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**Acadiana Regional Juvenile
Justice District**
Iberia Parish Courthouse, 300 Iberia Street
New Iberia, Louisiana 70560

Notice of Special Meeting

MEMO: Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District

The **Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Board** hereby gives notice that it will hold a **Special Meeting**.

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: 133 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, LA 70570

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MEMO: Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice
District

SUBJECT: Notice of Special Meeting

Please be advised that there will be a Special Meeting of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. in the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, LA 70570.** The purpose of the meeting will be as follows:

- I. Roll Call of Commission Members
- II. Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2025 Meeting
- III. Update on the grant application with the Criminal Justice Priority Funding Commission Program
 - A. Discussion on Foley & Judell L.L.P draft bill authorizing the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy and collect up to a 1% sale and use tax.
 - B. The selection of Representative Chance Henry as the sponsor of the bill.
 - C. The consideration of making Eunice News the official journal for the district.
 - D. Location of Facility
- IV. Additional Concerns or Comments
- V. Location, Date, and Time of next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

ACADIANA REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 AT 2:00 PM
ALLEN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
1111 WEST 7TH AVENUE
OBERLIN, LA 70655

CALL TO ORDER

Members in attendance (5 members present constituted a quorum):

- 1. Sheriff Ricky Edwards
- 2. Sheriff KP Gibson
- 3. Judge Stan Hardee
- 4. Jessie Bellard
- 5. Kenny Courville
- 6. Tania Washington

Absent Members:

- 1. Sheriff Charles Guillory
- 2. Armond Schwing
- 3. Judge Jim Doherty
- 4. Chester Cedars
- 5. Judge Luke Abrusley

NOTE: Public Notice of the Meeting was posted by Kenny Courville at the place of meeting at 3 PM Friday January 31, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING

The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Kenny Courville and seconded by Judge Stan Hardee. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON THE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRIORITY FUNDING COMMISSION PROGRAM

- 1. Updates on getting to build the facility in 2025 and how to use the grant
- 2. Discussion on sending an email to Foley & Judell L.L.P to draft a bill authorizing the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy and collect up to a 1% sale and use tax and also find a legislator to sponsor the bill.

Motion was approved by Sheriff Ricky Edwards and seconded by Sheriff KP Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO REMOVE AND ADD ACCOUNT HOLDERS TO THE HOME BANK ACCOUNT

Add New Resolution to remove Judge Trey Haik from the bank account as an account holder and add President Jessie Bellard, Chester Cedars, and Sheriff Ricky Edwards as account holders to the bank account at Home Bank. Motion to approve was made by Judge Hardee and seconded by Sheriff KP Gibson. A motion was made to Adjourn which was carried unanimously.

LOCATION, DATE, AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

St. Mary Parish District Court, 500 Main Street, 4th Floor/ Sheriff's Office, Franklin, LA on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW/REPLACEMENT BOARD CHAIRMAN

The board appointed President Jessie Bellard as New Board Chairman. Motion to approve appointment of President Jessie Bellard as New Board Chairman was made by Chester Cedars and seconded by Sheriff KP Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL

Public notice is hereby given, as required by Article III, Section 13 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, of the intention to introduce in the regular session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2025, which is set to convene on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to the authority of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy a sales and use tax with voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

2025 Regular Session

_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:1109.5(C) relative to the authority of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy a sales and use tax with voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:1109.5(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

C. In addition to the taxes authorized by this Section, the board is hereby authorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax not to exceed one percent within the district, levied upon the sale at retail, the use, consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products, and on sales of services in the district, all as defined in Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The ordinance imposing the tax shall be adopted by the board only after the question of the imposition of the tax has been submitted to the qualified electors of the district at an election conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code and the majority of those voting in the election voted in favor of the imposition of the tax. The tax shall be levied for the purposes set forth in the

proposition approved at the said election.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.