



## CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

### **The Police Jury Form of Government**

#### **ANSWER KEY**

Use the link below to find answers to the following questions:

<http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=758>

What does it mean to have a home rule charter? **Parishes may choose to operate under the home rule authority, and if so, they may exercise any power and perform any function necessary or proper for the management of their affairs not defined by general law.**

How many parishes are under home rule charters? **16**

Parishes with a population larger than 10,000 must have no fewer than **5** members and no more than **15**.

What three things must a person be to qualify for a Police Juror?

- 1. 18 years old**
- 2. State resident for the preceding 2 years**
- 3. Lived in the district they seek to represent for the preceding year**

How long is a Police Juror's term in office? **4 years**

In general, what is the Police Jury responsible for in the parish? **Levy taxes and administer those funds for parish operations both inside incorporated areas and territories in the Parish outside of cities, towns and villages.**



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### **Roles and Responsibilities of Calcasieu Parish**

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Use the link below to find answers to the following questions:

<http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=759>

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is a **council/manager** form of government.

What are the parish's five standing committees?

1. **Public Works**
2. **Ways & Means**
3. **Agenda**
4. **Personnel**
5. **Budget**

It adopts ordinances and **resolutions** to regulate matters affecting public safety, health, convenience and good order of the Parish.

The Police Jury repairs and expands public property that belongs to the Parish.

Two best known examples mentioned on the website are:

1. **Parish Courthouse**
2. **Calcasieu Correctional Center**

In order to conduct different Parish operations the Police Jury furnishes funds for:

1. **Manpower**
2. **Equipment**
3. **Supplies**



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### Police Jury: Where, When and How Many?

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Use the link below to find answers to the following questions:

<http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=291>

15 Jurors are elected to serve 15 single-member districts that cover the whole parish.

A Juror stays in office for 4 years.

Juror's are paid \$1,200.00 per month.

How often are the President and Vice-President elected? **Annually in January**

Where is the Police Jury Meeting room located? **Calcasieu Parish Government Building, 1015 Pithon Street, Lake Charles, LA (corner of Gill and Pithon Streets)**

The Police Jury meets **Two** times per month.

An agenda item for the second monthly meeting should be submitted to the Administrator's office no later than **noon** on the Friday prior to the meeting.

Use this link: <http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=221> to see if you can find the Police Juror who represents your district.



## CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

### Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Logo

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Use the link below to find answers to the following questions:

<http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=810>

Calcasieu means **Crying Eagle** in the Attakapas Indian dialect.

What national symbol is on the logo? **Bald Eagle**

The original Parish was called **Imperial Calcasieu**.

The five stars represent which five parishes?

1. **Allen**
2. **Beauregard**
3. **Jeff Davis**
4. **Cameron**
5. **Calcasieu**

Many of our laws, customs and practices come from the **Napoleonic** code of the French.

The deep blue, white and red colors are the tri-colors of which flag? **French**

What kinds of branches are on the logo? **Bald Cypress**