60,000).

ITEM NO. 5: (Introduced by Parish President)

Discuss and consider amending the 2025 EDD Fund Budget in the amount of \$847,103 to provide for carryover of projects.

ITEM NO. 6: (Introduced by Parish President)

Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Public Buildings Fund Budget in the amount of \$185,522 to provide for carryover of 2024 projects.

ITEM NO. 7: (Introduced by Parish President)

Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Royalty Fund Budget in the net amount of \$2,554,885 for the following approved projects: (1) to carryover unspent GOMESA funding in the amount of \$2,554,885 for various approved projects; (2) to carryover Federal funding in the amount of \$308,000 for Bayou Parc Perdue Drainage Grant project; (3) to carryover/correct State CPRA funding in the amount of \$393,529 for various projects; and (4) to carryover State CWEF funding in the amount of \$170,000 for various projects.

ITEM NO. 8: (Introduced by Lady Fontenette Brown, District 12)

Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Public Buildings Maintenance Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,897.42 for Phase 2 Repairs to the American Legion Post 549, Veterans Hall 2, The Harry Eugene located in Jeanerette, Louisiana, as follows: replacement of everything in ceiling area including all fans, lights, ceiling grids and ceiling panels throughout the building, kitchen, restrooms and banquet room, all to be funded from General Fund Budget - Previous Year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

& SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lady Fontenette Brown, Chair

Dustin Suire, Vice Chair

None.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Caymen Crappell, Chair

Natalie Broussard, Vice Chair

ITEM NO. 1: (Introduced by Michael R. Landry, District 2)

Discuss and consider a Resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation to install a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 675 (Jefferson Island Road) and Grand Prairie Road.
