

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 17, 2008

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, March 17, 2008, at five (5:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Honorable Richard W. Billings, President; Vice President Joe Bishop; and Police Jurors John "Buck" Lincecum, Jamie L. Floyd, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Richard Gerald Vanderlick, Oliver "Ollie" Overton Jr., Steve Coco, and Scott Perry Jr.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Ms. Kay Smith, OEWD Director; Mr. Pete Bruce; Public Works Director; Ms. Elaine Morace, WIA Operations Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales Tax Administrator; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Sonya Wiley, Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Scott Perry Jr.,

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Coco.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Richard W. Billings, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on February 11, 2008, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Scott Perry, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to accept the Treasurer's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to appoint Mr. Mike Paulk to the Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on March 17, 2013. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to appoint Ms. Sonya McGee to the Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on March 17, 2013. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to reappoint Mrs. Wanda Simpson to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board, nominee of higher education, for a three year term, term will expire on October 10, 2010. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to appoint Mr. Walter Paul to the Rigolette Playground Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term, term will expire on July 16, 2008; and to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Walter Paul for a five year subsequent term, term will expire on July 16, 2013. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to lay over the appointment to the Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expired term of Mr. James L. Elder, nominee of Louisiana College, term expired on November 8, 2007, until nominations are received from Louisiana College. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to appoint Mr. Jerome Hopewell (Sheriff's Office) to the Communications District for four year term, term will expire on March 17, 2012. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to lay over the appointment to the Civil Service Board to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. Willie Spears, nominee of Grambling University, term will expire on December 10, 2010, until nominations are received from Grambling University. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to lay over the appointment to the Wards 1 & 8 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Clifford Gatlin, term will expire on April 13, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum, to present Certificates of Recognition

to the 2007-2008 Pineville Junior High School Cheerleaders for achieving National Cheerleading Association's National Champions. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Billings and Mr. Bishop presented the Certificates.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to recognize Judge Patricia Koch. On vote the motion carried.

Judge Patricia Koch, Ninth JDC, gave a power point presentation on the services and organization of the Juvenile Court and Juvenile Services.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Agent to negotiate contract rates with private haulers for gravel hauling for the 2008 Gravel Priority Road List and roads that are to be hard-surfaced in the 2008 under contract, and to negotiate contract rates with private haulers for ten to sixteen yard dump trucks to be used with the chip spreader for the 2008 resealing program, to be paid from the Road & Bridge Funds and the appropriate road district funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the Public Works Director to hire up to 18 seasonal workers for the mowing and chip sealing crews, work to begin on or about April 1, 2008, and end no later than October 31, 2008, to be paid from the Road & Bridge Salary line item as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the purchase under Louisiana State contract for the Parish Highway Department of three 10-12 yard International dump trucks, three tractors with side-mount mowers, five 1/2-ton pick-up trucks and one asphalt roller with a tow package at the State bid price through a local vendor as allowed under LARS 39:1710, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, and authorize to amend the Equipment line item in the Road & Bridge Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to waive the culvert limitation ordinance and grant permission to Mr. Corley for the installation of 200 feet of 18" driveway culverts at 12682 Mill Pond Road, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid No. 2046 Tank Car Culverts to Gateway Pipe & Supply Inc. for all items bid and to Diversified Rail Cars for all items bid, based on availability of materials at the lowest cost, for a six month contract, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid No. 2041 Creosote Bridge Material (annual contract) to Colfax Treating Company for Item No. 44 through Item No. 51 (plant price) and to award Kennedy Saw Mills Inc. for Item No. 1 through Item No. 51 (delivered prices in truck load quantities), contract to begin April 1, 2008 and end on March 31, 2009, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid No. 2044 Bituminous Mixture for Hot and Cold Application (annual contract) to Diamond B Construction Co., LLC for Hot Mix (\$51.50 per ton) and Cold Mix (\$73.00 per ton), contract to begin on April 1, 2008 and end of September 30, 2008, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid No. 2042 Various Road Material (gravel, base course aggregates and pit run) (annual contract) to the following bidders based on availability of material and haul distance: Larry Grayson & Son Trucking (Items No. 1A, 1B, 1C, 3, 4 and 5), TXI Operations, L.P. (Items No. 3 and 4), Luhr Brothers Inc. (Items No. 6, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 8B, 8D, 9A and 9B), Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company (Items No. 6, 7D, 9A and 9B) and E & E Construction (Item No. 10), contract to begin April 1, 2008 and end on March 31, 2009, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid No. 2043 Reinforced Concrete Pipe (annual contract) to Rinker Material for all items bid, contract to begin on April 1, 2008 and end on March 31, 2009, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award Bid 2045 Liquid Asphalt (MC-30 and CRS-2) to the following bidders: Ergon Asphalt for CRS-2 in the amount of \$1.27 per gallon, and Asphalt Products for MC-30 in the amount of \$2.888 per gallon for a six month contract, contract to begin on April 1, 2008 and end on September 30, 2008, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to delete

from Fire District No. 8 the following vehicles. They are no longer needed by this department and will be placed for sale.

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
8595	1981 Ford Pumper	8-11-95	sale
8414	2000 Dodge Van	10-5-00	sale

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to grant a 2% cost of living pay increase for Fire Protection District No. 3 full-time employees, effective April 1, 2008, as requested by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, to be paid out of Fire District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the President to sign and submit a budget modification request to the Louisiana Department of Social Services for the FY 2007-2008 LAJET budget and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to grant the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for Fire Lt. Kenneth M. Brewer, effective May 9, 2008, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize to advertise for bids to construct Fire Station No. 4 on Palmer Chappel Road, as recommended by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department, to be paid out of Fire District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to grant a 5% cost of living pay increase for Fire Protection District No. 7 full-time employees and one part-time employee, effective April 1, 2008, as requested by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department, to be paid out of Fire District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Public Works Director to fill the position of Road Superintendent. On vote the motion carried. Mr. Richard Billings objected.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the President to sign a budget modification with the Louisiana Department of Labor for PY 2006/FY 2008 WIA funds in accordance with Congressional action taken January 4, 2008 (H.R. 2764) to rescind WIA funds and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby strongly encourage our U.S. Congressional delegates to restore Workforce Investment Act funds cut with the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, H.R. 2764 and to increase funding for Workforce Investment Act services in the FY 2009 budget.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to ratify the action of the President in declaring a State of Emergency in Rapides Parish on March 7, 2008 for the health hazard and limited ability to provide fire suppression for the citizens of the Plainview Community due to the complete lack of water:

STATE OF EMERGENCY
RAPIDES PARISH

WHEREAS, the parish of Rapides, Community of Plainview, is currently faced with a pending emergency due failure of the main water pump, Ward 6 Water System, caused by a direct lightning strike during the severe weather on March 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a definite health hazard exists as well as the limited ability to provide fire suppression exists for the Citizens of the Plainview Community due to the impact as a result of the complete lack of all water; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Rapides has utilized and exhausted local resources;

THEREFORE, I, Richard Billings, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury by authority vested in me by the Parish Charter and the Louisiana Disaster Act of 1993, do hereby proclaim

A State of Emergency exists within the Parish of Rapides and that all Emergency Preparedness Plans and the Parish All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan be activated, if necessary.

Issued on this 7th day of March, 2008 and effective at time of issuance.
s/Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to purchase one used 1998 International (4700) Truck to be used for a tanker from Ryder Used Vehicle Sales (Ryder Exchange LLC) in the amount of \$12,095 for Fire District No. 14, as recommended by the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 14 funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to award the construction contract for the new regional library to the lowest bidder, Tudor Inc. for the Base Bid in the amount of \$1,449,000.00 as recommended by the Library Board of Control, to be paid out of Library Funds, and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize Change Order No. 3 to the Hineston Library Branch construction contract for an increased amount of \$4,015.00 for additional electrical outlets and install gutter for a new contract amount of \$482,508.00 as recommended by the Library Board of Control, to be paid out of Library Funds, and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize Change Order No. 3 to the Glenmora Library Branch construction contract for an increased amount of \$3,737.00 for additional electrical and date outlets, add gutter and downspout and add two lights at statue for a new contract amount of \$482,959.00 as recommended by the Library Board of Control, to be paid out of Library Funds and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to enter into a contract with Lyle Bergeron, AID for the architectural duties for the construction phase of the Regional Library Branch and to authorize the removal of the Alliance Design Group LLC from the construction phase of the project as approved by Legal Counsel and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the President to sign the 5th amended cooperative endeavor agreement for the Dean Lee Research Station, Planning and Construction Project, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-02-01. This reflects a budget amendment to pay additional service fees owed to the professional of record and to add Audit language as directed by Act 28 of 2007, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to delegate the authority to the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent to work with Police Juror Steve Coco to estimate the cost of the proposed video of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to grant approval to Mike Slocum Duplexes, as approved by the Rapides Area Planning Commission and the Public Works Director, subject to approval of the Legal Counsel, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to grant a variance on the set back required in Section 22.195 to allow construction of Grand Bend Townhouses. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Tony Paul to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a five year term effective July 22, 2008, term will expire on July 21, 2013. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to remove Mrs. Patricia Blade from the Rigolette Playground Advisory Committee, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mrs. Grace Lamothe to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on July 16, 2012. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to remove Mr. Bruce Radford from the Rigolette Playground Advisory Committee, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Henry Marsland to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on July 14, 2012. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to remove Mr. Dennis Bordelon from the Ward 10 Recreation District, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Owen Malone to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on November 12, 2008; and

to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Malone for a five year subsequent term, term will expire on November 12, 2013. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to remove Mrs. Shelia Atkinson from the Ward 10 Recreation District, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Kevin Basco to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on October 9, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Greta Jones from the Ward 10 Recreation District, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Mike Nelson to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on January 12, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the 2008 Western Interstate Region Annual Conference to be held on May 21-23, 2008 in Washington County, Utah. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to direct the District Attorney to negotiate in the matter of the DOL Charges in the fashion discussed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of McNary for the Parish Highway Department to perform forty hours of ditch work within corporate limits, as requested by the Village of McNary, to be paid out of the Road & Bridge Fund, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to appoint and request Special Counsel Ricky Sooter to institute expropriation proceedings for Stock Landing Road, from the end to the lake bed, and to adopt a resolution to hire Mr. Ricky Sooter as Special Counsel representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury in the pending litigation of Thomas S. Reich v. Rapides Parish Police Jury, Civil Suit No. 230,613 "G" on Stock Landing Road, subject to review and approval of the Attorney General, as recommended by the District Attorney:

RESOLUTION OF THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney for Rapides Parish, and particularly Assistant D.A. Thomas O. Wells, provides legal representation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, This lawsuit involves the issue of a public road/predial servitude located at the end of Stock Landing Road. This lawsuit seeks to have the court declare that the document granting rights to the Rapides Parish Police Jury to the road is without effect thus, rendering the road a private road; and

WHEREAS, a hearing is currently scheduled for March 31, 2008 on this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is considering filing expropriation proceedings to obtain complete legal access of Catahoula Lake at Stock Landing and for the construction of a public boat landing for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, Counsel for Thomas S. Reich has indicated that he may call ADA Thomas O. Wells to testify as a witness regarding the preparation of the document; and

WHEREAS, Rule 3.7 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct prohibits a lawyer from representation in a case where the lawyer may be called as a witness; and

WHEREAS, the issues concerning this matter and of expropriation is a narrow and highly specialized legal field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricky Sooter, an attorney practicing in Alexandria, Louisiana, has often represented public bodies and private individuals in matters of this nature and therefore possesses the specialized knowledge and skill for the defense of the Police Jury in this lawsuit and for the expropriation of the land necessary for the road and the boat landing; and

WHEREAS, the employment of private counsel will eliminate any issues of legal ethics which would arise in the event it is necessary in the defense of these matters for the Police Jury's general counsel to testify as a witness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ricky Sooter, Attorney at Law, is hereby engaged as counsel for the Rapides Parish Police Jury at the compensation schedule published and approved by the attorney general not to exceed \$150 per hour together with incurred expenses for court cost advances, subpoena and deposition fees, and other like out-of-pocket expenditures, subject however to the approval of the Louisiana

Attorney General pursuant to R.S. 42:263.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and attachments be forwarded to the Honorable Buddy Caldwell, Attorney General of Louisiana, for his review and approval, all pursuant to R.S. 42:263.

The above resolution was duly introduced, seconded and the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>JURY MEMBER</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Richard W. Billings	X		
Joe Bishop	X		
John "Buck" Lincecum	X		
Jamie L. Floyd	X		
Theodore Fountaine Jr.	X		
Richard Gerald Vanderlick	X		
Oliver "Ollie" Overton Jr.	X		
Steve Coco	X		
Scott Perry Jr.	X		

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 17th day of March 2008.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has a services agreement concerning the sales of adjudicated properties; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney and Treasurer has recommended an amendment to that agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the President to sign an amended services agreement concerning adjudicated properties between the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the City of Alexandria, the Sheriff, the Rapides Parish School Board, the Library Board, the Red River Atchafalaya Bayou Boeuf Levee District, Fire Protection District No. 2, Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the City of Pineville, as recommended by the District Attorney and Treasurer.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for January 2008:

Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	449	80%	85.30%
Pineville - 8 minute	124	80%	81.45%
Rapides - 12 minute	173	80%	86.13%
Rapides - 20 minute	123	80%	80.49%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum, that the following items be placed on the agenda.

A roll call vote was called and was as follows:

YES	NO	ABSENT
Richard Billings		
Joe Bishop		
Buck Lincecum		
Jamie Floyd		
Theodore Fountaine		
Richard Vanderlick		
Ollie Overton		
Steve Coco		
Scott Perry		

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Steve Rogge, Library Director, gave an update on the three Library building constructions and distributed copies of the 2007 Rapides Parish Library Annual Report 2007.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Glenmora for the Parish Highway Department to provide labor and spraying equipment for the location of the main drainage ditch through corporate limits, as requested by the Town of Glenmora, to be paid out of Road District No. 1A Funds, and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

At the request of the Police Jurors, Mr. Lincecum pulled the agenda item for discussion of the proposed 1% reallocation election for the existing 1% parishwide sales tax.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to

authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Grant Parish Police Jury to reimburse them 1/3 of the cost of maintaining the Bayou Darrow Project up to a maximum of \$5,000 for the year 2008, to be paid from Road District No. 10A Funds, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to enter into a service agreement with Gillespie's (lowest quote) to overlay/patch various roads within Rapides Parish. Material to be supplied at the parish bid price, as recommended by the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize the President to submit a proposal to the US Department of Labor for the \$191,593 in WIA pilot, demonstration and research funds sponsored by Congressman Rodney Alexander and Senators David Vitter and Mary Landrieu from FY 2008 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations; to sign a contract with US DOL and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, the following proclamation was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income persons; and,

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons; and,

WHEREAS, the LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM has had a significant impact on our local economy through either job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and/or improved housing; and,

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM has provided the Parish of Rapides with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of its low and moderate income residents by funding water and sewer system improvements, as well as housing rehabilitation, in the Wardville area; sewer system improvements in the Lee Heights area, Kelleyland Subdivision, Air Base Road, and demonstrated needs in Rapides Mobile Home Estates; water improvements in the Latanier-Poland areas, Poland area, Bayou Clear Road area of Woodworth and Lena-Flatwoods; and economic development activities with the Willamette Valley and Union Tank Car projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Congress and the Nation acknowledge the critical value of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and,

WHEREAS, the week of March 24-30, 2008, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY does hereby proclaim the week of March 24-30, 2008, as

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WEEK

within the Parish of Rapides, and calls upon all citizens of this community to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community,
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize Ms. Dorothy J. Moore, 359 Castor Plunge Road, Woodworth, as a Hardship case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to improve LA 113 between Glenmora and Calcasieu River and LA 112 between I-49 and US 165, both with a deplorable roadway condition and no shoulders, copy of this request to be sent to our Louisiana Legislative Delegation and Mr. Nick Verret, LDOTD District 08 Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to accept Rebel Run into the Parish road system, subject to execution of necessary documents and approval of Legal Counsel and the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried. (Note it was the intention of Mr. Joe Bishop to recuse himself on the vote.)

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to

accept Family Counseling proposal for Homeless Shelter Grant and authorize to apply for said funding with the State. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to authorize to advertise for bids for various road improvements parishwide, as recommended by the Public Works Director:

Ward 10, District A

Robbins Loop

Rifle Range Road (portion)

Lions Club Road

Ward 9, District B

Rebel Run Road

Palmer Chappel Road (portion)

Ward 10, District C

Donahue Ferry Road (portion)

Ward 7, District E

Lena Flatwoods Road (portion)

Ward 8, District E

Old Boyce Road (portion)

Heron Circle

Ward 2, District F

River Road (portion)

Ward 2, District H

Bayou Road (portion)

Ward 4, District H

East River Road (portion)

Ward 5, District H

Elmer Road (portion)

Ward 6, District H

Union Hill Church Road (portion)

Willis Flat Road

Humble Church Road

Ward 8, District I

Old Boyce Road (portion)

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Richard Vanderlick, to advertise the intent to spend \$2,500 of Title III monies with the Louisiana Forestry Association in conjunction with Forestry Awareness Week. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item.

Mr. Jimmy C. Harper, resident of Red Bayou Road, asked the Police Jury to take action to make Red Bayou Road, Ward 7, passable. Mr. Pete Bruce, Public Works Director, was requested to meet with Mr. Harper.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum and Mr. Scott Perry, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 5:58 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury