

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
November 10, 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, November 10, 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, Donald H. Wilmore, and Joe Fuller.

Absent were Police Jurors Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Richard L. Nunnally and Scott Perry Jr.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Donald H. 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 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. Ezra Reed, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on October 13, 2003, as published in the Official Journal on October 29, 2003. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Ezra Reed laid 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.

Mr. Donald H. Wilmore 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.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, to reappoint Mr. B. D. Douglas to the Civil Service Board, nominee of LSUA, for a three year term, term will expire on November 10, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, to appoint Mr. Paul Fuselier to the Buckeye Recreation District for five year term, term will expire on November 10, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Joe Fuller laid over the appointment to the Civil Service Board for three year term to fill expired term of Mr. Leroy J. Landry, nominated by Grambling University, term expired on September 17, 2003, until nominations are received.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. A. Byron Johnson to the Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board, representing the Police Jury, for a three year term, term will expire on October 10, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to appoint Mr. Byron McGee to the Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board, nominee of Louisiana College, for a three year term, nominated by Louisiana College, term will expire on November 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to reappoint Rev. David Roberts to the Esler Industrial Development Area Advisory Committee for a five year term, representing District C, term will expire on November 29, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to reappoint Mr. Murphy Rachal to the Coliseum Authority, representing District C, for a five year term, term will expire on December 8, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. Robert Duggan from the Sewerage District No. 2 Board, waive the thirty day announcement rule, and appoint Mr. T. J. Speir to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire October 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to do a feasibility study on the need for a blinking caution light on LA 113 at its intersection with East River Road, copy of this resolution to be sent to Mr. Wayne Marchand, District 08 Administrator, and our Louisiana Legislative Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to remove the Green Ray Road, Ward 6, District H, from the Parish Highway Department map, not having been maintained for many years. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forest Hill for the Parish Highway Department to provide 20 hours for side boom mower and one operator within corporate limits, as requested by the Village of Forest Hill, 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. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to revoke a portion of the Buckhorn Cutoff Road, from Buckhorn Road to the Tommy Glass Road, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to remove the three (3) ton weight limit on Pardue Road, from the intersection of Tom Hollingsworth Road to the south end of the Plastipak property. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to add the short section of "Old Pardue Road" to the list of Parish Maintained Roads. The road is shown on the road map, but is not listed in the Road File. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the 2003 contract with Diamond "B" Construction Company as substantially complete and begin the 45-day Clear Lien Certificate process. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to remove the Edgar Fee Road, Ward 6, District H, from the Parish Highway Department map, not having been maintained for many years. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to appoint a four member Budget committee to review all Budgets for an understanding of the revenue/expenditure streams, including the Road and Bridge Fund, for a recommendation back to the Police Jury, as well as review of the vacant Parish buildings for a recommendation of use or disposal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the Secretary's Report. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District is responsible and does maintain an ongoing planning process through the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS document is representative of efforts to pursue local and regional development throughout the region comprising Avoyelles, Catahoula, Grant LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon and Winn Parishes; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does actively participate in the planning and implementation activities within the CEDS process; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Police Jury does intend to continue to pursue development opportunities throughout this area and the region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby concur with the 2003 CEDS and adopts this strategy for Economic Development,

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 10th day of November, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to approve modification of the Dean Lee Research Station, Planning and Construction Cooperative Endeavor, FP and C No. 50-J40-02-01 to incorporate new line of credit and to authorize the President to sign, subject to Legal

Counsel approval, and the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase two (2) generators for the Lena Water System, specifications to be furnished by Willis Engineering, to be paid from the Louisiana Governor's Office of Rural Development, Grant No. 0203-RPD-0003. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements from interested firms and individuals for Engineers and Administrative Consultants for the FY'2004-2005 LCDBG Program for the Kelleyland, Walnut Grove and Airbase Road Area Sewer Collection and Treatment Project, Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the qualification statements have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Selection Criteria,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Frye-Magee Inc. is hereby selected as Administrative Consultant and Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson is hereby selected as Engineering Consultant for the Kelleyland, Walnut Grove and Airbase Road Area Sewer Collection and Treatment Project, Phase II, LCDBG FY'2004-2005, as recommended by the CDBG Consultant Selection Committee,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts for the above services contingent upon approval of the selected firm by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration.

THUS DONE, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of November, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements from interested firms and individuals for Engineers and Administrative Consultants for the FY'2004-2005 LCDBG Program for the Woodworth Fire Protection Improvements (Water) Project, and

WHEREAS, the qualification statements have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Selection Criteria,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Frye-Magee Inc. is hereby selected as Administrative Consultant and Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson is hereby selected as Engineering Consultant for the Woodworth Fire Protection Improvements (Water) Project, LCDBG FY'2004-2005, as recommended by the CDBG Consultant Selection Committee,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts for the above services contingent upon approval of the selected firm by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration.

THUS DONE, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of November, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to renew the group health insurance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to submit a grant application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development in the amount of \$30,000 to construct a road to the Red River North Recreation Area and construct restroom facilities for a walking trail, as requested by the Buckeye Recreation District, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury on October 13, 2003 ordered and called a special election to be held in Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to be held on the January 17, 2004 balloting for continuation of the ad valorem tax; and,

WHEREAS, it was brought to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury by the Registrar of Voters that Voting Precinct N10 J.I. Barron School (split) should be included in the Notice of Special Election, an error that needed to be corrected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION is hereby amended to read as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on October 13, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

ROAD DISTRICT 10A (Ward 10)
(TAX CONTINUATION)

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SUMMARY

10 YEAR 10.04 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10A

PROPOSITION

Shall Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten and four-hundredths (10.04) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, said tax to constitute a continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2005 tax rolls, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, and bridges within said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Road District No. 10A of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
N5	Pineville High School (split)
N6	Tioga High School (split)
N7	Pineville High School (split)
N8 (A-K)	Lessie Moore Sixth Grade Center (split)
N8 (L-Z)	Lessie Moore Sixth Grade Center (split)
N10	J. I. Barron School (split)
N12	J. I. Barron School (split)
N13	Pineville Middle School
N14	Pineville Middle School
N15	Tioga High School
N16	Paradise Elementary School
N17	Vol. Fire Station, Esler Field Road (split)
N18 (A-K)	Ball Elementary School
N18 (L-Z)	Ball Elementary School
N19 (A-K)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N19 (L-Z)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N20	Mary Goff Elementary School
N21	Vol. Fire Station, Rigolette Road
N22	Carl Gunter Library Branch (split)

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of October, 2003, and amended on the 10th day of November, 2003.

The Police Jury of Rapides Parish met in regular session on this date. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore and seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Esler Commerce Park and Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to rehabilitate taxiway and apron (Taxiway J and FBO apron); and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Rapides Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

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WHEREAS, the FAA will provide up to 90% of the necessary funding, and the LA DOTD will provide up to 10% of the necessary funding,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0002-021 and SPN 940-01-0024, more fully identified in the Agreement referenced herein.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Richard W. Billings, Ezra L. Reed, Steve P. Bordelon, Donald H. Wilmore, and Joe Fuller.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Richard L. Nunnally and Scott Perry Jr.

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on this 10th day of November, 2003.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury on October 13, 2003 ordered and called a special election to be held in Fire Protection District Number 3 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to be held on the January 17, 2004 balloting for continuation of the ad valorem tax; and,

WHEREAS, it was brought to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury by the Registrar of Voters that Voting Precinct N6 Tioga High School needed to be (split) in the Notice of Special Election, an error that needed to be corrected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION is hereby amended to read as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District Number 3 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on October 13, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 (ALPINE)
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY

10 YEAR 13.13 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COSTS OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES IN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3

PROPOSITION

Shall Fire Protection District Number 3 of the Parish of Rapides, levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of thirteen and thirteen-hundredths (13.13) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said District, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2005 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes within said District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of Fire Protection District Number 3 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
N1	Pineville Elementary School (split)
N5	Pineville High School (split)
N6	Tioga High School (split)
N15	Tioga High School
N19 (A-K)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N19 (L-Z)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N20	Mary Goff Elementary School
N21	Vol. Fire Station, Rigolette Road

The polling places set forth above and situated within the District be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

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The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of October, 2003, and amended on the 10th of November, 2003.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to delete from the Courthouse Asset/Inventory Program the following asset, no longer suitable for public use:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
498	Refrigerator	7-1-67	scrap

On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to authorize the Courthouse Building Superintendent to evaluate the possibility of mold in the Courthouse and bring back a recommendation at this meeting.

Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent, advised he had distributed copies of a proposal from a contractor to help determine if there is a problem with microbial contamination, the extent and cause of the problem. Mr. Barr recommended the Police Jury authorize an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,760 for Clayton Environmental Company to do the study to find out if we have a problem.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, to accept the lower of the two quotes received for investigation of mold in the Courthouse. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to invite Judge Dexter Ryland and Sheriff William Earl Hilton to the next meeting of the Police Jury to discuss the Courthouse Security System. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to purchase one new cab and chassis under Louisiana State Contract for Fire Protection District No. 7, as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association, to be paid from Fire District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to enter into an agreement with the Boyce Lions Club to conduct "Trade Days on Cotile" on March 26-28, 2004 and on September 24-26, 2004 on the same terms and conditions as the prior year, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to purchase one (1) new fire tanker under the Louisiana State Contract and authorize the Treasurer to secure financing, as requested by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for September 2003:

Response Zone	Number	Required	Compliance
Zone	Responses	%	%
Alexandria - 8 minute	375	80%	91.73%
Pineville - 8 minute	90	80%	92.22%
Rapides - 12 minute	123	80%	94.31%
Rapides - 20 minute	130	80%	93.08%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to select Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage, which will compensate the Police Jury for economic and non-economic losses with limits of \$50,000, an amount less than the policy's liability limit on the current commercial automobile policy and authorize the President to sign the UMBI Injury Coverage Form. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to grant a 3% pay longevity and cost of living increase to Fire District No. 7 Firefighter/Operator Bobby R. Miller, the 2% State mandated raise already having been approved by the Police Jury on July 21, 2003, for a total of 5% as recommended by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to update the Organizational Chart of the Office of Parish Secretary to reflect the reallocations by Civil Service. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the purchase of KeyTrain computer software for the Workforce Operations Department, as approved by the Louisiana Department of Labor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the purchase of a color copier for the Workforce Operations Department Career Center pending approval of the Louisiana Department of Labor. On vote the motion carried.

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

Mr. Tommy Hollingsworth advised Waterworks District No. 3 needed an elevated water tank to maintain water pressure for fire protection purposes, estimated at \$1,330,000 and requested the Police Jury for their support and assistance in seeking Federal funds or grant matching funds for this project.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is in full support of the elevated water tank project by Waterworks District No. 3. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Leroy Landry, Chairman of the Civil Service Board, presented the request of the Civil Service Board that the Police Jury approve the Clerical Assistant position in the Civil Service Office for full time hours.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to lay over the request of the Civil Service Board for a full time clerical position until a review of the budget is made. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the resignation of Mr. Wayne Martin from the Coliseum Authority, representing District B; waive the thirty day announcement rule; and appoint Mr. Peter Van Dyke to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on July 16, 2006.

Amendment by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Wayne Martin for his service to the Parish.

On vote the motion as amended carried.

The next agenda item was to receive a report from Legal Counsel and Parish Inspector on the condition of the following property proposed for condemnation in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Section 8-1/4, as authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and thirty days was given by the Police Jury on July 21, 2003; an additional thirty days on September 8, 2003 and an additional thirty days on October 13, 2003.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location, Description & Service Report</u>
Gene & Dorothy Sanders	Corner of Shirley Street, Henry Street and North Bolton Avenue, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, abandoned and dilapidated buildings in (Deferred from Legal 11/3)

Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, advised the Parish Inspector has reported that substantial progress has been achieved by the property owner in bringing the property back to a safe and sanitary condition.

After a brief discussion, the President ruled that as long as the property owner is working on the property, the subject would not come back on the agenda unless the owner stops work and the item is brought back to the agenda by the Parish Inspector.

The next agenda item was to receive a report from Legal Counsel and Parish Inspector on the condition of the following property proposed for condemnation in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Section 8-1/4, as authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, a report to given in 30 days as resolved by the Police Jury on 7/21/03 and in 60 days as resolved by the Police Jury on 9/8/03:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location, Description & Service Report</u>
Alfred and Norma Gilo and Lenora E. Challah	abandoned mobile home located on Western Heights Drive, Lot 1 of the Western Heights Subdivision, Section 4, T3N-R3W, Ward 5, District E, Rapides Parish (Deferred from Legal 11/3)

On this property also, the President ruled that as long as the property owner is working on the property, the subject would not come back on the agenda unless the owner stops work and the item is brought back to the agenda by the Parish Inspector.

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On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, per recommendation of the WIB Chairman, approval to secure consulting services from Rochelle Daniels for the youth technology center initiative and other related services. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President in conjunction with the WIB Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Department of Social Services and LDOL to provide job readiness and related services for the STEP program and for the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to approve the travel request by LSUA Technology Center contractor services to use the OEWD van to transport WIA youth recruits and participants for a field trip per the Technology Center contract to Howard Computers Inc. in Hattisburg, MS. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, lay over until December the agenda item to approve the WIA 2003-04 budget contingent upon WIB approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to approve travel expense for two firefighters to attend a Flammable Liquid Training Class at FETA in Baton Rouge in December 2003, as requested by the Spring Creek Community Volunteer Fire Department, to be paid out of Fire District No. 11 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to do a feasibility study on the need for a blinking caution light or multilane full-phase traffic lights on US 165 South at its intersection with East Cady Avenue/West Cady Avenue, copy of this resolution to be sent to Mr. Wayne Marchand, District 08 Administrator, and our Louisiana Legislative Delegation. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, lay over until December the agenda item to discuss the salary for the Workforce Operations Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to change the name of the Wineston Doyle, Ward 6, District H, to STOKES LOOP. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to install speed humps on Cherri Street, Ward 2, as per petition received, to be paid out of Road District No. 2C Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept for Parish maintenance Poag Place, Ward 5, District H, pending proper dedication. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request the Congressional Delegation to consider a change in the Federal law for the Red River Navigation Project to allow an increase of the "Pool Stage" elevation for the section of the river between Locks #2 and #3 for the purpose of providing additional water to Bayou Boeuf for irrigation via Bayou Rapides and the Diversion Canal. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to request the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District to close the control structure at the intersection of Bayou Boeuf and Bayou Lamourie and to provide the guidelines for the operation of the structure. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to join with the City of Alexandria in asking the NRCS to authorize the removal of the North 16th Street weir on Bayou Rapides. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to provide assistance in February 2004 in moving dirt for the 4-H Club and other livestock activities at the Coliseum. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign a subgrant award with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice under the JAIBG grant in the amount of \$57,024 for continuation of the Develop Accountability-Based Sanctions to September 30, 2004, Subgrant No. A00-8-018, CFDA No. 16.523. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to call for a public hearing on the proposed 2004 budget December 1, 2004 at 3 p.m. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, that with the proper notification, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pineville for the Parish Highway Department to use a grader and scarifier, not to exceed sixteen hours, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize an appraisal be obtained on the property located on Texas Avenue (former Health Unit building). 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. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Donald H. Wilmore, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:43 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Richard Billings, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury