

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 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, April 14, 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 Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, Scott Perry Jr.

Police Juror Davron "Bubba" Moreau was absent.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Mr. Joey Vercher, Assistant Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Candy Saucier, Civil Service Director; Ms. Sonya Wiley, Emergency Preparedness Director; Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Joe Fuller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

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. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Scott Perry, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 17, 2003, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Scott Perry, 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 and his recommendation to amend the General Fund budget to increase the Coroner's budget by \$22,000 for the purchase of a truck. On vote the motion carried.

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, was laid 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, was laid over.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, 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.

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, was laid over.

The appointment to the Ward 7 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Edward Thomas, term expired on April 13, 2003, was laid over.

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

Appointment to Twin Valley Resource Conservation and Development District, representing the Police Jury, for one year term to fill the expiring term of Chief David Peart, term will expire on May 30, 2003;

Appointment to Twin Valley Resource Conservation and Development District, appointed jointly between the Police Jury and the Soil Conservation Service, for one year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. James Turnage, term will expire on May 30, 2003;

AICUZ Board of Adjustments and Appeals, representing the Police Jury, for three year term to fill the expiring term of Lt. Commander Anthony S. D'Angelo, term will expire on June 14, 2003; and

Alexandria Port Commission for a six year term, concurrent with the Red River Waterway Commission, to fill the expiring term of Mr. Basile Smith, term will expire July 1, 2003.

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On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Chief David Peart to the Twin Valley Resource Conservation and Development District, representing the Police Jury, for one year term, term will expire on May 30, 2004; Mr. James Turnage to the Twin Valley Resource Conservation and Development District, appointed jointly between the Police Jury and the Soil Conservation Service, for one year term, term will expire on May 30, 2004; Lt. Commander Anthony S. D'Angelo to the AICUZ Board of Adjustments and Appeals, representing the Police Jury, for three year term, term will expire on June 14, 2006; and Mr. Basile Smith to the Alexandria Port Commission for a six year term, concurrent with the Red River Waterway Commission, term will expire July 1, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

Reverend G. A. Mangun thanked the Police Jury for his appointment to the Esler Field Airport Authority, having served for the past seventeen years.

Mr. Fuller presented the In Memoriam for the late Reverend Henry Booze to his family.

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

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Rev. Henry M. Booze, who served as Rapides Parish Police Juror from District F of Rapides Parish from December 10, 1974 to June 6, 1976, was called by his Creator Friday, February 28, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Booze served with dedication and sincerity in the position of honor accorded him by his fellow man; performed to the best of his ability those duties which fell within the scope of his Elected Office, and beyond; and devoted himself particularly and untiringly in all phases of betterment for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Booze was held in high esteem by those who knew him, Police Jurors, other public officials, friends and fellow workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the late Reverend Henry M. Booze, 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 widow, Leithe Booze, and his family as a lasting tribute to his public service.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 17th day of March, 2003.

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

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Mr. Sampson Perry, who served as a Rapides Parish Police Juror for four years, was called by his Creator on Saturday, November 9, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry served as Police Juror for Rapides Parish from June 4, 1968 until June 5, 1972; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Perry 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. Perry, 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 14th day of April, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1819 Creosote Bridge Material (annual contract) at the same terms and prices as follows: Items 1 through 43, plant price, to Tyco Ventures, LLC (Pineville); Items 44 through 51, plant price, to Colfax Treating Company (Pineville); and Items 1 through 51, delivered price in truck load quantities, to Kennedy Saw Mills (Shreveport), as recommended by the Treasurer, Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Road and Bridge and maintenance funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1818 Abandoned Railroad Tank Car Culverts (annual contract) with Progress Rail at the same terms and prices, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Road and Bridge and maintenance funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of

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Forest Hill for twenty hours of gradall work within corporate limits and two trucks for ditching and setting culverts as requested by Mayor Young, to be paid out of Road District No. 1A Funds (town's portion) and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forest Hill to add pit run and surface treat the Gene Messer Road, as requested by the Village of Forest Hill, cost of materials to be reimbursed by the Village of Forest Hill and labor and equipment to be paid out of Road District 1A Funds (Town's portion), and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for donation of 148 cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt pavement, Project No. 003-03-0036, from LA 107 beginning at South Junction with LA 454 and ending at North Junction with LA 454. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the recommendation of the Rapides Area Planning Commission and grant approval to Denny Rush Subdivision, located east of Denny road and north of Herman Rush Road, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to grade the parking lot at Red River North Recreation Area, Parish property. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Ms. Ethel Poag, off East River Road, Calcasieu, as a hardship case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept a servitude of way for a public road off the Stock Landing Road, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for bids for road work on various roads in District C and District H:
District C
Pearce Road
Lost Ridge
District H
West River Road South
Chester Mac Road
Bayou Road
On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept per recommendation of the Public Works Director into the Parish Road System for maintenance an existing road, 0.2 mile in Area 1, Ward 7, District E, to be named the "Ed Stracener Road". On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forest Hill for the Parish Highway Department to use a motor grader and apply 15 tons of road gravel on the Willis Road in Forest Hill plus an additional twelve hours of blading on Willis Road within the next twelve months, as requested by the Mayor of Forest Hill, the labor, materials and equipment to be paid from Road District No. 1A (town's portion), and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kisatchie-Delta and the Police Jury, through the efforts of the local legislative delegation, has secured funding from the State of Louisiana in Act 23 of 2002, for a total amount of \$895,000 in a project specified and designated as FP&C Project No. 50-NN4-02B-01; and

WHEREAS, Kisatchie-Delta has now requested Rapides Parish Police Jury to assist it in the project and by having the Rapides Parish Police Jury solicit bids for the project, award bids for the project, and then overseeing the construction of said project whereby the Turkey Creek Road would be improved with the \$895,000.00 funding supplied by the State of Louisiana and which repairs and reconstruction would still be titled to and remain the property of the Rapides Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, in order to evidence the authority which Rapides Parish Police Jury will have to act on behalf of Kisatchie-Delta in the receipt of the funding from the state of Louisiana as well as in the solicitation of bids, receipt of bids, awarding of contract and construction of the renovations envisioned, it is necessary for Rapides Parish Police Jury to

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execute an Act of Agency and Assignment of Funds by and between Rapides Parish Police Jury and Kisatchie-Delta; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury desires to execute the Act of Agency and Assignment of Funds for the repair and reconstruction of Turkey Creek Road in fulfillment of the aforementioned Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and accordingly,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "WHEREAS" clauses are adopted as part of this resolution;

SECTION 2: Rapides Parish Police Jury, represented herein by its President Richard Billings, is hereby authorized to execute the Act of Agency and Assignment of Funds on behalf of Rapides Parish Police Jury with Kisatchie-Delta and to execute any and all other documents which may be necessary and proper in order for Rapides Parish Police Jury to receive all funding identified in Act 23 of 2002, including, but not limited to, any cooperative agreement with the State of Louisiana, and then to solicit bids, receive bids, award the contract and oversee the repair and reconstruction of Turkey Creek Road with the funding so provided.

This resolution having been submitted to vote, and the results were as follows:

YEAS: Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine, Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard L. Nunnally, Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davron "Bubba" Moreau

And this resolution was declared and adopted on the 14th day of April, 2003.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and,

WHEREAS, the Thirty-fourth anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the Month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination wherever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice - selection of the home; and,

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby join Governor Mike Foster in proclaiming the month of April, 2003, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and encourages all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law and asks the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14th day of April, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Executive Order 96-47 established the Office of Urban and Development in the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Urban Affairs and Development in the Office of the Governor is to perform certain duties and functions, including to coordinate, direct, and monitor all efforts to enhance the quality of life of the disadvantaged urban residents to the state; to provide, promote, monitor, and oversee economic development programs and activities for disadvantaged urban residents; and to disseminate information to agencies which serve to enhance the health, safety, and socio-economic welfare of the disadvantaged urban residents; and

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WHEREAS, present law provides for the Louisiana Rural Development law by establishing the Office of Rural Development in the Office of the Governor, headed by a director or rural development; and

WHEREAS, the present law established the functions, powers, and duties of the office which include providing information about rural development and revitalization, assisting local agencies in obtaining timely responses from state and federal agencies and in seeking alternative to grants, and assisting the governor and the legislature in the integration and formulation of state rural development revitalization policy; and

WHEREAS, the present law establishes the Rural Development Fund which is administered and used by the Office of Rural Development to fund projects in rural areas of the state related to the revitalization of a rural area; and

WHEREAS, the present law establishes the Rural Development Fund which is administered and used by the Office of Rural Development to fund projects in rural areas of the state related to the revitalization of a rural area; and

WHEREAS, the economy in the Parish of Rapides continues to struggle during these hard economic times; and

WHEREAS, Rapides Parish currently receives or has received rural development funds which were utilized for water system improvements, elimination of bayou vegetation, upgrade of emergency communication and firefighter equipment, sidewalks, emergency bridge replacement, and a fire training center; and

WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill No. 56 or House Bill No. 357 or Senate Bill No. 228 during the 2003 Regular Session would abolish the Office of Rural Development and the Office of Urban Affairs and Development and prohibit such offices from being recreated and the powers, functions, duties and responsibilities thereof from being exercised or reassigned, and

WHEREAS, the abolishment of the Rural Development Fund would be detrimental to Rapides Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby support the continuation of the Office of Rural Development and opposes House Bill No. 56, House Bill No. 357 and Senate Bill No. 228.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, all Parish Governments in Louisiana and our Legislative Delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of April, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to support the appropriation request by the Chamber of Commerce to Congressman Rodney Alexander for \$500,000 for the funding of a sewer study. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for the President to sign a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for improvements at the Lena Nash Park. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for the President to sign a grant application for the Louisiana Emergency Shelter Grants Program for 2003 in the amount of \$47,481 with a local match of \$47,481 for a total project of \$94,962. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize payment of the claim of Ms. Jody Rachal, as approved by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request Commissioner Bob Odom for assistance of his Department of Agriculture and Forestry in providing a licensed applicator, drivers and trucks for emergency sprayings in Rapides Parish to combat the West Nile Virus. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of Legal Counsel and interested Police Jurors to attend the Summer School for Lawyers sponsored by the Louisiana Bar Association to be held on June 7-13, 2003 in Florida. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Alexandria for the donation of \$10,000 from District D Economic Development Funds in the General Fund to the project of cleaning a ditch off East Sandy Bayou Road within corporate limits and authorize the President to sign same; and to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ward 9 Recreation District for the donation of \$20,000 from District B Economic Development Funds in the General Fund and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete from the Courthouse/Jail Maintenance Asset/Inventory Program for the reasons listed:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
1929 Double Desk	7-1-75	scrap sold at auction
6997 Garbage Disposal	4-28-97	scrap - parts

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Police Jury employees to attend the Police Jury Association's Legislative Day at the State Capitol to be held on April 23, 2003 in Baton Rouge. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby nominate Mr. Harmon Belgard to the Governor for re-appointment to membership on the Red River Waterway Commission, representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to endorse and support the continuation of the Library Tax proposition on the May 9th balloting. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the United States - the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard - form a combined force of 1.4 million active duty personnel; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces, along with several hundred thousand each in the Reserves and National Guard, consistently demonstrate their readiness to selflessly and bravely defend their Country and their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, more than 225,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces are now involved in conflict against Iraq, fighting to preserve the freedoms that our ancestors gave their lives to establish for all Americans, including the freedom to live without fear of the threat of oppression and terrorism in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard have been called to active duty for the conflict against Iraq and other purposes and risk their lives to safeguard these same freedoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby express its unwavering support of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves and the National Guard who, in answer to the call of their Commander in Chief, courageously stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice so that all Americans can continue to live freely and without fear;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby commend and support the efforts and leadership of the President of the United States, as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces, in the confrontation against Saddam Hussein's regime;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby express its gratitude to the families of those members of the United States Armed Forces for their special role in providing support for the members of the Armed Forces;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby express its deepest gratitude to the allied nations and each allied service member for bravely standing with the United States Armed Forces in the campaign against Saddam Hussein and the threat his regime poses to regional stability and international security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury calls on the citizens of our great Parish of Rapides, the Free State, to support and pay homage to the members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Reserves and the civilian employees who support their efforts, to the men and women of civilian national security agencies participating the military operations in the Persian Gulf, to the allied service members, and to the families of each and every one of these brave men and women;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Police Jury Association, to all police juries/parish councils in Louisiana, to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to each member of the Rapides Parish Congressional Delegation, to U.S. Senators John B. Breaux and Mary L. Landrieu, to the President of the United States and to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

THUS DONE, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of April, 2003.

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On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following asset from Fire District No. 11 Asset/Inventory List as it was scrap and auctioned:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
7658	1979 Fire Truck	7-28-97	scrap/auctioned
6688	Computer - Datacom	8-8-93	scrap/auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to lay over for thirty days discussion on the proposed changes to the subdivision ordinances, which has been laid over since October 7, 2002, and it be placed on the May regular agenda for adoption.

Mr. Wilmore distributed copies of the proposed changes for review prior to the May meetings. Mr. Billings asked that a meeting of the Subdivision Ordinance Review Committee be called prior thereto.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete the following asset numbers from Fire District No. 3 Asset/Inventory Program as they are surplus and have been auctioned:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
6623	Computer	6-25-93	scrap/auction
5344	Lawn Mower	7-9-97	scrap/auction
5345	Lawn Mower	7-9-97	scrap/auction
7679	Computer	6-16-97	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to create the position of Fire Chief of Fire Protection District No. 5; set the yearly salary at \$5,200.00, to be paid monthly; authorize the hiring of Mr. Jack Johnson to fill the position effective April 1, 2003; and authorize an amendment to the Fire Protection District No. 5 organization chart, as created by the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 5 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Wilmore to recognize Mr. Gene Handy, representing the Cotile Lake Environmental Committee.

Mr. Handy, President of the Cotile Lake Environmental Committee, a nonprofit organization, presented a check in the amount of \$900 for the purpose of construction of a handicapped, wheel-chair accessible, ramp at the Cotile Recreation Area.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine and Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the donation of \$900 and a letter of appreciation to the Cotile Lake Environmental Committee be sent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the application for a rural development grant in the maximum amount possible to assist the Levee Board in funding the clearing and snagging of Bayou Boeuf from Kincaid Lake to US 165 South. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the Parish Highway Department to investigate the hydraulic capacity of the culverts at Loyd Bridge at US 71 because of obvious differences in head elevations during storm events that indicate the culverts are apparently undersized. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request our Legislative Delegation's assistance in obtaining funding in order to clean Bayou Boeuf. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1845 Purchase Miscellaneous Firefighting Equipment for Fire Protection District No. 9 to the low bidder 5 Alarm Fire Apparatus Inc. in the amount of \$67,977 as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from FEMA reimbursement funds and Fire District No. 9 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 14th day of April, 2003, that it does hereby request our Congressional Delegation to continue to support the Cantwell Amendment No. 298 to the Senate Budget which calls for an increase in funding for programs under the Workforce Investment Act and HR 1261 Amendments to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to express appreciation to our Congressional Delegation for their favorable vote and to Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA) who also worked hard to protect the local delivery system.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of April, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 14th day of April, 2003, that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to sign all documents for the close-out of Welfare to Work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to express our regret to our Congressional and Legislative Delegation on the close out of the Welfare to Work Program, an important program for the citizens of Rapides Parish, and the hope that the program be renewed.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of April, 2003.

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

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to reimburse the expenses of Mr. James Turnage who attended the Twin Valley RC&D Meeting in Natchitoches, LA on April 1, 2003, to be paid from the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to express appreciation and thanks to all professional administrative assistants, secretaries, and clerical staff employed by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in recognition of Secretaries' Day in Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to refer to the Rapides Area Planning Commission for a recommendation the revocation of a portion of the Davis Willis Road, Ward 6, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign a grant application for an acquisition/elevation project under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$64,260.00 for the federal share, Project No. 1437-079-0001, as recommended by the Emergency Preparedness Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1846 Security System for Rapides Parish Courthouse to the low bidder ADT Security in the amount of \$10,464.00, as recommended by the Courthouse Building Superintendent, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delete from Police Jury Administration (Finance) Asset/Inventory List the following equipment:

Asset Description	Acquired	Disposal
7853 Computer Tower	1-27-98	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to extend our current contract with CommuniGroup for long distance telephone service in the amount of \$0.055 per minute for a twentyfour month period beginning May 1, 2003, as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to remove from the condemnation process begun July 9, 2001, the following property, which has been cleaned up by the property owner:

structure located at 1908 Henry Street, Lot 16, Square 1, K.P.D.R. Subdivision, Section 13, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to remove from the condemnation process begun March 9, 1998, the following property, which has been sold and cleaned up by the new property owner:

structure located on England Drive, Part of Lots 46 and 47 of Experiment Plantation, Section 19, T4N-R1W, Ward 1, District I, Rapides Parish

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to increase the base rate of pay of the three part time Firefighter/Operators from \$6 per hour to \$8 per hour, as recommended by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association, effective April 16, 2003, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the City of Alexandria to complete their water line installation project on Ball Lane. On vote the motion carried.

Ms. Michelle Brossett did not appear regarding her claim from vehicular damages from the water line project on Ball Lane, the next agenda item.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to amend that certain motion of March 17, 2003, regarding the nominations to the Central Louisiana Research Park, so that Mr. Joe Fuller is nominated to serve on the Central Louisiana Research Park Governing Board and Mr. Richard Nunnally is nominated to serve on the Central Louisiana Research Park Advisory Board. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids for the following annual contracts:

Various Liquid Asphalt
Contract Hauling Pit Run

to be paid from Road & Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign FEMA Regional Planning Grant, 100% funding for the development of a multi-parish Regional Emergency Operations Plan, and authorize the OEP Director (Region 6 Coordinator appointed by State OEP) to obtain professional services to assist in the project, with cost to be paid from Grant Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the OEP Director to apply for a Citizens Corp Grant, Citizens Corps being a component of the USA Freedom Corps created by President Bush as Executive Order in the wake of the 9-11-01 attack; members will be same as LEPC; orientation and associated costs are 100% funded by the Grant with no local match required. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the OEP Director to apply for a CERT Grant and to establish and provide for these teams, all associated costs funded 100% by the Grant with no local match required. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for bids for the construction of the Kelleyland Sewer Collection and Treatment Project, FY 2002-2003 LCDBG Public Facilities Contract 588402, as recommended by the Consultant Engineer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to endorse and support those certain sales tax bills proposed as a package by Senator Bill Jones, endorsed by the Police Jury Association, the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana Association of Sales Tax Administrators, Sheriffs Association and School Board Association, and as recommended by the Rapides Parish Sales & Use Tax Collector, which includes:

SB 551 Uniform Tax Code;
SB 708 maintains current exemptions and exclusions;
SB 674 uniform administration of sales and use tax law
SB 835 and SB 952 tax court
SB 719 uniform tax return and remittance procedure,

copy of this resolution to be sent to our Legislative Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to recognize Mr. Donald Tolbert, resident of Tolbert Loop. Mr. Billings advised that Mr. Tolbert had requested to appear, but at the last minute was unable to attend as planned. The problem Mr. Tolbert encountered was that when he went to the Rapides Area Planning Commission and the Rapides Parish Health Department for a permit to locate a third mobile home for his children on his 35 acres of land, upon which his home was located, he was declared a subdivision and told he must follow the subdivision process. Mr. John Miller, Director of RAPC, explained that four units on an undivided piece of property fit the description of a subdivision. Mr. Tolbert was given several alternatives to follow: become a mobile home park; become a subdivision with frontage on a public road; or donate property to at least one of the children with sufficient acreage to comply with the sewerage discharge laws. Mr. Wilmore suggested the Subdivision Ordinance Review Committee look at this situation to see if a provision could be made.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1824 Furnishing and Hauling Pit Run (Wards 9, 10 and 11) at the same terms and prices, to be paid from Road & Bridge and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to bid road work on various roads in District E:

District E

Martin Springs Road
Humpty Strange Road
Frank Thiels Road
Charlie Wise Road
Kisatchie Hills
Shevvin Road
Mitchell Road
Hoyt Road
Bruno Road
Hargis Road
Messina Road
Wilderness Road
Downs Lane
Cooper Road.

On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the Health Unit/Motor Vehicle Buildings construction in the increased amount of \$19,580.22 for miscellaneous millwork, electrical, voice/data extension, appliances for kitchen (installed), pre-fab speed bumps, lettering for buildings and keyboard trays, as recommended by the Architect, funds being available in the project's budget, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to delay filing suit against The Gradall Company, a warranty extension of six months having been granted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to join with the City of Pineville in sponsoring an application to Rapides Foundation for a walking trail for the Ward 9 Recreation District 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. Carolyn Vaughn, resident of Grundy Cooper Subdivision, asked the Police Jury to take action on overgrown weeds and grass on a certain piece of property, owned by a man in his twenties who is able to maintain his property, about which she has been asking for enforcement since September 2000. Further, the drainage ditch behind Grundy Cooper Subdivision and her home is overgrown and keeps to be cut because it is a mosquito breeding ground. Mr. Duck was requested to check into the matter.

Mr. Billy James, resident of Alexandria, asked about the status of his request for repairs to the Carnal bridge in Lecompte. He understood the question was who is legally responsible for the bridge. Based on a statement from Ms. Evelyn Carnal to the Mayor of Lecompte in 1992, copy of a plat that the bridge is clearly in Lecompte, work was done in 1992 by the Police Jury that was paid by Lecompte, Mr. James asked the Police Jury to go to the Attorney General for a ruling on who is responsible for the bridge. A recent inspection by a State engineer gave information that at least one piling needs replacement. Mr. Billings asked if Mr. James appeared before the Lecompte Town Council with his request, but Mr. James said the item was not on the agenda so he didn't attend the last meeting. Mr. Fuller suggested a meeting be held with Mayor Rosa Jones of Lecompte and Mr. James be invited to attend.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Richard Nunnally, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:45 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury