

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
October 14, 2002

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, October 14, 2002, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Absent was Steve P. Bordelon.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Joe Fuller.

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.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to have the Oath of Office administered to Mr. Theodore Fountaine Jr., elected as Rapides Parish Police Juror, representing District D. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Assistant District Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Theodore Fountaine Jr., elected as Rapides Parish Police Juror, representing District D.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on September 9, 2002, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept the Treasurer's Report with the budget amendments as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mrs. Suzy Berry, nominated by Louisiana College, to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board for a three year term, term will expire on October 10, 2004. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Fuller laid over the appointment to the Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District for three year term to fill the expired term of Mrs. Donna Andries, term expired on July 15, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Ellis G. Saybe to the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board, Alexandria Bar Association nominee, for a three year term, term will expire on October 14, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Otha Hailey to the Waterworks District No. 3 for a five year term, term will expire on October 14, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to lay over the appointment to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Glen F. Bell, department elected, term expired on October 10, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the appointment to the Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. T. J. Speir, representing the Police Jury, term will expire on November 12, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the hearing having been held and it is the opinion of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the facts justify the condemnation of the property of Oliver Forest and Debra Forest and being an internally burnt house located at 122 Wayne Street, Lot 9A, 9B and part of Lot 8A, Block 4, Ryan Subdivision, Section 23, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish;

BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby enter an order condemning the following property:

an internally burnt house located at 122 Wayne Street, Lot 9A, 9B and part of Lot 8A, Block 4, Ryan Subdivision, Section 23, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish and belonging to Oliver Forest and Debra Forest,

and order 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 to proceed with the demolition authorized hereof.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

It was then moved by Mr. Richard W. Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, and unanimously carried that the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana:

PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2002.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, October 14, 2002, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray St., 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 5, 2002, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(GENERAL LIBRARY TAX)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 7 MILLS PROPERTY TAX FOR IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE PARISH IN LIEU OF A 6 MILLS TAX AS AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION ON JANUARY 15, 1994.

Shall the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a special tax of seven (7) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2003 and ending with the year 2012, for the purpose of improving, constructing, maintaining and operating the Rapides Parish Library and its branches, title to which is, and shall be, in the public, said tax to be in lieu of a 6 mills tax as authorized at an election held on January 15, 1994?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(LIBRARY EXPANSION TAX)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 2.25 MILLS PROPERTY TAX FOR EXPANDING, IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE PARISH.

Shall the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a special tax of two and twenty-five hundredths (2.25) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2003 and ending with the year 2012, for the purpose of expanding, improving, constructing, maintaining and operating the Rapides Parish Library and its branches, title to which is, and shall be, in the public?

The canvass of the results of the election showed that: (i) there was a total of **10,859** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 and a total of **13,552** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **2,693** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 1; and (ii) there was a total of **9,361** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 and a total of **14,606** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **5,245** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Propositions as hereinabove set forth were duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to lay over until budget time the acceptance of the recommendations of the salary task force committee, as presented on August 12, 2002, and implementation in the 2003 budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to renew the lease between the Rapides Parish Police Jury with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana Free and Accepted Masons dated October 1, 1997, for the Cenla Civitan Ballpark for an additional year under option. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and all other Police Jurors, to oppose the rate increase of October 16, 2002 by Cox Communications, a copy of this opposition to be sent to Cox Communications, the FCC and our Congressional Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to delete the following equipment from the Rapides Parish Police Jury - Administration Office, as this equipment is not necessary with the new equipment purchased:

Asset No.	Description	Acquired	Disposal
7230	Postage Meter	2-28-96	No longer needed

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize Brenda G. Maricle, 15 Affaman Cut Off Road, Hineston, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize R. B. Sweat, 215 Freedom Road, Pitkin, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, the following resolution was presented, approving the Annual Certificate of Compliance with the State of Louisiana, Off System Bridge Replacement Program, as recommended by the Public Works Director, and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Rapides Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Rapides Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Rapides Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003:

1. The Parish will continue to perform all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will continue to be information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing shall be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge shall be critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole and upon motion of Mr. Don Wilmore, being seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, was adopted by the following vote on this the 14th day of October, 2002.

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YEAS: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Joe Fuller, Ezra L. Reed, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Richard L. Nunnally, Richard W. Billings, Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Steve P. Bordelon

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to install speed humps on the west side of Circle Drive, Ward 10, as per petition received, to be paid out of Road District No. 10A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept a construction servitude from T.L. James along the Sharp Baptist Church Road, Ward 7, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept the Herbert Padgett Road, approximately 1,100 feet, in Ward 5, for Parish maintenance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept Bid No. 1826 Various Roads in Districts A, B and C as complete and authorize the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept Bid No. 1829 Rigolette Road Improvements as complete and authorize the President to sign the Notice of Acceptance, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development for a project under the Parish Road Repair Program to upgrade the base of various gravel roads in Districts C, E and H for future chip-sealing, including purchase and hauling of pit run and contract hauling of sand-clay-gravel, the allocation for Rapides Parish for 2002-2003 being \$192,528.79, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the President to sign an application for capital outlay funding for the Esler Field Sewerage Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to approve provisions of WIA Title I services in a satellite facility located in Forest Hill and to authorize allowable expenditures and Memorandums of Understanding for such services. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to approve provision of WIA Title I services in a satellite One Stop facility of Broadway Street in Alexandria and to authorize allowable purchases of equipment and Memorandums of Understanding for satellite operations. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to ratify authorization for the President to sign a subgrant award under the JAIBG grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the Renaissance security, general use and educational computer equipment project, Subgrant No. A00-8-018, CFDA No. 16.523, Develop Accountability-Based Sanctions. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to ratify authorization for the President to sign the grant award agreement with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration on Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Develop Accountability-Based Sanctions (JAIBG Teen Court) Project, Subgrant Number A00-8-018, CFDA Number 16.523, in the amount of \$68,147 for the period of October 16, 2002 to September 30, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize to purchase office systems furniture for the Health Unit and the Regional Office under the Louisiana State Contract, as recommended by the Architect, to be paid from funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, Mr. Scott Perry and all other Police Jurors, to commend the employees of the Parish Highway Department for the extra work performed in the last few days because of Hurricane Lili, thank all workers in the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office for their assistance in cutting trees blocking roads, and thank the volunteer firefighters for their assistance during the emergency; letters be written that the employees have done a super job and commend them for a job well done. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending

the abandoned and dilapidated buildings located on the corner of Shirley Street, Henry Street and North Bolton Avenue, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Square 2, K.P.D.R. Heights Subdivision, Section 13, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the abandoned and very dilapidated house located at 1720 Shirley Street, Lot 12, Square 2, K.P.D.R. Heights Subdivision, Section 13, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to it being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the abandoned and dilapidated house located at 112 Louise Drive, Lot 8, Highland Heights Subdivision, Section 5, T4N-R1E, Ward 10, District C, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to it being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the abandoned and dilapidated mobile home located on Harlem Road, Part of Lots 4 & 5, Square 8, Wardville, Section 22, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to it being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to ratify the declaration of the President of a State of Emergency within the Parish due to effects caused by Hurricane Isidore on September 23, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to ratify the declaration of the President of a State of Emergency within the Parish due to effects caused by Hurricane Lili on October 1, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to amend the budget to supply what is needed for the Grant-Rapides Parish line lawsuit. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept the report of Mr. Jon Grafton, Director for the England Authority. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to lay over any action on the request from the Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitors Bureau for \$5,000 annual sponsorship to assist with printing the 2003 Central Louisiana Visitors Guide, in which the Police Jury will receive a full-page ad and space for a welcome letter from the President of the Police Jury, as an economic development project, the financial situation of the Police Jury be reviewed; further if the Police Jury was not able to fund the project this year, it intends to participate next year. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to exercise the option of granting an additional twelve month period in which the Police Jury agreed on February 20, 2001, extended on September 10, 2001, and extended on March 18, 2002, not to take action on the Hot Wells property for a six month period, in order to allow Mr. Jerry Partain an opportunity to develop a proposal for Hot Wells, copy of this resolution to be sent to our Louisiana Legislative Delegation with a request for their concurrence. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, that another extension will not be granted to Mr. Jerry Partain on a proposal for Hot Wells after this year's extension is over. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the period of October 21, 2002 through October 25, 2002 has been proclaimed NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK;

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena died at the hands of drug traffickers in 1985; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon become the symbol to eliminate demand for drugs, just as the yellow ribbon symbolizes support for our troops; and,

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WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign acts as a catalyst to mobilize communities into action to create a DRUG FREE AMERICA and all segments of the community must be involved in prevention programs and activities to develop an attitude of intolerance to the use and demand for drugs in our neighborhoods; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the week of October 21-October 25, 2002 be proclaimed as National Red Ribbon Week,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to encourage and urge the citizens of our community to create awareness of alcohol and other drug problems, build community coalitions to implement prevention strategies, support healthy drug free lifestyles and encourage neighborhood prevention planning and activities.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the expenses of any newly elected Justice of the Peace or Constable in Rapides Parish to attend the Attorney General's Newly Elected Justice of the Peace and Constables Course to be held on January 16, 2003, in Baton Rouge, to be paid out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors, designated Police Jury employees and Legal Counsel to attend the 2003 NACo Legislative Conference to be held on February 28-March 4, 2003, in Washington, DC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors, designated Police Jury employees, and Legal Counsel to attend the Annual NACo Conference to be held on July 11-15, 2003, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following proclamation was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 2002, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Rapides Parish and encourage all families to take adequate measures to prevent fires.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to delete from the Fire District No. 3 Asset/Inventory Program the following assets as these items are scrap and are no longer suitable for public use:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
8050	Pager, Minator II	12-4-98	destroyed

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to delete from the Fire District No. 4 Asset/Inventory Program the following assets as these items are scrap and are no longer suitable for public use:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
6822	Pager, Minator	2-28-94	scrap
7104	Pager, Minator II	5-25-95	scrap
7096	Pager, Minator II	5-25-95	scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize to renew the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department lease with the Red River Atchafalaya Bayou Boeuf Levee Board for three years under option, in the amount of \$10/year, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 8 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to invite all Police Jurors and the public to attend the Deceased Firefighters' Memorial Service to be held on Monday, October 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. on the Courthouse Steps. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to delete the following equipment from Fire Protection District No. 5 Fixed Asset/Inventory List as surplus property, no longer needed for public use because of being inoperable and too costly to repair:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
7117	Minator II, Pager	8-16-89	scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize to purchase one 3/4 ton truck under the City of Alexandria Bid No. 1330, as recommended by the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire

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Association Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire District No. 5 Funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize to re-advertise for bids for sale of two fire trucks for Fire Protection District No. 6, being Asset No. 7300 - 1971 Ford and Asset No. 7021 1979 International, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to accept the donation of 0.198 acre of land on the east side of Fire District No. 11 Station No. 1 at 757 Highway 113, Glenmora, from Mr. James D. Rollins, as recommended by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign the Act of Donation. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the abandoned and dilapidated house on Military Highway, at Pineville Expressway, 0.196 acres adjacent to Oak Ridge Subdivision, Section 6, T4N-R1E, Ward 10, District C, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or removed, due to it being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 14th day of October, 2002, that Davron "Bubba" Moreau, President, is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement from Rapides Foundation to Fire Protection District No. 8 for the EMS Enhancement Project in the amount of \$5,000, as requested by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he is authorized to sign as President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and as Chairman of Fire Protection District Number 8 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, the following resolution was presented, to approve a design exception for State Projects No. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and No. 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek, as recommended by the Public Works Director, and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has received a March 1, 2002 letter from Simone Ardoin, P.E., Plan Development Engineer with the Department of Transportation and Development concerning State Bridge Project Nos. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek, F.A.P. Nos. BRO-4000(522) and (523); and

WHEREAS, due to the criteria for stopping site distance in curves, the proposed State Bridge Projects No. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek would need to be widened on the inside of their adjacent curves, which would require additional Right-of-Way, the acquisition of which could jeopardize the project; and

WHEREAS, State Bridge Projects No. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek both have low average daily traffic counts of 175 and 150 vehicles per day respectively; and

WHEREAS, State Bridge Projects No. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek both have low design speeds of 30 miles per hour;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to request the Department of Transportation and Development to maintain the alignment as shown on the State Bridge Projects No. 713-40-0125 Butter Cemetery Road Bridge over Hurricane Creek and 713-40-0126 Booker Fowler Road Bridge over Indian Creek attached to Ms. Ardoin's March 1, 2002 letter, and also to utilize the standard bridge width of 24 feet as shown on those plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to advise the Department of Transportation and Development that the parish does not have any plans to upgrade the roadways for either project discussed herein above.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

Mr. Billings advised a meeting had been held with Scott Construction Equipment Company just prior to this meeting and deleted the agenda item to discuss problems with the three multipurpose hydraulic excavators (gradealls XL3100) purchased from Scott Construction Equipment Company, LLC under Bid No. 1800 (\$194,300 each) on 12/10/01.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury

to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Sheriff of Rapides Parish for the collection of sales and use taxes by the Sales and Use Tax Department, as recommended by the Sales Tax Administrator. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize a change order to the contract for the Health Unit/Motor Vehicle Buildings construction in the increased amount of \$36,537.99 for miscellaneous millwork, additional telephone outlets, revised UV lights, additional locker, additional window blinds, and rolling grill power requirement as recommended by the Architect, funds being available in the project's budget, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize to advertise for bids to build and install two 1800 gallon water tanks on Parish owned vehicles for Fire District No. 7, as requested by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request Kathleen Blanco, Lieutenant Governor, for assistance to improve the roadside appearance of LA 498 (England Drive and Air Base Road) as a scenic route, being major access roads between England International Airport and the City of Alexandria.

Amendment by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to assist in improving the appearance of LA 498, copy of this resolution to be sent to our Legislative Delegation.

On vote the motion as amended carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, the following resolution was presented, as approved by Legal Counsel, and on vote unanimously adopted:

Resolution

WHEREAS, a request for revocation has been received from Mr. Lester Mallette, buyer, and Mr. Randy Monsur, President of North Park Corporation, of a portion of a twenty foot drainage and utility easement in North Park Subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, this drainage and utility easement was filed by Plat of Dedication of Streets and Easements by Hab Monsur Jr., President of North Park Corporation and shown on the plat by R. B. LaCroix Jr., Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 20, 1976; and,

WHEREAS, by letter of October 14, 2002, the Public Works Director has reviewed the revocation request reporting that the existing 20 foot drainage easement serves no use to the Police Jury, no utilities occupy the easement and recommending the drainage and utility easement be revoked; and,

WHEREAS, by letter of October 10, 2002, from Pan American Engineers, the City of Pineville has no objection to the revocation and abandonment of the drainage and utility servitude; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 14th day of October 2002, that:

Any and all previous dedications of roadways and/or rights of ways for utilities or otherwise, as well as any dedication or dedications for rights of ways for roadway, utilities, or otherwise, affecting the following described property are hereby revoked, said property being specifically described as follows, to-wit:

A portion of a drainage and utility easement, approximately twenty (20') feet in width, and approximately three hundred sixty-eight and forty-one hundredths (368.41') feet in length, located on a 2.303 acre tract of land, south of Pine Terrace Road and running parallel to Rocky Bayou Drive in a northwesterly to southeasterly direction, located in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 and the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 1, T4N-R1W, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and being more specifically shown as outlined in blue on a certificate of survey dated August 5, 2002, prepared by Frank L. Willis, P.E., Registered Professional Land Surveyor, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby revoke and abandon all right, title, and interest it has or may have in the portion of the said easement revoked.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the thirty day public review period is hereby waived.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 14th day of October 2002.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request the Rapides Area Planning Commission to do something about the need for the employees to answer their telephones. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to enact a hiring freeze, effective immediately. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize advertisement for construction of technology building on LSU-A campus to be paid out of CSBG Funds subject to approval of construction authorization by the Louisiana Division of Administration. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize Frye Magee and Associates to submit on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury a capital outlay request for phase 2 construction of the expansion of the Rapides Parish 4-H complex located at the LSU-A Ag Center and authorize the President to sign said request to the Office of Facility Planning and Control. On vote the motion carried.

After unanimous vote the following items were added to the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to approve readvertisement for Equipment Operator II and Sign Shop Operator. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA RESEARCH PARK (A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Ecommerce Group, Southern University, Louisiana State University and other local organizations are seeking to develop a "Louisiana Research Park" in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, and the Louisiana Technology Park have previously adopted resolutions of support for the Central Louisiana Research Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Research Park will include high technology, research, science based companies and support services; and,

WHEREAS, a Central Louisiana Research Park Advisory Board will be comprised of representatives from Louisiana Ecommerce Group, Louisiana State University, Southern University, the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Alexandria Development District, the Central Louisiana Business League, the City of Alexandria, the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the England Authority, the City of Pineville, area health care providers, and rural consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Research Park will also enhance educational opportunities and help revitalize Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, in cooperation with an incubator accelerator program, the Central Louisiana Research Park will follow the lead of the research parks in New Orleans, Lafayette, Shreveport and in Baton Rouge in supporting research and business growth in the community; and,

WHEREAS, this research park will request funding from other public and private entities in order to fully develop the Central Louisiana Research Park; and,

WHEREAS, the small business and technology portion of the Central Louisiana Research Park will be located in the Alexandria downtown area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury encourages and supports the concept and development of the Central Louisiana Research Park,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Jury be requested to invest whatever resources and economic development capital it may deem appropriate in order to complete an economic development analysis of the needs and assets in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of October, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to approve a change of name of the Bollar Estates to Pecan Ridge Estates, on Robinson Road, subject to approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury supports the LSU-A technology services grant application and authorize the President to sign a letter of support. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize Contract Amendment No. 1 on the floodplain mapping contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Owen and White Inc. so as to revise Exhibit 1 Scope of Services, Task 2 to begin upon execution of the amendment, and reduce Task 2 Mapping Program to an amount of \$325,500 and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Perry asked the Police Jury to consider the purchase or rental of a wood chipper for use by the Parish Highway Department.

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

Ms. Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Director, asked for clarification on the hiring freeze, noting that she had made an offer of employment to a new employee who was to begin employment on Monday. Mr. Fuller said if a department head wished to fill a vacancy or create a position, the department head is to talk to their chairman, who will place

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it on the Police Jury agenda for approval. As the new employee in question has already received an offer of employment, this particular position would not have to go through the Police Jury.

Mr. Moreau announced it was the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Clubs this year.

Ms. Carolyn Vaughn, resident of the Grundy Cooper Subdivision, submitted information on a house being considered for condemnation.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:29 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Bubba Moreau, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury