

Board of Adjustments
Public Hearing Minutes
January 5, 2026
5:45 p.m.
St. Mary Parish Courthouse Fifth Floor
Franklin, Louisiana

The Board of Adjustments met in Regular Session on this date with Chairman, John “Booker” Davis presiding, and the following members present: Larry Hotard, Keith Lewis, and Tanya Johnson. Absent were Scott Berry and Roy Martin.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive written and/or oral comments relative to the following proposed variance of property:

St. John Baptist Church, represented by Rev. David Jones, for a Front Yard Setback Variance to deviate from the required 50 ft. to 10 ft. in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 1244 Big Four Corners Rd., Jeanerette, LA - Sec.5 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1814901005.00 - Lot Bd J Matthews - Big Four Corners Rd - D Carroll Est - Mathews and Carroll Est. Acq. 179 302886, Improvement on the land of St. John Baptist Church, Acq. 179 302886.

Rev. David Jones appeared before the board to discuss the request for a Front Yard Setback Variance to deviate from the required 50 ft. to 10 ft. in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 1244 Big Four Corners Rd., Jeanerette, LA.

Rev. Jones stated that due to a recent fire that destroyed the church, they are now in the process of rebuilding the church. He explained that they intend to rebuild the church in the same location but will not meet the setback requirements. He also explained that if they were to move the building back 25 ft. to meet the required setback, it would be too close to the existing graveyard that is located in the rear of the property.

S/O John “Booker” Davis
John “Booker” Davis, Chairman
St. Mary Parish Board of Adjustments