

Board of Adjustments Meeting
Regular Meeting
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 Invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Johnson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Martin moved that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 1, 2025, be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, which carried.

John “Booker” Davis read the request for 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.

Carlton Lee Jr. appeared before the board in reference to the variance request for St. John Baptist Church. He stated that he is the draftsman for the church and explained that the church cannot be rebuilt smaller to meet the setback requirements.

In reference to Mr. Davis’s inquiry, Director of Planning and Zoning, Mrs. Mandi LeBlanc stated that the church would not be in the right of way if the variance were to be granted.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the Variance request for 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. Mr. Hotard seconded the motion, which carried with the following 3-0-0-2 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Larry Hotard, Keith Lewis, and Tanya Johnson

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Scott Berry and Roy Martin

There being no further business, Mr. Hotard moved for adjournment. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, which carried.

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