

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
February 11, 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, February 11, 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 Steve P. Bordelon, Ezra L. Reed, Myron K. Lawson, Donald H. Wilmore, Richard W. Billings, Scott Perry Jr.

Absent was Police Juror Richard L. Nunnally.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Cecil Raggio, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales Tax Administrator; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; Ms. Candice Saucier, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Joe Fuller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ezra Reed.

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. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on January 14, 2002, and in Special Session on January 28, 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over until nominations are received from Louisiana College the appointment to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board to fill the expired term of Mrs. Suzy Berry, nominated by Louisiana College, term expired on October 10, 2001. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to reappoint Mr. Robert E. Futch, LSU-A nominee, to the Fire Protection District No. 7 Board for a three year term, term will expire on February 7, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Donald O. Rogers to the Hospital Service District No. 5 for a six year term, term will expire on March 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Shirley Wade to the Hospital Service District No. 5 for a six year term, term will expire on March 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

The following appointments were announced to be made at the next meeting to:

AICUZ Appeal Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Phil M. Sleet, nominee by the Mayor of Alexandria, term will expire on April 14, 2002;

Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Tim Vercher, term will expire on April 14, 2002;

Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring

term of Mrs. Sandra Lemmons, term will expire on April 14, 2002; and Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Rusty Bell, term will expire on April 14, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Myron Lawson, to waive the 30 day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Phil M. Sleet, nominee by the Mayor of Alexandria, for a three year term, term will expire on April 14, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, to waive the 30 day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Tim Vercher, Mrs. Sandra Lemmons and Mr. Rusty Bell to the Ruby-Wise Recreation District for five year terms, terms will expire on April 14, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to open the public hearing on proposed condemnation of properties in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Section 8-1/4, as authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location, Description & Service Report</u>
Fay D.B. Kennedy et al, Don Kennedy	corner of Nalley Drive and Highway 107, part of Block "A" of Cedar Lake Subdivision Section 17, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish, very dilapidated, abandoned house on an overgrown lot (Service by Sheriff on 12/7/01 and 1/24/02)

Represented by Mr. Gary K. Hays, Curator for the absent property owner, whose appointment by the President was authorized by the Police Jury on June 8, 1998.

Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, advised that Mr. Gary Hays, Curator, has contacted representatives of the property owners in California and they have requested thirty days to cut the grass and sixty days to repair the structure of the building to prevent collapse and damage to the public drain. If the Police Jury wished to grant their request, Mr. Wells recommended the Public Works Director and/or Parish Inspector report back to the Police Jury whether satisfactory improvement to the condition of the property has been met or the structure would be demolished.

Mr. Hays asked for the code specifications to be met to avoid condemnation. Mr. Bordelon stated the structure had to be made habitable because it was currently unsafe and unsound, in danger of collapse into the public ditch. Mr. Hays asked whether an extension could be granted to the sixty day period if progress in improvements was shown. Mr. Bordelon pointed out the property has been in this terrible state for years and stated the Police Jury would have to make a decision at that time depending on the amount of progress demonstrated.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, 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 Fay D. B. Kennedy et al, c/o Don Kennedy and being 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;

BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby enter an order 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,
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 that the authority to demolish the condemned structure is delayed until April 13, 2002, a sixty day period as requested by the Curator on behalf of the property owners, 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property owners are 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.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

Gregory LaCaze Westbrook Street, 1.377 acres in Lots 25
and 26, McCann Subdivision, Section 52, T4N-R1E,
Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish, partially torn
down house on an overgrown lot
(Service by Sheriff on 12/7/01 and 1/24/02)

Represented by Mr. Gary K. Hays, Curator for the absent property owner, whose appointment by the President was authorized by the Police Jury on June 8, 1998.

Mr. Hays stated as Curator he wished specifics on code violations and an extension on repairs to be made, noting he has been unable to contact the property owner. Mr. Bordelon pointed out the structure was beyond repair, being reduced to a stack of lumber on an overgrown lot.

Motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to adopt an ordinance to condemn the structure located on Westbrook Street and authorize to advertise for bids to clean up the property.

Mr. Hays requested an extension of time to allow the property owner to remove the debris from the property and asked for pictures, an engineer's report, a report by an architect, etc. Mr. Wells explained the procedures normally followed by a curator and recommended the Police Jury to stop all action on the proposed condemnation of the structures located on Westbrook Street and at 1712 Henry Street and appoint Mr. Scott Brame as Curator, reschedule the hearing so that the statements by Mr. Gary Hays don't jeopardize the condemnation process.

Charles O. Sneed Jr. 1712 Henry Street, Lot 5, Square 1,
K.P.D.R. Heights Subdivision, Section 13, T4N-R1W,
Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, burnt house in
unsafe and unsanitary condition
(Service by Sheriff on 12/7/01 and 1/24/02)

Represented by Mr. Gary K. Hays, Curator for the absent property owner, whose appointment by the President was authorized by the Police Jury on June 8, 1998.

On substitute motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, to lay over the proposed condemnations of the structures located on Westbrook Street, 1.377 acres in Lots 25 and 26, McCann Subdivision, Section 52, T4N-R1E, Ward 9, District B, Rapides Parish, property owner Gregory LaCaze and/or Annette Parker and at 1712 Henry Street, Lot 5, Square 1, K.P.D.R. Heights Subdivision, Section 13, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, property owner Charles O. Sneed Jr. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Joe Fuller, Chairman of the Workforce, Grants and Policy Committee, presented the Certificate of Retirement for Ms. Lena Connella, which was accepted on her behalf by Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of McNary for the Parish Highway Department for ditch work and culvert installation, as requested by Mayor Donald Parker, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept an extension of the J.T. Glass Road, approximately 150 feet. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, 43 Gasman Road, Oakdale, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification, to be paid out of Road District No. 1A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate contract gravel hauling for the 2002 Gravel Road Priority List and 2002 Capital Improvement Gravel Road List with private haulers to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various road maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Engineers Week will be celebrated the week of February 17-23, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, Engineers Week has been observed annually since 1951 during the week of George Washington's traditional birthday, in honor of the first President who was a noted military engineer and land surveyor; and,

WHEREAS, this is the 51st anniversary of National Engineers' Week; and,

WHEREAS, engineers have used their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and,

WHEREAS, engineers face the major technological challenges of our time - from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters to designing an information superhighway that will speed our country into this new century; and,

WHEREAS, engineers are encouraging our young math and science students to realize the practical power of their knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, we will look more than ever to engineers and their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the future; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17-23, 2002, as Engineers Week in the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana, and urge all citizens to honor the many engineers working and living in our area.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Glenmora to reimburse for the purchase of a pick up truck in the amount of \$16,320 from Road District No. 1A Maintenance, as requested by Mayor Tyrone Doyle, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize Mr. Hubert Maricle, 84 Ellis West Road, Pitkin, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification, to be paid out of Road District No. 6A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to waive the forty foot culvert limitation and authorize the Parish Highway Department to install approximately 80 feet of 18 inch culverts at 1525 Edwards Road, Ward 10, District A, the property owner to supply culverts and catch basins and the Parish Highway Department to install and backfill. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to waive the forty foot culvert limitation and authorize the Parish Highway Department to install approximately 55 feet of 12 inch culverts at 303 Donna Drive, Ward 10, District A, the property owner to supply culverts and the Parish Highway Department to install and backfill. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for various road improvements in District B, to be paid from Road District No. 9B Funds, and in Districts F, D, A, C (Ward 10) and District E:

District B

Wayne Street

Prince Street

Mallard Cove

Stillmeadow Road

Jupiter Loop Road

Comets Path Road

Adams Path

North Sunny Hill Road

McConnell Drive

Diane Street
Brent Street
Palmer Chapel Road
District F
Lamourie Road (one mile section)
Cherri Street

District A
Gayven Drive

District C
Pearce Road

District E
Chickamaw Road
Western Hills Road
Western Heights Road
Pleasant Drive
Sunshine Drive

Ann Street
Julie Street
Clifton Road
Sharp Baptist Church Road

District I

Old Boyce Road
(1.2 mile section between Powell Road and AirBase Road)

Third Street
Fourth Street
Fifth Street
Sixth Street

Moss Point

On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson and Mr. Steve Bordelon, 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

On vote the motion carried. Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Don Wilmore opposed. Mr. Ezra Reed abstained.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is in receipt of a copy of legislation drafted by Maddy McAndrew of DHH for presentation during a planned special session of the Louisiana Legislature this Spring; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation proposes to require parishes to provide a mosquito control emergency plan and requires the governing authorities of parishes to fund the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury recognizes the need for a mosquito control emergency plan, but this legislation as currently written is another unfunded mandate on parishes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby oppose a proposed house bill drafted by Maddy McAndrew of DHH which proposes to require parishes to provide a mosquito control emergency plan and requires the governing authorities of parishes to fund the program, as presently presented,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution to be sent to our Legislative Delegation to express our concerns.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to

authorize the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Vernon Parish for the audit and examination of taxpayer records by the Sales and Use Tax Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following resolution was presented, to retain Mr. Robert Rainer with the law firm of Rainer, Anding and McClindon to act as conflict/alternative counsel for the Sales Tax Department, subject to approval by the District Attorney and the State of Louisiana Attorney General, and on vote unanimously adopted:

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION EMPLOYING
RAINER, ANDING & MCLINDON
Attorneys at law
AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Myron Lawson, and seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, at a meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held on the 11th day of February, 2002, in Alexandria, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury ("Police Jury" hereafter) administers the sales and use tax ordinances in effect in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and collects sales and use taxes for all local taxing authorities within the Parish, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Police Jury retain special counsel with expertise in sales and use tax law as special counsel to represent the Police Jury with respect to tax imposition, auditing, and collection matters in the defense of a class action suit which has been served on the Police Jury captioned "Lloyd Patrick Larrieu, et al, v. Wal-Mart, et al, Docket No. 480,150, Division H, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, and in multi-parish tax litigation, and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated August 9, 1994 the Police Jury approved the use of Riley F. Boudreaux, Jr. along with the law firm of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues and Rundell to serve as special counsel, it is necessary to delete the name of Riley F. Boudreaux, Jr., as special counsel and substitute the law firm of Rainer, Anding & McLindon to be special counsel along with the law firm of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues and Rundell, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney for Rapides Parish has advised the Police Jury that because of the specialized nature of the above captioned class action lawsuit a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel to represent the Police Jury in this lawsuit;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Police Jury to retain as special counsel the law firm of Rainer, Anding & McLindon of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ("Law Firm" hereafter) to represent the Rapides Parish Police Jury in the aforementioned class action lawsuit and in any multi-parish tax litigation, and

WHEREAS, the said Law Firm has represented that it will be representing several local taxing authorities in the specific litigation above named and that the legal fees and reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in association therewith will be divided equally among all local taxing authorities represented by Law Firm in said suit,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Law Firm be and is hereby employed by the Police Jury as special counsel to the Police Jury with reference to the above cited class action lawsuit and in any future multi-parish litigation and that the fee of said Law Firm is to be that as provided by the applicable provisions of the sales and use tax ordinances administered by the Police Jury, in accordance with law, or the sum of \$150.00 per hour, to be paid monthly, only after review and approval by the Treasurer of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, together with all reasonable expenses incurred by said Law Firm in connection with the providing of such legal services,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Law Firm shall not have the authority to discontinue, dismiss, compromise, any right in the class action lawsuit or multi-parish litigation without the approval of the Police Jury.

THE FOREGOING having been submitted to a vote, and a quorum being present, and by majority vote in favor thereof, the foregoing resolution was declared adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this 11th day of February, 2002.

s/President

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to

request our Legislative Delegation to introduce and support an Act to amend LARS 33:2451(A)(8) relative to the Rapides Parish Civil Service System and Personnel Administration so as to exclude the WIA Operations Director and the Courthouse and Jail Building Superintendent from its provisions. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to reimburse Deborah Hargis, Workforce Operations department staff member, tuition and fees in the amount of \$248.25 for completing computer course (CSC 2402) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, as requested by the WIA Operations Director, the course is job related and necessary for upkeep of all WIA clients. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Macon Ridge Economic Development Region, Inc. has diligently led the Renewal Community application process in Central Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, Macon Ridge Economic Development Region, Inc. desires to be and formally requests to be designated the Coordinating Responsible Authority (under HUD CFR 599.505) (the CoRA) for the Central Louisiana Renewal Community; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury encourages and wholeheartedly supports and believes that Macon Ridge Economic Development Region Inc. is the organization best suited to develop and administer policies, procedures and activities to implement and maximize the Federal, State and local benefits made available in the Renewal Communities.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the other parishes that are part of the Central Louisiana Renewal Community application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to sign the Urban and Rural Renewal Community Post-Designation Form 1 naming Macon Ridge Economic Development region Inc. as the CoRA to represent Rapides Parish;

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign a contract with the District Attorney for a juvenile investigator under the JAIBG grant, as requested by Judge Swent and the District Attorney. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to approve Modification No. 4 to the Rapides Parish Youth Services Title-IB Grant incorporating Fiscal Year 2001 Youth Supplemental Funds in the amount of \$15,580; authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget and the President to sign the modification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to approve the President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rapides Parish School Board to provide transportation support services for eligible WIA youth to attend the Technology Program at LSUA, as recommended by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development Executive Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to reject Bid No. 1809 Purchase Various Computer Equipment for welfare-to-work and authorize to purchase under Louisiana State Contract, as recommended by the OEWD Director, the Purchasing Agent, and Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to hire one Program Monitor on a temporary part-time basis, as recommended by the WIA Operation Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the submission of a proposal to the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for the Serious, Violent Offender Reentry Initiative and authorize the President to sign and the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the submission of an application to the Louisiana Youth Policy Network to conduct regional youth development activities and authorize the President to sign and the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to

authorize Modification No. 1 to professional services contract with Kathy Sellers-Johnson to amend the scope of work subject to approval by parish counsel and the Louisiana Department of Labor and authorize the President to sign and the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to extend the ending date to 6/30/02 of the School-to-Work contract with Vernon Parish School Board facilitator to allow for close-out and related School-to-Work activities and authorize the President to sign and the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize payment of special assessment of \$5000 to the National Workforce Association to be paid out of WIA program funds to allow for enrollment and fiscal data collection and compilation of said data for report to Congress. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to seek legislative support of the Rapides Parish Police Jury's application to the Louisiana Department of Social Service to implement a fatherhood pilot for Central Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to secure prices for rental of a portable building for the Forest Hill satellite in the Technology service district. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to congratulate Police Juror Ezra Reed on his installation as Deputy District Grand Master, representing the Ninth Masonic District for the State of Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to pay for 500 replacement inmate jumpsuits in the amount of \$7,526.25 and 300 fire resistant blankets in the amount of \$2,625.00 for a total of \$10,151.25, as requested by Major Vernon L. Creecy, Rapides Parish Detention Center, to be paid out of the feeding and maintaining prisoners line item in the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending the 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 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. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 11th day of February, 2002, that Thursday, February 28, 2002 be observed as

RED CROSS DAY

in Rapides Parish and to encourage our citizens to participate in the flag raising ceremony to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse flagpole.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into a Cooperating Technical Partners Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with those certain specific objectives to be performed and project participation as appendixes to the Agreement, as recommended by the Flood Map Study Committee, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to delete from Fire Protection District No. 2 Fixed Asset/Inventory Program the following:

Asset No.	Description	Purchased	Disposal
6777	Kenmore Stove	5-03-94	broken-scrap
7459	Canon Rebel Camera	2-18-97	broken-scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to lay over for review of Legal Counsel the renewal of the contracts between the

Police Jury and Fire Protection District No. 7 and between Fire Protection District No. 7 and the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association, effective March 10, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

PROCLAMATION

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 11th day of February, 2002, that the week of February 3-9, 2002, be observed as

NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

in Rapides Parish and to encourage our citizens to participate in local fire department or school ceremonies and activities and learning how to prevent burn injuries, especially to children.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to award Bid No. 1810 Wildland Fire Rescue Protective Suits for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 11 to Ricochet National Sales Division in the amount of \$14,846.00 as recommended by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to lay over review of the rates for ambulance service submitted in accordance with Section 1-1/2.70 of the Code of Ordinances. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the NACo Western Interstate Regional Annual Conference to be held on May 22-24, 2002 in Billings, Montana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to send a second request asking the Fire Protection District No. 2 Civil Service Board to consider amending their rules governing sick leave so that any classified employee shall not seek or participate in outside employment of any nature while on sick leave from Fire Protection District No. 2, the original request by the Police Jury of April 10, 2000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to send a second request asking the Fire Protection District No. 2 Civil Service Board to amend their classification plan and establish the positions of district fire chiefs, the original request by the Police Jury of October 8, 2001. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept the resignation of Ms. Jana Klock from the Cheneyville Recreation District, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Ms. Sally Ann McCann to fill the unexpired term, term will expire on March 10, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept Bid No. 1792 Turkey Creek Road Project as substantially complete, as recommended by the Public Works Director, and authorize the President to sign the Notice of Substantial Completion. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant approval to Harmony Hills West, Extension No. 1, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, minutes and review memorandum having been received, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to pay the 2002 annual sponsorship dues to the Twin Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. in the amount of \$250, to be paid from Fire District No. 2 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to hire an appraiser for land owned by Ms. Lenora Nitz, not to exceed 2-1/2 acres adjacent to the Village Green Subdivision, for the purpose of a parish-constructed retention basin to alleviate flooding in the area, to be paid out of Road District No. 10A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to create two additional Equipment Operator I slots to operate the two new slope mowers

to be received by the Parish Highway Department in April, contingent upon assurance by the Treasurer and the Public Works Director that sufficient funds are available, and authorize the Public Works Director to fill the positions. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to award Bid No. 1812 Fire Safety House for Fire District No. 11 to Mobile Concepts in the amount of \$28,400 as recommended by Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid out of FEMA Grant Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to award Bid No. 1813 Purchase Miscellaneous Firefighting Equipment for Fire District No. 14 to the low bidder First-In-Fire Corporation in the amount of \$17,851.15 as recommended by the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid out of FEMA Grant Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign a contract with the Department of Social Services to implement a fatherhood initiative and the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request the U.S. Department of Census to correct the Tiger files representing Rapides Parish by changing several line segments identified as nonvisible or nonexistent features to visible features, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, the following ordinance was presented, to amend the boundary descriptions for Voting Precincts C34 and C42, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, as follows:

Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VISIBLE PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES FOR PRECINCTS C34 AND C42 OF RAPIDES PARISH AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION; TO SUBMIT THE PROSPECTIVE CHANGES TO THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL; AND SUBMIT THE PROSPECTIVE CHANGES TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PRECLEARANCE

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has substantially complied with Act 1420 of the 1997 Louisiana Legislature, which required Parishes to move all non-visible precinct boundaries to visible features as defined by the Census Bureau and approved by the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Elections and U.S. Department of Justice; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted the prospective visible precinct boundaries on April 13, 1998, amended on May 11, 1998 and June 8, 1998, and readopted on December 14, 1998 in accordance with LARS 18:532.1(B)(2)(b); and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury reapportioned itself on September 10, 2001 and availed itself of the provisions of LARS 18:532.1 and changed or redefined the boundary descriptions of five certain precincts and said divisions created five additional precincts; and,

WHEREAS, the division of certain precinct boundaries under the provisions of LARS 18:532.1 requires approval of the State Legislative Offices; and,

WHEREAS, the State Legislative Offices has approved four of the precinct divisions and requested additional information on the fifth precinct division, the division of current precinct C34 into proposed precincts C34 and C42; and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries originally used for the division of C34 into proposed precincts C34 and C42 are on the TIGER line files, but have since been altered by man;

WHEREAS, the US Department of Census has been requested to amend the TIGER files for Rapides Parish to show the man-made changes in Precinct C34;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the ordinances of the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted on April 13, 1998, amended on May 11, 1998 and June 8, 1998, and readopted on December 14, 1998, and amended on September 10, 2001, are hereby amended, re-enacted, established and defined or redefined on the territorial limits of certain precincts within the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, all boundaries being clearly observable and coinciding with visible features readily distinguishable on the ground as follows:

Changed (Redefined) Precinct Boundaries
Descriptions

All boundary lines follow the center line of said physical feature, be it man-made or natural, unless otherwise stated.

Boundary directions follow the center line of the last said feature until the intersection of the center line of the next stated feature unless otherwise specified.

Precinct C34 (change)

Commence with the intersection of Horseshoe Drive and Masonic Drive, southwest on Masonic Drive to the Diversion Canal, northwest to Twin Bridges Road, northeast to Bayou Robert, southwest to an unnamed private utility road at the end of Lodi Road, southwest, west and then southwest to the second unnamed levee, southeast to an unnamed natural drainage feature, southeast to unnamed drainage feature dividing Landmark Subdivision and Penny Acres Subdivision running southwest to northeast, northeast to Bayou Robert, east to Boeuf Trace, northeast to Horseshoe Drive, east to Masonic Drive, which is the point of beginning.

Precinct C42 (additional)

Commerce with the intersection of Bayou Robert and Twin Bridges Road, southeast on Twin Bridges Road to Horseshoe Drive, southeast to Boeuf Trace, southwest to Bayou Robert, west to an unnamed drainage feature dividing Landmark Subdivision and Penny Acres Subdivision running northeast to southwest, southwest to an unnamed natural drainage feature near Rapides Parish Sewerage District No. 1's Penny Acres facility, northwest to an unnamed levee, northwest to an unnamed private utility road, northeast, east and then northeast to Bayou Robert, west to Twin Bridges Road, which is the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance and appropriate maps be sent to the State Legislative Offices with a request for their review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance, together with other showings required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Regulations pertaining thereto (29 C.F.R. 51.22) and in accordance with LARS 18:1941, be submitted to the United States Attorney General for approval in compliance with the said Voting Rights Act.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that certified copies of this ordinance and appropriate maps be sent to the Secretary of State and the Department of Elections.

This Ordinance, having been presented, and having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Joe Fuller, Steve P. Bordelon, Ezra L. Reed, Myron K. Lawson, Donald H. Wilmore, Richard W. Billings, Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Richard Nunnally.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to enter into a financing agreement with Bank One for the purchase of three (3) hydraulic excavators (Gradealls) authorized under Bid No. 1800, four Ford F-150 pick ups authorized under the City of Alexandria bid, and one self-propelled sweeper authorized under Bid No. 1801 in the amount of \$677,627 for the Rapides Parish Highway Department at an interest rate of 3.75% with five annual payments beginning in January 2003, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds, as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent:

RESOLUTION AND
DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT

Lessee: Rapides Parish Police Jury

Principal Amount Expected to be Financed: \$677,627

WHEREAS, the above Lessee is a political subdivision of the State in which Lessee is located (the "State") and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee

("Governing Body") is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real and personal property, including, without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee.

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more lease-purchase agreements ("Equipment Leases") in the principal amount not exceeding the amount stated above ("Principal Amount") for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below ("Property") and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee.

"Equipment Description"

Bid 1801 One Road Sweeper
Bid 1800 Three Hydraulic Excavators (Gradealls)
Bid 1330 Four Pick Up Trucks (Ford)

WHEREAS, Banc One Leasing Corporation ("Lessor") is expected to act as the lessor under the Equipment Leases.

WHEREAS, the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases ("Lease Purchase Proceeds") for such expenditures and such expenditures are not expected to exceed the Principal amount.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital and the Lessee shall hereby declare its official intent to be reimbursed for any capital expenditures for Property from the Lease Purchase Proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Lessee:

Section 1. Either Davron "Bubba" Moreau, President or Tim Ware, Treasurer (each an "Authorized Representative") acting on behalf of the Lessee is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the Governing Body, which document is available for public inspection at the office of the Lessee. Each Authorized Representative acting on behalf of the Lessee is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as the Authorized Representative deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

Section 2. By a written instrument signed by any Authorized Representative, said Authorized Representative may designate specifically identified officers or employees of the Lessee to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the Lessee.

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

Section 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall not constitute a general obligations of the the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

Section 5. The Governing Body of Lessee anticipates that the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property. The Governing Body of Lessee hereby declares the Lessee's official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures. This section of the Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of Lessee for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This section of the Resolution does not bind the Lessee to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

Section 6. As to each Equipment Lease, the Lessee reasonably anticipates to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (other than "private activity bonds" which are not "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds") during the fiscal year in which each such Equipment Lease is issued and hereby designates each Equipment Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2002.

On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to award RFP 1811 Auditing Services to Payne, Moore and Herrington, LLP as recommended by the Treasurer and authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget line item for audit from \$25,000 to \$39,500. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Perry introduced discussion on the Jimmy Brown Road bridge. Mr. Raggio advised he had contacted the State Highway Department and they expected the project to be complete and the bridge reopened in April.

Mr. Lawson introduced discussion on the proposed closure of the Alexandria consumer call center, he had received several calls and as a governing body, he wished to express the concerns and ask BellSouth to reconsider and retain their location in Rapides Parish. Mr. Lawrence Nugent, Regional Manager for BellSouth, explained this was a corporate decision to close many call centers that handle residential telephone service in nine States by the end of the year, that Louisiana was fortunate three centers would be retained and expanded (Baton Rouge, Covington and New Orleans. The approximately 50 employees of the Alexandria call center would be given opportunities to follow their job (relocate) or early retirement, or assistance in separation or education or career counseling.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and all other Police Jurors, to oppose the closure of the local BellSouth Company call center and ask BellSouth to reconsider and keep the call center open, copy of this resolution to be sent to the Public Service Commission and to the municipalities in Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

After unanimous vote the following item was placed on the agenda:

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Glenmora for 10 hours of gradeall work by the Parish Highway Department, two trucks and three operators, to clean a ditch and set approximately 240 feet of culverts within corporate limits, as requested by Mayor Tyrone Doyle, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item. Ms. Sylvia Ball, resident of the Cotile Lake area, appeared and asked the Police Jury to hard surface the Ball Cemetery Road. The President reminded the public comment period was for any agenda item and suggested this request be brought before the appropriate committee.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson, that the request to hard surface Ball Cemetery Road be brought before the Public Works Committee, contingent upon the Public Works Director not having been able to solve the problem prior to that time. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Myron Lawson, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:50 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Bubba Moreau, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury