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APRIL 8, 2026

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Regular Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were recorded as PRESENT:

Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown (entered meeting at 6:14 p.m.), Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Legal Counsel Ian Alpha

Parish President M. Larry Richard

Chief Operating Officer Michael Broussard

Director of Homeland Security Brandon Miguez

The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberia by Mr. James P. Trahan, its Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilman Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr. informed the Iberia Parish Council that he brought a group of Loreauville Elementary 5th Grade Students to the Iberia Parish Courthouse for a field trip. Speakers presenting to the students were Mr. Wess Robison on behalf of Iberia Parish Clerk of Court, Iberia Parish Assessor Ashlie Spiker, Representative of Sheriff's Office and Councilman Pollard spoke on behalf of Iberia Parish Council.

PARISH PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish President M. Larry Richard thanked Councilman Chad Maturin and his wife, Nicole for assisting with the victims of the LAO Parade incident and stated that it was greatly appreciated.
2. On behalf of Parish President M. Larry Richard, Chief Operating Officer Michael Broussard provided updates to the Iberia Parish Council.
3. COO Broussard announced that the Public Works Department completed numerous projects throughout Iberia Parish during the period of March 25, 2026 through April 7, 2026, including tree cutting, removal and debris pickup, road patching and repair, shoulder work, washout repair, sidebooming, as well as many other tasks performed.
4. COO Broussard provided an update on the Hangar Drive Extension Project and stated that Glenn Lege Construction will begin construction on Northside Road with necessary cross-drain replacement work.
5. COO Broussard advised that on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 they had the opportunity to visit the First Solar Facility and received an update on the on-going expansion of operations with Senator Bill Cassidy in attendance. They were able to discuss the critical needs infrastructure in order to accommodate the rapid growth experienced in Iberia Parish.
6. COO Broussard announced that the Bid Opening for the Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Project at Acadiana Regional Airport was held on Monday, April 6, 2026 in Council Chambers, 4th Floor, of the Iberia Parish Main Courthouse Building located at 300 Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.
7. COO Broussard advised that on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 the Administration had the opportunity to meet with Governor Jeff Landry's staff and State Consultation Team to discuss the future of rural transit in Iberia Parish. We are confident that with coordinated efforts this will benefit the underserved population in Iberia Parish.
8. COO Broussard advised the Iberia Parish Council that a total of 64 building permits were issued in Iberia Parish generating \$46,638 in revenue which is a 29% increase in the number of permits issued in the same month to month comparison of March 2025.
9. COO Broussard announced that a Public Hearing to discuss the drainage assessment of Tete Bayou will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 4th Floor, of the Iberia Parish Main Courthouse Building located at 300 Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.
10. COO Broussard announced that Household Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the rear parking lot behind the Iberia Parish Courthouse. A list of acceptable waste to be collected can be found on the Iberia Parish Government website and Facebook page.

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11. COO Broussard reminded everyone to sign up for Iberia PINS to obtain information and updates at:
<https://iberiaparishgovernment.com>
<https://www.smart911.com>
12. COO Broussard announced that Iberia Parish Government is currently seeking to hire for the following positions:
1) Water Treatment & Collections Operator-Sewerage District No. 1; 2) Part-Time Animal Control Officer II-Rabies Control; 3) Part-Time Office Assistant-Permits, Planning & Zoning; 4) Public Worker I-Public Works; and 5) Part-Time Office Assistant-Acadiana Fairgrounds (SugArena).
Please visit the Iberia Parish Government website (www.iberiaparishgovernment.com) for more details.

Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Brandon Migues provided an update of FEMA shutdowns and reduction in workforce and its impact on Parish Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the Council recess its Regular Session and convene in a Public Hearing to hear comments from the public at this time.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

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

1. No comments were received from the General Public on Agenda Items.
2. Persons being considered for appointment to Parish Boards, Commissions, and/or Districts were, as follows: a) Ms. Angela Alexander, applicant for Iberia Parish Library Board of Control.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Dustin Suire, that the Council does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session at this time.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. Spanish Festival King IX Jarrod Segura addressed the Iberia Parish Council and announced the Louisiana America 250th Anniversary and Poster Unveil to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 in celebration of Louisiana's past, present, and future to commemorate 250 years of the American Journey at the New Iberia Spanish Festival on April 17-19, 2026 at the Steamboat Pavilion Bouligny Plaza.

REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. Extension County Agent Blair J. Hebert of the Iberia Extension Office for LSU AgCenter provided an annual update to the Iberia Parish Council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. The Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated March 11 - 24, 2026 was emailed to the Iberia Parish Council.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. The Iberia Parish Council announced the Public Hearing and Public Meeting to be held in Council Chambers located on the 4th Floor of the Main Courthouse Building, 300 Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt Ordinance(s) authorizing the levy of various millages for the year 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)

Chairman James P. Trahan requested if there were any items to be removed from Consent Agenda. Hearing no requests for removal of items, a motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the following be adopted:

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of March 25, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026, be adopted at this time.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

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And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-59

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE IBERIA PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FIVE YEAR TERM TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MS. JOANN PARKER, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AUGUST 8, 2027. (APPLICATIONS OF INTEREST ON FILE: (A) MS. ANGELA ALEXANDER.

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Council is interested in appointing one member to the Iberia Parish Library Board of Control for the remainder of a five year term to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. JoAnn Parker, whose term expires August 8, 2027; and

WHEREAS, an application of interest has been received from Ms. Angela Alexander to be appointed to fill this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-42 (e) of the Iberia Parish Compiled Ordinances, which establishes a policy requiring two applications to be considered for appointments to Parish Boards/Commissions, is hereby waived for this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby appoint Ms. Angela Alexander to the Iberia Parish Library Board of Control for a five year term to fill a vacancy, which term expires August 8, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said term shall commence on April 10, 2026 and shall terminate on August 8, 2027.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

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A motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 TO CREATE A DA - FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION LINE ITEM AND SPLITTING THE BUDGETED FUNDS FOR FAMILY SERVICES FROM THE 16TH JDC ADULT DRUG COURT FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, there is a request to amend the 2026 Opioid Abatement Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,000 to create a DA - Family Services Division line item and splitting the budgeted funds for family services from the 16th JDC Adult Drug Court Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 Opioid Abatement Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,000 to create a DA - Family Services Division line item and splitting the budgeted funds for family services from the 16th JDC Adult Drug Court Fund Budget, to appropriate said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby amend the 2026 Opioid Abatement Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,000 to create a DA - Family Services Division line item and splitting the budgeted funds for family services from the 16th JDC Adult Drug Court Fund Budget, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
960160 4150 0000 0000	Transfer Out - Drug Court	\$285,000	(\$85,000)
600071 4150 0000 0000	DA - Family Services Division	-0-	\$85,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said adjustment will have no effect on fund balance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO OBTAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR MATTERS RELATING TO IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT AND AMENDING THE 2026 RISK MANAGEMENT FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000, ALL TO BE FUNDED FROM FUND BALANCE - PREVIOUS YEARS.

WHEREAS, there has been a request to authorize the Parish President to obtain outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government and amending the 2026 Risk Management Fund Budget in the amount of \$30,000, all to be funded from Previous Years - Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Parish President to obtain outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government and amending the 2026 Risk Management Fund Budget in the amount of \$30,000, all to be funded from Previous Years - Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents for purposes of obtaining outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to obtain outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government and amending the 2026 Risk Management Fund Budget in the amount of \$30,000, all to be funded from Previous Years - Fund Balance, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
499000 0000 0000 0000	Fund Balance Previous Years	\$202,713	\$30,000
533000 1510 0000 0000	Professional Services	\$45,000	\$30,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said adjustment will decrease said fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is necessary to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents for purposes of obtaining outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents for purposes of obtaining outside legal counsel for matters relating to Iberia Parish Government.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

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YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE MANAGED SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT AND M.S. BENBOW AND ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION D/B/A TRU CONNECT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,626.45, FOR THE IBERIA PARISH, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SYSTEM UPGRADE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PAYMENT SCHEDULE BUDGETED IN THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the Iberia Parish Council Chairman to execute the Managed Services Contract between Iberia Parish Government and M.S. Benbow and Associates Professional Engineering Corporation d/b/a Tru Connect, and further authorizing payment in the amount of \$88,626.45, for the Iberia Parish, Council Chambers, System Upgrade and Support Agreement, all in accordance with said payment schedule budgeted in the 2026 General Fund Budget.

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$88,626.45 to M.S. Benbow and Associates Professional Engineering Corporation d/b/a Tru Connect for the Iberia Parish, Council Chambers, System Upgrade and Support Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the Iberia Parish Council Chairman to execute the Managed Services Contract between Iberia Parish Government and M.S. Benbow and Associates Professional Engineering Corporation d/b/a Tru Connect for the Iberia Parish, Council Chambers, System Upgrade and Support Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the Iberia Parish Council Chairman to execute the Managed Services Contract between Iberia Parish Government and M.S. Benbow and Associates Professional Engineering Corporation d/b/a Tru Connect, and further authorizing payment in the amount of \$88,626.45, for the Iberia Parish, Council Chambers, System Upgrade and Support Agreement, all in accordance with said payment schedule budgeted in the 2026 General Fund Budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

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ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

None.

Next Council Meeting:

April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Please visit the Iberia Parish Government website: www.iberiaparishgovernment.com to complete the Stormwater Management Survey and view adjudicated properties through Civic Source.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April, 2026.

Chairman James P. Trahan then declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

Clerk of the Council, Parish Council
of Iberia Parish, Louisiana