

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION
January 28, 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 Monday, January 28, 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
January 18, 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 Monday, January 28, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. Discuss equipment purchase for the Parish Highway Department.
2. Announcement of railtrack construction/road closure at Todd Hollingsworth Road/Pardue Road on Feb. 3-6, weather permitting.
3. Allow Public Works Director reduced work days in agreement to continue working 2 years.
4. Apply for grant for replacement Fire District 2 arson dog.
5. Institute use of term "President Emeritus".
6. Inform Chamber & Conventions Bureau that Rapides Parish Police Jury is governing authority of Parish.
7. Allow Boy Scouts to camp at Cotile Recreation Area at no charge.
8. 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, Myron K. Lawson, Donald H. Wilmore, and Richard W. Billings.

Absent were Police Jurors Richard Nunnally and Scott Perry Jr.

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; Ms. Candice Saucier, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richard Billings.

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.

The first order of business was to discuss the equipment purchase for the Parish Highway Department.

Mr. Richard Billings, Public Works Committee Chairman, proposed that the previously approved purchase of various equipment for the Parish Highway Department be amended by not purchasing certain equipment, thereby reducing the expense from \$1,410,843.04 to \$1,088,760.50 as per report summary distributed. However, he proposed that one additional pick up truck be added back, increasing the number from three to four to be purchased.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to amend the proposed reduction of Highway Department equipment to be purchased so as to increase three pick up trucks to four pick up trucks. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to award Bid No. 1801 purchase only one self-propelled road sweeper to Scott Construction Company, the low bidder in the amount of \$25,525;

to reject Bid No. 1802 purchase one tractor loader backhoe due to lack of funds;

to reject Bid No. 1803 purchase one new rubber tire wheel loader due to lack of funds;

to award Bid No. 1804 purchase one track mounted backhoe to State Machinery, the low bidder, in the amount of \$167,248;

to reject Bid No. 1808 purchase three 6-8 yard dump trucks due to lack of funds;

to only buy 4 pick up trucks under State contract instead of the 6 pick up trucks as previously approved by the Police Jury;

to not buy a sedan for the Public Works Director as previously approved by the Police Jury;

to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget for vehicle purchase from \$124,232 to \$69,500 and increase vehicle maintenance from \$150,000 to \$200,000; and

to approve the Treasurer to secure financing for the purchase of the equipment.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to announce the railroad tracks at Todd Hollingsworth Road and Pardue Road will be closed February 3-6, 2002 for construction, weather permitting, and recognize Mr. Don Hook, Union Pacific Railroad Track Inspector. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Moreau expressed appreciation to Union Pacific Railroad Company for bearing the entire expense for the much needed project, which was previously agreed to be shared among the Railroad Company, the Police Jury and Proctor & Gamble Company. Mr. Hook spoke on the particulars of the construction.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over until the regular meetings the agenda item to allow Mr. Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director, to work 72 hours per two-week period, which is granting permission to be away from his duty station the last working day of every other week, effective May 1, 2002, in return for his agreement to continue to work for the Rapides Parish Police Jury for an additional two year period. On vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize an application to the Office of Rural Development for a grant for a replacement of the arson dog at Fire Protection District No. 2 and authorize the President to sign the necessary documents.

On substitute motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, to not apply for a grant from Rural Development, but instead direct Chief Peart to contact the Fire Chiefs of the other municipalities or entities in Rapides Parish for their participation to share in half of the cost of the arson dog.

On vote the substitute motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the agenda item to institute the use of the honorary title of "President Emeritus" for past presidents of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, to inform the Chamber of Commerce and the Rapides Parish Conventions and Visitors' Bureau that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is the governing authority of Rapides Parish and should be asked to participate in Rapides Parish events. On vote the motion carried.

Ms. Jill Kidder, Executive Director of the Rapides Parish Conventions and Visitors Bureau, extended an apology for any oversight regarding the Central Louisiana Sports Association events, noting that the non-profit organizations normally sent out their own invitations, but would assist in any manner she could.

Mr. Robert L. Bussey, Assistant District Attorney, advised he was a Board Member on the Central Louisiana Sports Association and invited the Police Jury to appoint a representative to their Board.

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

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to assist the City of Pineville with repair of the bridge on Wildwood Drive as requested by the Mayor Clarence Fields, the Parish Highway Department to provide labor and machinery and the City to pay for materials, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the Treasurer to amend the 2002 Budgets to include an increase in the allocations proposed for capital improvement/economic development:

(from carry-in in General Fund)

District F	Mr. Fuller	\$30,000
District G	Mr. Nunnally	\$30,000
District D	Mr. Lawson	\$30,000
District I	Mr. Perry	\$30,000
District B	Mr. Bordelon	<u>\$30,000</u>
		\$150,000

(from carry-in in Road & Bridge Fund)

District H	Mr. Billings	\$30,000
District C	Mr. Reed	\$30,000
District A	Mr. Moreau	\$30,000
District E	Mr. Wilmore	<u>\$30,000</u>
		\$120,000

Substitute motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, that the carry in monies remain in the funds they are, any extra monies in the Road & Bridge Fund be used for resealing where needed and the \$150,000 in the General Fund to be used for a security system in the Courthouse and other things needed in the Courthouse, such as the inmate clothing bill recently received from the Sheriff.

Substitute motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, that the subject be laid over and brought back at another meeting.

The President called for a vote on the second substitute motion. Mr. Wilmore challenged the Chair and asked for a vote on his substitute motion first and it be by roll call vote. The President called for a roll call vote on the first substitute motion which was as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ezra Reed	Bubba Moreau	Richard Nunnally
Don Wilmore	Joe Fuller	Scott Perry
Richard Billings	Steve Bordelon	
	Myron Lawson	

On roll call vote the first substitute motion failed to carry 3-4.

On vote the second substitute motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to approve Modification No. 4 to the Rapides Parish Youth Services Title I-B Grant so as to incorporate Fiscal Year 2001 Youth Supplemental funds for an increase to the total contract amount by \$15,580.00 and the revised contract total will be \$3,489,943.00. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request additional WIA adult training funds as approved by the Workforce Investment Board on January 17, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Sean McGlothlin, department elected, to the Fire District No. 2 Civil Service

Board to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term, an election having been held, term will expire on July 29, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

The final agenda item was for public comment. Mr. Moreau asked if anyone else wished to be heard, to which there was no response.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Bubba Moreau, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury