

## JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

DATE: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

### ROLL CALL

The Joint Committee was called to order by Chairman Warren P. Gachassin, Jr. at 8:01 p.m.

Those members recorded as present were as follows:

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, and Caymen Crappell.

Those members recorded as absent were as follows:

Chad Maturin.

Others in Attendance:

Ian Alpha - Legal Counsel  
Parish President - M. Larry Richard  
CAO Milton "Bo" Belanger III  
Executive Secretary Cynthia Provost

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

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Mr. James P. Trahan, that the Iberia Parish Joint Committee does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene in a Public Hearing to obtain 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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

1. There were no Comments from the General Public on Agenda Items.
2. There were no Comments from the General Public on Non-Agenda Items.

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Brock Pellerin, that the Iberia Parish Joint Committee Meeting does hereby adjourn 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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Chad Maturin.  
ABSENT AT VOTING: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Michael R. Landry, Chair  
Chad Maturin, Vice Chair

Chairman Michael R. Landry called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2024 General Fund Budget for election expenses in the amount of \$10,000 for establishing an early voting location in Loreauville, Louisiana for the 2024 Presidential Election. (Scott Ransonet, District 9)

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, that the Executive Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt a Resolution amending the 2024 General Fund Budget for election expenses in the amount of \$10,000 for establishing an early voting location in Loreauville, Louisiana for the 2024 Presidential Election.

A motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, to amend Executive Committee No. 1 item amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000, adding Delcambre establishing an early voting location, and replace Presidential Election with future elections.

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

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

NAYS: Dustin Suire.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Executive Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt a Resolution amending the 2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$20,000 to include election expenses for an early voting location in Loreauville and Delcambre, Louisiana for future elections.

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

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

NAYS: Dustin Suire and Brock Pellerin.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution declaring various vehicles as surplus property and further authorizing disposal of same in accordance with Parish policy and State law, as requested by the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. (Fire Protection District No. 1)



A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Ms. Natalie Broussard, that the Executive Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt a Resolution declaring various vehicles as surplus property and further authorizing disposal of same in accordance with Parish policy and State law, as requested by the Iberia Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

Chairman Michael R. Landry declared the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. No motions or votes were taken.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Scott Ransonet, Chair

Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Vice Chair

Chairman Scott Ransonet called the meeting to order at 8:44 p.m.

1. Discuss and consider an Ordinance to provide an additional ad valorem tax exemption of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) of the assessed valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder in accordance with Article 7, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana. (Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., District 5)

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt an Ordinance to provide an additional ad valorem tax exemption of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) of the assessed valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder in accordance with Article 7, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

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

YEAS: 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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

2. Discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the 2024 Road Sales Tax Fund Budget of Revenues and Expenditures. (Parish President)

A motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend

that the Iberia Parish Council adopt an Ordinance adopting the 2024 Road Sales Tax Fund Budget of Revenues and Expenditures.

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

YEAS: 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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

3. Discuss and consider a Resolution to amend the 2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$22,895 to reduce appropriated postage expenditures incurred during the redistricting process as provided by the Secretary of State that the State Legislature took action to cover this expenditure, with said appropriation to increase fund balance. (Parish President)

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt a Resolution to amend the 2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$22,895 to reduce appropriated postage expenditures incurred during the redistricting process as provided by the Secretary of State that the State Legislature took action to cover this expenditure, with said appropriation to increase fund balance.

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

YEAS: 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, and Caymen Crappell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

4. Discuss and consider a Resolution for necessary repairs in the amount of \$54,621.75 to the American Legion Post 549, Veterans Hall 2, The Harry Eugene located in Jeanerette, Louisiana, as follows: (1) \$16,350.40 for ceilings, grids, fans, tiles, and lights in the hall and kitchen; (2) \$15,579.25 for paneling and molding around the public area; (3) \$20,192.10 for cleaning and painting frames, doors, cabinets, trimming, and all required painting; and (4) \$2,500.00 for floor stripping and waxing. (Lady Fontenette Brown, District 12)

A motion was made by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, seconded by Ms. Lloyd Brown, that Finance Committee No. 4, be deferred to the September 25, 2024, Iberia Parish Council Meeting.

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

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

NAYS: Dustin Suire.

ABSENT: Chad Maturin.

And the motion to defer was declared adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

Upon hearing no further business to come before the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, that the Finance Committee does hereby adjourn.

Finance Chairman Scott Ransonet declared the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH

& SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lady Fontenette Brown, Chair

Natalie Broussard, Vice Chair

There were no items to come before the Public Health & Safety Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Brian P. Napier, Chair

Caymen Crappell, Vice Chair

There were no items to come before the Public Works Committee.

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There being no other business on the Public Health & Safety Committee and Public Works Committee, the Iberia Parish Council adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

  
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Clerk of the Council