

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION
March 27, 2003

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. (Central Standard Time), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law, viz:

Alexandria, Louisiana
March 25, 2003

NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. To authorize the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor between the State DOA and the Police Jury for the Dean Lee Research Station Project, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 5-J40-02-01, and name the Treasurer to act in all matters pertaining to this project.
2. To authorize the President to sign the lease agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for the purpose of improvements at the Dean Lee Research Station, amendment of that certain motion of March 17, 2003.
3. To authorize the President to execute the architect and engineering agreement with Barron, Heinberg and Brocato for the Dean Lee Project, after execution of the Cooperative Endeavor by the Division of Administration.
4. To authorize to advertise for bids for the Dean Lee Research Station Project.
5. To ratify the declaration by the President that a State of Emergency exists in Rapides Parish for the period of March 17, 2003 through April 16, 2003 in conjunction with the National Homeland Security measures associated with Operation Liberty Shield and potential terrorism-related incident(s).
6. To ratify the authorization for the President to submit a general U.S. appropriations request to Congressman David Vitter and Senator Mary Landrieu for funds in the amount of \$776,440 for operating funds and equipment costs for the Technology Center.
7. To conduct the 2003 WIA summer youth employment opportunities program and exercise the grant recipient's right to provide such.
8. Any other business that may properly come before the Police Jury.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

Angie Richmond, Secretary

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

Police Jurors Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Steve P. Bordelon and Richard L. Nunnally were absent.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Candy Saucier, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Scott Perry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Don Wilmore.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Richard

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Billings, 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. Scott Perry, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the Cooperative Endeavor between the State Division of Administration and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the Dean Lee Research Station Project, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-02-01, for the following planning and construction activities, is hereby approved: 1. Construct a new Rapides Parish Cooperative Extension Service Office building on LSU AgCenter property at the Dean Lee Research Station.

2. Construct a new access road across LSU AgCenter property, Dean Lee Research Station.

3. Renovate the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show building at the Dean Lee Research Station;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tim Ware, Treasurer, is authorized to act on behalf of the Parish of Rapides in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that its President is hereby authorized to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana for the administration of the construction and planning of the Dean Lee Research Station Project by the Louisiana Facility Planning and Control, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-02-01.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 27th day of March 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury on March 17, 2003 approved the construction lease for purposes of improvements at the Dean Lee Research Station; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby wish to change the term of "construction lease" to "lease agreement" for the aforementioned project;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it does hereby approve the lease agreement 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, this being an amendment to that certain motion adopted on March 17, 2003; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury be and he is hereby authorized to sign same after the aforementioned condition has been met.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 27th day of March, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it is hereby authorized to enter into the architect and engineering agreement with Barron, Heinberg and Brocato for the Dean Lee Research Station Project, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-02-01, to be executed following execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by the State of Louisiana Division of Administration, and subject to approval by the State Facility Planning and Control, for the following purposes:

1. Construct a new Rapides Parish Cooperative Extension Service Office building on LSU AgCenter property at the Dean Lee Research Station.

2. Construct a new access road across LSU AgCenter property, Dean Lee Research Station.

3. Renovate the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show building at the Dean Lee Research Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury be and he is hereby authorized to sign same after the aforementioned conditions have been met.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 27th day of March, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Dean Lee Research Station, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-02-01, to be opened no later than May 27, 2003, advertisement of bids to be published immediately following approval of plans and specifications by the State of Louisiana Division of Administration and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; bids to cover the following:

1. Construct a new Rapides Parish Cooperative Extension Service Office building on LSU AgCenter property at the Dean Lee Research Station.

2. Construct a new access road across LSU AgCenter property, Dean Lee Research Station.

3. Renovate the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show building at the Dean Lee Research Station.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 27th day of March, 2003.

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On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to ratify the declaration by the President that a State of Emergency exists in Rapides Parish for the period of March 17, 2003 through April 16, 2003 in conjunction with the National Homeland Security measures associated with Operation Liberty Shield and potential terrorism-related incident(s), as follows, and on vote unanimously adopted:

STATE OF EMERGENCY
RAPIDES PARISH

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2003, the National Homeland Security Advisory Level was upgraded to "High" (orange) in response to preparatory and protective measures associated with Operation Liberty Shield and;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana emergency agencies are aware that terrorists may be targeting the United States, including the State of Louisiana, which includes Rapides Parish and the potential need for rapid deployment of state and local resources in response to threats or attacks within the state remains high;

THEREFORE, I Richard Billings, President of the Rapides parish Police Jury by authority vested in me by the Parish Charter and the Louisiana Disaster Act of 1993, do hereby proclaim;

A State of Emergency within the Parish of Rapides and that all Emergency Preparedness Plans and the Parish All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan be activated, if necessary. The State of Emergency shall extend from Monday, March 17, 2003, through Friday, April 16, 2003, unless terminated sooner.

Issued on this 20th day of March, 2003, and effective at the time of issuance.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to ratify the authorization for the President to submit a general U.S. appropriations request to Congressman David Vitter and Senator Mary Landrieu for funds in the amount of \$776,440 for operating funds and equipment costs for the Technology Center. On vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury, as the WIA grant recipient, to provide WIA youth services, design framework and to conduct 2003 WIB summer youth employment opportunities and exercise the grant recipient's right to provide such.

Ms. Sharron Hills, Administrative Assistant to the Workforce Investment Board, presented a request from the WIB that any decision affecting WIA be delayed in order to give the WIB an opportunity to review the proposal and an opportunity to collaborate as required by law. She acknowledged receipt of the letter from the President advising that the Police Jury intended to exercise the right to do so, but the WIB Executive Committee had not yet had time to meet and respond. Further, she pointed out, the WIB requested a delay until after April 3, 2003 at which time it expected to meet with the DOL team.

Mr. Billings replied that the date for the DOL team was not yet confirmed at this time and his understanding under the law was the Police Jury, as grant recipient, could provide the summer youth program, for which it has staff and teams in place to handle the programs. Mr. Fuller pointed out the same situation occurred last year and the summer program is the same program as last year. It was important that information be disseminated through the schools and school counselors before the school year ends for the summer, which time was imminent. Mr. Billings pointed out if the DOL team on April 3rd said the Police Jury did not have the right to operate the summer program, the process could be halted without any severe problems; conversely, not having begun the process at this time would be a more severe problem.

Substitute motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, that action on the WIA youth services be laid over.

A roll call vote on the substitute motion was called and was as follows:

YES	NO
Don Wilmore	Richard Billings
Scott Perry	Ezra Reed
	Theodore Fountaine
	Joe Fuller

On roll call vote the substitute motion failed to carry 2-4.

On motion reoffered by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury, as the WIA grant recipient, to provide WIA youth services, design framework and to conduct 2003 WIB summer youth employment opportunities and exercise the grant recipient's right to provide such.

On vote the motion carried. Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Scott Perry objected.

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

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On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to support the Department of Health and Hospitals in its West Nile Virus surveillance survey, which involves testing of dead birds for traces of the West Nile Virus. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 10:13 a.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury