

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

March 17, 2003

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, March 17, 2003, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Police Juror Steve P. Bordelon was absent.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; 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. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Scott Perry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Theodore Fountaine.

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

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Scott Perry, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on February 10, 2003, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the Treasurer's Report. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Dave Mulcahy to the Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District for a three year term, term will expire on July 15, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the appointment to the Ruby-Wise Recreation District to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the death of the late Eddie Cannon, term will expire on February 18, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to lay over the appointment to the Board on the Code of Ethics for one year term to fill the expired term of Rev. Frank Mattox, term expired on December 10, 2002. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to lay over the appointment to the Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Bobby R. Miller, department elected, term expired on February 7, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the appointment to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Jim Smolenski, term expired on February 12, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the appointment to the Ward 7 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Edward Thomas, term will expire on April 13, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

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

AICUZ Board of Appeals for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Michael DeKeyzer, term will expire on May 9, 2003; and Sewerage District No. 1 for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Bob Wooley, term will expire on May 10, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Michael DeKeyzer to the

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AICUZ Board of Adjustments and Appeals, representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury, for a three year term, term will expire on May 9, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Bob Wooley to the Sewerage District No. 1 for a four year term, term will expire on May 10, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to authorize Mr. William Bedgood, off the Padgett Road, Hineston, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Ms. Bobby Meylian, off Highway 112, Glenmora, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Ms. Mollie Stokes, off Highway 112, Elmer, as a Hardship Case. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to rescind that certain motion of February 10, 2003, which provided for an amendment to the contract with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections inmate crew. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign the renewal of the contract with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections for inmate crews used with the Parish Highway Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept for maintenance the cul-de-sac at the end of Yohanna Lane, Ward 11, District C, subject to approval of the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept Guice Road, Ward 5, for Parish maintenance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following equipment from the Road and Bridge Asset/Inventory Program as no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
6030 Welding Machine	1-16-75	scrap/auction
4423 Dragline - Linkbelt	7-1-81	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate contracts for gravel hauling for the 2003 Gravel Road Priority List and the 2003 Capital Improvement Gravel Road List with the private haulers, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Lecompte for the Parish Highway Department to perform approximately twenty hours of ditch and culvert work within corporate limits, as requested by Mayor Jones, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids for reinforced tank car culverts, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following equipment from the Highway Department Asset/Inventory List as this equipment will be auctioned:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
5195 1987 Crown Victoria	8-20-87	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept a road for maintenance to be known as Sylvia Loop, located off the St. Clair Road, in Section 1, T3N-R4W, Ward 5, District H, subject to receipt of the proper right of way dedications. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept street and drainage improvements in Westwind Subdivision, for a portion of Westwind Drive from the end of the street now maintained by the City of Alexandria to the intersection of Wildwind Drive, all of Wildwind Drive, and the section of Woodwind Drive from station 1+44 to station 9+50, as substantially complete, as recommended by the Public Works Director. Acceptance of these sections of streets provide access to an additional 52 lots. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1823 Reinforced Concrete Pipe with Rinker Materials, Hydro Conduit Pipe at the same terms and prices, as

recommended by the Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Road & Bridge and maintenance funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1843 Chemicals for Weed Control to Red River Specialities, the low bidder, in the amount of \$22,857.60 as recommended by the Treasurer, Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, for the Public Works Committee Chairman, the Finance Committee Chairman and a couple of others to review the revised Parish Highway Department Organization Chart for a recommendation. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 6-1 SO AS TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF THE MINIMUM IMPOUNDMENT PERIOD FOR IMPOUNDED NUISANCE CATS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 17th day of March, 2003, that Section 6-1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Chapter 6 Animals and Fowl

Article I. In General

Section 6-1 Cats roaming at large.

a. Declaration of nuisance; impoundment; redemption fee. Any cat that habitually roams at large on property belonging to one other than the cat owner, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and law enforcement officials are hereby empowered to impound such animal. The impounding officer is to hold the cat for a minimum period of three (3) days during which time the owner or keeper of such animal may claim the same by payment of an impounding fee of five dollars (\$5.00), plus one dollar (\$1.00) for each day of impoundment.

b. Adoption by nonowner; destruction and disposal. If the animal is not claimed in accordance with paragraph (a) above, the cat may be adopted by a willing individual(s); or the impounding officer, or other officer or person appointed by him, may destroy the animal in a humane manner and cause the body thereof to be disposed of as provided by law for the disposal of bodies of other dead animals.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Chapter 6 shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, funds are available through the Governor's Office of Rural Development, as provided under Acts 216 and 396; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is in need of funds for the Esler Field Sewerage Project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that:

Section 1. The President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

Section 2. The President is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may be reasonably be requested in connection with the application.

Section 3. The President is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the Rapides Parish Police Jury for any project that may result from the submission of this application.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, funds are available through the Governor's Office of Rural Development, as provided under Acts 216 and 396; and,

WHEREAS, the Lena Water System serves a population of approximately 3,810 households and is in need of two generators, one for existing well in Lena and one for the future well in Flatwoods, to provide uninterrupted water service during power outages or in the event of a terrorism attack; and,

WHEREAS, the Lena Water System and the Rapides Parish Police Jury lacks the necessary funds for purchase of these generators; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize a submission of an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development for a grant in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase two generators to be used in the operation of the Lena Water System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the President is hereby authorized to sign the application and statement of assurances.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve cooperative endeavor between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Military - National Guard, and Sewer District No. 2 for the purpose of joint planning of a sewer project and authorize the President to sign said agreement subject to legal counsel approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following assets from the Highway Department's Asset/Inventory List for the reasons listed:

ASSET DESCRIPTION	ACQUIRED	DISPOSAL
6009 1982 Chevy Truck	03/14/83	Scrap/Auction
6735 1994 Int'l Truck	05/24/94	Delete*

\*This truck was valued in our Asset/Inventory Program with the Asphalt Distributor mounted on the back. The Asphalt Distributor will be sold at auction and the truck will be assigned a new Asset Number. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for the President to sign a revision to 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 \$78,147 for the period of October 16, 2002 to September 30, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM has provided the Parish of Rapides with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of its low and moderate income residents by funding water and sewer system improvements, as well as housing rehabilitation, in the Wardville area, sewer system improvements in the Lee Heights area, water improvements in the Latanier-Poland areas, and economic development activities with the Willamette Valley project; and,

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

WHEREAS, the week of April 21-27, 2003, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY does hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2003, as

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WEEK

within the Parish of Rapides, and calls upon all citizens of this community to participate in ceremonies and activities celebrating the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM and the important role it plays in our community,

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following assets from the Road & Bridge Asset/Inventory List as they are no longer suitable for public use and will be auctioned:

ASSET DESCRIPTION	ACQUIRED	DISPOSAL
6462 Mower	05/10/93	scrap/auction
5604 Mower	05/02/89	scrap/auction
5763 Striping Machine	01/01/90	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, as one of the nation's oldest, most recognized humanitarian organizations, has been woven tightly into the fabric of Central Louisiana for 85 years, providing compassionate care when disasters and other crises threaten to overwhelm and destroy families. The Central Louisiana Chapter - American Red Cross, in collaboration with governmental agencies and other non-profit agencies, can help their communities prepare for, help prevent and respond to emergencies. We are indeed fortunate in our community to have this organization with over 1,000 volunteers dedicated to relieving suffering and saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by a visionary woman named Clara Barton and chartered by Congress in 1905 to act in times of need. Now, each year, the Central Louisiana Chapter responds to more than 170 disasters in Central Louisiana, of which 73 single-family fires representing 267 individuals were in Rapides Parish alone last year. At such times, Americans trust and rely upon their local Red Cross chapters to provide services for families robbed of their loved ones, homes, livelihood or dignity; and,

WHEREAS, our military men and women join the effort to fight terrorism a world away, Red Cross workers in Central Louisiana are working around the clock to fulfill a historical role: keeping service members and their families in touch and offering other small comforts to ease the strain of being far from home. Last year, 194 Rapides Parish families were connected to their military family member; and

WHEREAS, residents of Central Louisiana get information they need to maintain safe and healthy lives through Red Cross courses in lifesaving skills - first aid, CPR, AED, water safety and much more; and,

WHEREAS, through its work, the Red Cross, an enduring American institution, restores hope at home and throughout the world every day, and its vital services would not be possible without generous contributions from the American people. "Together we Prepare"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that March, 2003, be proclaimed

RED CROSS MONTH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, especially during these trying times for our country, we request that each member of our community support the Central Louisiana Chapter's noble humanitarian mission with a gift of time or money. Together, we can prepare to save lives and make our world a safer, better place.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

Motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, to recognize Dr. Wesley Dyer, Coroner. (No second or vote taken on the motion.)

Dr. Dyer spoke of his concern on two problems that his Office has encountered, which has mushroomed, the primary problem being reliable transportation and the second problem is having adequate office space for both clerical and public use in the Coroner's Office. He stated he has asked for a replacement vehicle for the past three years without result. He spoke of recent vehicle break downs and replacement rentals, which have caused delays, embarrassment and confusion in the administration of his Office.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, that a meeting be held with the Treasurer and look at the Coroner's budget to address the concerns of the Coroner. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville, as well as Central State Hospital and Pinecrest Development Center, serves a clear and important mission in the healthcare to the citizens of Central Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, Huey P. Long Medical Center provides primary, clinic and emergency healthcare to patients of low to moderate income, as well as those restricted to physicians and facilities who accept Medicare and Medicaid assignments; and,

WHEREAS, because the State of Louisiana has a disproportionate number of people who can not afford medical services, the federal government reimburses the State for their healthcare, although there is a cap on the total amount the federal government will reimburse the State; and,

WHEREAS, Huey P. Long Medical Center provides healthcare not only to the residents of Rapides Parish, but also to residents of at least seven other parishes in Central Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Huey P. Long Medical Center has a long and outstanding record of having one of the best medical training facilities in all of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Huey P. Long Medical Center is one of the largest employers in Rapides Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, closure has been discussed recently in the LSU Board of Supervisors Task Force on Indigent Care and Medical Education meetings on indigent care reform and alternative approaches in the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby expresses concern of recent reports of the proposed closure of the charity hospital system in the State of Louisiana; the Huey P. Long Medical Center is extremely important in its services to the residents of Central Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rapides Parish urges the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, Governor Mike Foster, and our Louisiana Legislative Delegation to take whatever action is necessary to keep the charity hospital system open and viable in the State of Louisiana.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Rapides Parish Police Jury vs. the Grant Parish Police Jury boundary suit, in which the School Board on February 4, 2003, increased their participation in the cost of the preparation and litigation in said suit. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Poland Estates Subdivision, at the intersection of LA 457 and Reynolds Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to delete the following asset from the Courthouse Maintenance Asset/Inventory Listing as no longer needed for public use and authorize to sell at public auction:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
5029 1985 Chev. El Camino	4/8/85	auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, the following In Memoriam was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Arthur Degroat Jr, who was employed by the Rapides Parish Police Jury for twenty-two years, was called by his Creator on Saturday, February 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Degroat served as Building Superintendent of the Rapides Parish Court House and Jail from 1984 until 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Degroat earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all those with whom he came into contact and the love and affection of all who were proud to call him friend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the deceased Mr. Degroat, and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy hereof be presented to his family as a lasting tribute to his public service.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 17th day of March, 2003.

Mr. Billings, President, and Mr. Fountaine, Courthouse Chairman, presented the In Memoriam plaque to members of the family present at the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over the presentation of an In Memoriam for the late Reverend Henry Booze, former Police Juror. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to nominate Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Richard Nunnally to the Central Louisiana Research Park Advisory Board, representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to congratulate Mr. William Watson, of Troop 6, on his achievement of earning Eagle Scout. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following equipment from the County Agent Asset/Inventory Program as the items will be auctioned:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
7749 Copier	9-3-97	scrap/auction
2507 Projector	7-1-73	scrap/auction
2562 Projector	7-1-73	scrap/auction
2610 Projector	7-1-77	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

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

PROCLAMATION

APRIL 6-12, 2003

Counties Care for Kids. Counties provide critical services to the children and families that live in our great country.

County governments provide medical services, public safety, and educational development. Counties provide immunizations to keep kids healthy, planning to keep parks safe places to play, maintenance to keep roads and bridges fit for traveling, and clean environments and livable communities in which to grow. Counties provide needed elderly services for grandmothers and grandfathers and healthcare to the disabled and the needy. When natural or man-made disasters strike, county emergency services keep children and their families safe and informed until order can be restored.

Counties provide many services that make America's communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families.

County officials and employees use their role as local leaders to encourage better children's health, increase early childhood development and promote safe and effective parenting strategies.

Counties have a long history of caring and providing for the nation's children. County governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together. In recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it does hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2003 in Rapides Parish as

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Parish employees to attend the 2004 annual Police Jury Association Conference to be held on March 11-13, 2004 in Alexandria, Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the NACO Western Interstate Region Annual Conference to be held on May 28-31, 2003 in Washoe County, Nevada, and to attend the NOBCO Economic Development Conference to be held on May 14-18, 2003 in Shreveport, Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury authorizes the submission of an application for funding of redevelopment of the Hot Wells property through the State Capital Outlay Program; and,

WHEREAS, the funding for this Capital Project will provide for restoration of a historic wellness center and encourage economic development in area; and,

WHEREAS, bond funding for this project is not otherwise available; and,

WHEREAS, local options have been exhausted; and,

WHEREAS, no funds are currently budgeted in our current budget for non-recurring appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, no surplus funding/uncommitted cash are currently available; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby designated as the contact person;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the President to sign the application and related documents to the Division of Administration for a grant for the Redevelopment of Hot Wells under the 2003/2004 Capital Outlay Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to our Louisiana Legislative Delegation asking for their support.

THUS DONE, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request Wildlife and Fisheries to check Cocodrie Lake for fish, such as for the Bream and Bass population, copy of this resolution to be sent to our Louisiana Legislative Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase miscellaneous fire fighting equipment for Fire District No. 9, as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from FEMA Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid 1838 Purchase One Live Burn Training Trailer for Fire District No. 4 to the sole bidder, Fireblast Inc., in the amount of \$241,500.00, as recommended by the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid with FEMA Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to purchase one 1-ton pick up truck under Louisiana State Contract for Fire District No. 6, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire District No. 6 Funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the meals and mileage to New Iberia on February 20, 2003, for the Ambulance Committee Chairman to represent the Rapides Parish Police Jury in response to the request of the Iberia Parish Council. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award RFP 1841 Upgrade MIP Accounting System for the OEWD Department to the low bidder Lavine MMC Technologies in the amount of \$4,975 plus travel expenses, as recommended by the OEWD Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

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

Mr. Fountaine asked about the necessity of placing numerous items on the Police Jury agenda without having gone through the appropriate committee, did an emergency situation exist. Mr. Billings suggested that unless an emergency situation existed, as many items as can be deferred to the next month's committee agenda.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over thirty days discussion on the proposed changes to the subdivision ordinances. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for the President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chief Elected Official of Rapides Parish, the Workforce Investment Board and Local Workforce Area One-Stop Partners. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the OEWD One Stop partnership. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rapides Parish School Board for the Parish Highway Department to repair pot holes at Tioga Junior High School, the School Board to reimburse for equipment and labor, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented to endorse Boise Cascade Corporation - Alexandria EWP as a participant in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise/Economic Development Zone Program in Tract 106 Block Group 2 in Rapides Parish with rebate from the 1% Rapides Parish Police Jury Sales and Use Tax, as recommended by the Reviewing Agencies:

ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION STATING THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION - ALEXANDRIA EWP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995 and Act 647 of 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the Parish of Rapides; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 106 Block Group 2 in Rapides Parish, as an "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation (R.S. 51:1781-1791); and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To REBATE all applicable (applicable sales/use taxes are defined as all local sales/use taxes except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a Bond issue or dedicated to any public school) local sales/use taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened this 17th day of March, 2003, that BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION - ALEXANDRIA EWP and their project THICK VERSA LAM EXPANSION, Enterprise Zone Application No. 2003-0009, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to request funds from FEMA Fire Grant Funds to upgrade SCBA compressor and cascade system for Fire Protection District No. 2 for approximately \$41,000, as recommended by the Fire Chief, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to appoint a committee to study what could be done to establish a sewer collection system in the unincorporated areas of Wards 9, 10 and 11, to be comprised of Mr. Jim Hanna, Chairman, serving with Mr. Francis Harper, Mr. Lester Mallette, Mr. D. K. Murphy, Mr. Frank Killen, Ms. Joy Juderman, Rev. Wardell Williams, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Stan Miller and Mr. Calvin Malone. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to hire up to eighteen full time temporary, seasonal, employees to work at the Parish Highway Department for the period of April 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003, at the rate of \$6.25 per hour for operators and \$7.25 per hour for supervisors, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize travel expenses for the President to attend the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition Conference to be held on March 28-30, 2003 in Washoe County, Nevada, registration is being paid by the Coalition. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an agreement with Camp Dresser & McKee for preparation of Facility Planning documents to determine the feasibility of providing sewer service and sewer treatment to the unsewered areas of Rapides Parish and to enhance the service to those already serviced, for the lump sum amount of \$250,000, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Workforce Investment Board in order to outline the duties and responsibilities between the two bodies. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that HB 114 has been prefiled in the 2003 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session; and,

WHEREAS, HB 114 proposes to increase the amount sheriffs can charge for keeping and feeding parish prisoners from the present \$3.50 per day minimum up to the amount the State pays for State prisoners, which is currently \$22.39 per day; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury under a compromise settlement agreement pays the Rapides Parish Sheriff an amount of \$4 per day (which includes prescription medications for inmates) which totalled \$331,160 in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the potential bill to the Rapides Parish Police Jury could increase from \$331,160 per year to \$1,856,668 per year; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does not have sufficient funds for this potential increase; and,

WHEREAS, this is an unfunded mandate by the Legislature which will be a burden on parish governing authorities throughout the State of Louisiana; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby opposes HB 114 increasing the amount sheriffs can charge for keeping and feeding parish prisoners, the increase being an unfunded mandate that would cause hardships on parishes,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution to be sent to our Louisiana Legislative Delegation and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2003.

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve construction lease for purpose of improvements at the Dean Lee Research Station between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, subject to Parish counsel approval, and authorize the President to sign. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete from the Asset/Inventory Program for Road & Bridge the following equipment:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
7431 Computer System	2-28-97	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve the following budget amendments to the Workforce Investment Board's July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003 budget contingent upon WIB approval at the March 20, 2003 meeting:

- 1) Move balance of funds remaining (\$16,438.00) in "Contractual Employment Services" line items to "Staff Wages and Benefits" line items. In addition, move \$1,588.00 from "WIB Meeting Expense" line item to "Staff Wages and Benefits" line items;
- 2) Move balance of funds remaining (\$7,000.00) in "Contractual Employee Travel" line item to "Staff Travel" line item;
- 3) Move \$412.00 from "WIB Meeting Expense" line item and \$418.00 from "WIB Travel Expense" line item and create a "Professional Services" line item with a budget of \$830.00.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to purchase seventeen (17) mobile radios and 1 base radio under the Rapides Parish Police Jury Bid No. 1839 for the Parish Highway Department, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, and approved by the Communications District, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent to negotiate contracts with contract-haulers with ten to sixteen yard trucks to be used with the chip spreader for the 2003 resealing program at the rate of \$40 per hour up to forty hours per week and \$45 per hour over 40 hours within a week, to be paid out of Road and Bridge Resealing Funds and appropriate road district funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for annual bids for various bituminous material (hot & cold mix), as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1822 Various Road Material (Gravel) at the same terms and prices, based on availability of material and haul distance; to the following for all items bid: Larry Grayson & Son Trucking, Luhr Brothers Inc. and TXI Industries, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to design and build a commercial grade hip roof for Fire Protection District No. 2, Station No. 1 (Ransbottom Drive), to be paid from Fire District No. 2 Funds as budgeted, as recommended by the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive quotes to upgrade the sewer system at Fire Protection District No. 2, Station No. 4 (Hot Wells Road), to be approved by the State Board of Health, as recommended by the Fire Chief, to be paid from Fire District No. 2 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete from the Asset/Inventory List for Courthouse Maintenance the following equipment:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE	DISPOSAL
8347	Kenmore Washer	01/14/00	Scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following equipment from various departments as scrap to be auctioned:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
Juvenile Probation		
2176 Desk	7-1-75	scrap/disposal
7377 Canon Printer	12-9-96	scrap/disposal
Courthouse		
472 Desk	7-1-75	scrap/disposal
County Agent		
5167 Clipmaster	9-25-85	scrap/disposal

On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to enter into a contract with Windrush Industries to do dirt work, ground leveling and build a road on the land owned by Fire District No. 4 behind the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 1 on LA 28 East for the location of the new burn training building, as recommended by the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, to receive recommendation of Treasurer regarding the proposal of Unique Recovery Services, Inc. (No second or vote taken on the motion.)

Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer, advised he had reviewed the proposal of Unique Recovery Services, which has two parts for contract: 1) look at existing telephone or utility bill and determine if overcharges and/or past overcharges, share 50%-50% on recovery of overcharges; and 2) cost savings plan. After meeting with Mr. John Allen of Unique Recovery Services, Mr. Ware recommended the Police Jury contract for the first part and at a later date reconsider the second contract part.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine and Mr. Richard Nunnally, to authorize the President to sign the contract with Unique Recovery Services for an utility audit with half of refund or credits as compensation for the audit. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Troy Stuckey asked if the streets in Westwind Subdivision had been accepted for maintenance, to which the Police Jury replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Billy James asked the status of the request for repairs to the bridge in Lecompte on the Carnal property.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to ask the Town of Lecompte to confirm they have accepted the Carnal Bridge for maintenance and that they are asking for help, and the Parish then would be able to give the help that was recommended by the Public Works Director, subject to approval of Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation Police Jury vs. the Gradeall Company, et al. On vote the motion carried at 3:35 p.m.

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The President called the meeting back into public session at 3:50 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Richard Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry and Mr. Ezra Reed, to send a letter to the Gradall Company asking them to replace the existing equipment, specifying down time and costs to us, and authorize the District to file suit. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:51 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Richard Billings, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury