

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION  
May 22, 2002

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law, viz:

Alexandria, Louisiana  
May 14, 2002

NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 28, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. Endorse efforts of our Legislative Delegation and LDOTD for an overpass at the south circle of MacArthur Drive.
2. Participate in auction for disposal of highway equipment being held by Bubba Moreau, Auctioneer, on June 27 or 29 in LaSalle Parish.
3. Any other business that may properly come before the Police Jury.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

Angie Richmond, Secretary

There were present: Honorable Davron "Bubba" Moreau, President; Joe Fuller, Vice President; and Police Jurors Steve Bordelon, Ezra Reed, Donald H. Wilmore, Richard L. Nunnally, Richard W. Billings and Scott Perry Jr.

Absent was Myron K. Lawson.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Director; Jan Haworth, Office of Economic and Workforce Development Executive Director; Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Chief David Peart, Fire District 2; Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

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

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Bubba Moreau, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business, as advertised.

Mr. Billings advised that a meeting had been held about three weeks previously with the Legislative Delegation, city fathers from Alexandria and Pineville, the LDOTD Secretary and local businessmen on the South Circle design. At that meeting, it was agreed that revisions would be submitted by Mr. Thomas C. David and other engineers to the current design and LDOTD said they were willing to consider modifications. However, if the project is delayed further, it was possible the funding for the project, in planning since 1985 and now in Phase 3, could be lost. Because LDOTD has agreed to consider reasonable modification and because of the possibility of losing the funding for the project, Mr. Billings asked the Police Jury to support the Legislative Delegation and LDOTD to have an overpass that will work with the citizens of Rapides Parish and will become a reality.

Motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Don

wilmore, to endorse the efforts of our Legislative Delegation and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development on getting an overpass design at the South Traffic Circle of MacArthur Drive.

While realizing that the South Traffic Circle was a dangerous location, Mr. Perry asked to hear from a representative of the community. Mr. Wilmore asked for the specific changes.

Mr. Nunnally introduced into the record a copy of a letter from Mr. Foster Walker III that the current plans would be extremely detrimental to Walker Automotive. Mr. Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director, stated he understood that Mr. David submitted 13 changes for consideration.

Amendment by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to endorse the modifications if the modifications are reasonable requests and would not jeopardize the project.

Mr. Harold Chambers, representing the City of Alexandria, asked the Police Jury delay consideration until the City had an opportunity to present the facts and display a 3-D representation of the proposed overpass within the next few weeks.

On substitute motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to delay endorsement until the modifications are presented to the Police Jury.

Dr. Kelley Pears expressed his concern of the detrimental impact on his business and inconvenience to his patients, staff and family.

Substitute motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to delay consideration. (This substitute motion did not receive a second.)

Mr. A. Brent Caplan said he agreed wholeheartedly the South Traffic needed to be replaced, having numerous accidents; however, the Police Jury should delay until it considered what it was endorsing and what the proposed changes were.

Amendment to the substitute motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to delay and to ask LDOTD to make a presentation of what they are proposing at the same time as the City of Alexandria's proposed modifications.

On vote the substitute motion as amended carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to participate in the auction for disposal of equipment from the Parish Highway Department being held by Bubba Moreau, Auctioneer, on June 27 or 29 in LaSalle Parish, auctioneer services at no cost to the Police Jury.

Ms. Barbara Bonnette, of Bonnette & Sons Auctioneer, spoke of her firm's qualifications and asked the Police Jury why it was willing to participate in an auction in another Parish, which would benefit another Parish with sales tax revenue. She asked her firm be considered to provide the service to the Police Jury.

During discussion, Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, explained the amendment to State laws that allowed a public official to donate his services.

Amendment by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Richard Nunnally, to do the auction in Rapides Parish.

Substitute motion by Mr. Don Wilmore to allow Bonnette & Son, Auctioneers, to auction the Police Jury's property.

Substitute motion died for lack of a second.

On vote the original motion as amended carried.

Mr. Wilmore challenged the Chair and asked for a vote of the substitute motion, to which the President responded that the substitute motion had not received a second. Mr. Wilmore asked someone to second his substitute motion, to which there was no response and the President ruled the motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Wilmore asked for another vote on the original motion.

On vote the original motion as amended carried. Mr. Don Wilmore

objected.

After unanimous vote the following items were placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the expenses of Ms. Sonya Wiley, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, and interested Police Jurors to attend the Intergovernmental Policy Congress - Technology and Homeland Security to be held on June 10-11, 2002, in Washington, DC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to replace Ms. Sheila Johnson on the Ward 9 Recreation District, waive the thirty day announcement rule, and appoint Ms. Terri Aldecoa to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on February 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign the Commitment/Agreement with the Governor's Office of Rural Development for the Construct a Building for the Sieper Water System, Grant No. 0102-RPD-0001, in the amount not to exceed \$10,500. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in the regular session of the Rapides Parish Police Jury convened on the 11th day of February, 2002, a hearing was held and the following property was condemned:

a very dilapidated, abandoned house on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA Highway 107, part of Block "A" of Cedar Lake Subdivision, Section 17, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish and belonging to Fay Don Burrows Kennedy, Robert Keith Burrows Kennedy, Juanita June Burrows Kennedy Rodriguez, c/o Don Kennedy;

and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director was given the authority to demolish the condemned structure after April 13, 2002, a sixty day period as requested by the Curator on behalf of the property owners, if steps have not been taken by that time to improve the condition of the condemned structure; and,

WHEREAS, the property owners were further granted their request through the Curator for a thirty day period to have the grass and weeds on the overgrown lot trimmed to comply with Parish ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, at the request of the absentee property owners, Robert Kennedy and Juanita Rodriguez, the Police Jury on March 18, 2002 granted an additional thirty day period to delay the condemnation order and grass cutting; and,

WHEREAS, the absentee property owner, Juanita Rodriguez, has contacted this Police Jury with a request for an additional delay to the condemnation order in order to allow time for repairs to bring the property up to standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish has inspected the property and found that repairs have begun, demonstrating the property owners' intent to repair the structure to standards,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby amend the order of February 11, 2002, and amended on March 18, 2002, condemning the following property:

a very dilapidated, abandoned house on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Nalley Drive and LA Highway 107, part of Block "A" of Cedar Lake Subdivision, Section 17, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish and belonging to Fay Don Burrows Kennedy, Robert Keith Burrows Kennedy, Juanita June Burrows Kennedy Rodriguez, c/o Don Kennedy,

ordering it be demolished or removed in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 8-1/4 Condemnation of Buildings.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Public Works Director be and he is hereby instructed that the authority to demolish the condemned structure is delayed until July 13, 2002, which is one hundred and fifty day period from the condemnation order, granting an additional sixty days as requested by the property owner, and if steps have not been taken by that time to improve the condition of the condemned structure, to proceed with the demolition authorized hereof.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 22th day of May, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of the Treasurer and interested Police Jurors to meet with the Lt. Governor concerning Hot Wells on May 30, 2002, in Baton Rouge. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant the Cleco Power LLC a thirty foot right of way and easement for construction of an overhead primary electric line to provide service to a new LANG hanger at Esler Field, in Section 38, T5N-R2E, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to adopt an In Memoriam for the late Thelma Smith, wife of Mr. Charles Frederick Smith. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to adopt the following resolution to approve the expenditure of Workforce Investment Act Funds for Summer Youth Program and follow-up services:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDS FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM AND FOLLOW UP SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is the Grant Recipient for Workforce Investment Act Funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, (WIA) PL 105-220, 20 USC 9201, regulations at 20 CFR 664.610 provides for the Grant Recipient to provide summer youth employment opportunities obviating the need to competitively procure summer youth program services; and,

WHEREAS, local workforce Investment Board approval or concurrence is not required where the Grant Recipient desires to provide summer youth employment opportunities to eligible youth under the Workforce Investment Act; and,

WHEREAS, the local workforce Investment Board for the Rapides Parish Police Jury has not yet made a formal selection of summer youth program providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is desirous of providing summer employment opportunities to eligible youth under the Workforce Investment Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby expresses its desire to operate such summer employment opportunities including, but not limited to recruitment, eligibility determination, assessment, development of an individual service strategy, referral for services not provided by the Rapides Parish Police Jury which services are available in the community, counseling, support services, development of worksites, work experiences, including those combined with academic and occupational skills enhancement, placement, and follow up services as well as such other services as allowed under the Workforce Investment Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grant Recipient staff is hereby directed to develop a budget and to set aside such Workforce Investment Act funds from the Youth funding stream as may be necessary to hire the requisite staff and to provide support services to approximately 162 youth.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 22nd day of May, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to hire requisite temporary staff to provide summer and support services to approximately 162 youth. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the grant recipient staff at such time as the Workforce Investment Board selects youth providers in concurrence with the Rapides Parish Police Jury to authorize said staff pending parish counsel review to negotiate with selected vendors to the extent that funds are available and the selection meets the Workforce Investment Act requirements regarding services, outcomes and expenditures for out of school youth. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve a revision to the WIA 5-year plan to incorporate the latest WIB/CEO agreement changing operating procedures. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Bubba Moreau, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury