

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

April 12, 2004

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 12, 2004, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Honorable Ezra L. Reed, President; Donald H. Wilmore, Vice President; and Police Jurors Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Joe Fuller, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard W. Billings and Scott Perry Jr.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Administrator; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director; Mr. Felix Mouton, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Candy Saucier, Civil Service 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. Donald Wilmore.

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

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on March 15, 2004, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

Mr. 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. 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.

Mr. Fuller laid over the appointment to the Wards 1 & 8 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Edwin P. Armstrong, term will expire on April 13, 2004.

Mr. Wood laid over the appointment to the Rapides Area Planning Commission to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. Jim Smolenski, having been laid over thirty days, term will expire on July 21, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Billings and Mr. Wilmore laid over the appointment to the Rapides Area Planning Commission to fill the vacancy in an unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. Lance Shaw, having been laid over thirty days, term will expire on March 10, 2007.

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

Twin Valley Resources Conservation and Development District, representing the Police Jury, to fill the expiring term of Chief David Peart, term will expire on May 30, 2004;

Twin Valley Resources Conservation and Development District, representing the Police Jury and the Soil Conservation Service jointly, to fill the expiring term of Mr. James Turnage, term will expire on May 30, 2004;

Waterworks District No. 3 Board for five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Tommy J. Hollingsworth, term will expire on June 1, 2004;

Cheneyville Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Bobby Daenen, term will expire on June 14, 2004;

Ruby-Wise Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Kevin Hightower, term will expire on June 14, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Don Wilmore, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Chief David Peart to the Twin Valley Resources Conservation and Development

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District, representing the Police Jury, term will expire on May 30, 2005; and Mr. James Turnage to the Twin Valley Resources Conservation and Development District, representing the Police Jury and the Soil Conservation Service term will expire on May 30, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Bobby Daenen to the Cheneyville Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on June 14, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Jerry Wood, to recognize Ms. Connie Augustine of the Red Cross for her sixteen years of service to the community. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Fuller presented a plaque in recognition to Ms. Augustine.

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

PROCLAMATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 12th day of April, 2004, that it does hereby proclaim the week of April 18-24, 2004 as

National Library Week in Rapides Parish

as sponsored by the American Library Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to proclaim Tuesday, April 20, 2004 as

National Library Workers' Day in Rapides Parish

to recognize all library workers, librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day. Focus is placed on individuals and departments who are responsible for selecting, acquiring and cataloging materials; checking out, receiving back and shelving those materials; handling requests and sending them to other libraries; answering reference questions; planning, publicizing and presenting programs; maintaining the Library's website and all the other element of library service. This is to recognize the staff that our customers rarely see.

"Rapides Parish Library Works Because We Do!"

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

Mr. Reed presented a plaque to Ms. Cynthia Granger and Mr. Jimmy Holsombeck, representing the Library.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for proposals for a design-build storage shed, approximately 24' x 30', to be located at Fire District No. 1, 5104 Ransbottom Drive, to house the new compressor and cascade system and various other supplies, to be paid out of Fire District No. 2 Funds, as recommended by the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the England Economic and Industrial Development District to grant a servitude across Cenla Drive for the transverse of an industry spur railroad track and related facilities and authorize the President to sign same, as approved by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize removal from Fire District No. 8 Asset/Inventory Program as they are no longer suitable for public use and add to the auction:

Asst	Description	Acquired	Disposal
5750	1989 Chev Pick Up	06-21-89	auction
5190	1973 GMC Truck	01-01-88	auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize removal from Fire District No. 2 Asset/Inventory Program the following assets and add to the auction as they are no longer compatible with the radio system:

Asst	Description	Acquired	Disposal
5720	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5718	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5716	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5711	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5719	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5717	Radio, ConvertaCom	7-12-89	auction
5709	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
6589	Radio, Portable	1-04-93	auction
5727	Radio, ConvertaCom	7-12-89	auction
5721	Radio, ConvertaCom	7-12-89	auction
5688	Radio, Portable	1-07-89	auction
5731	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction
5732	Radio, ConvertaCom	7-12-89	auction
5726	Radio, Portable	7-12-89	auction

On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to waive the provisions of Section 20-7(b)(1) Hardship Cases, regarding the monthly limitation of \$950 from all sources, in the matter of the Hardship Case of Mr. Johnny Cole approved on March 15, 2004. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Bid No. 1881 Purchase One New Pumper/Tanker for Fire District No. 9 for a decreased amount of \$2,495.00 changing pump panel, rear inlet change and chassis pre-payment discount, as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Association, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into a financing agreement with Bank One Leasing for the Lease-Purchase of two 2004 International T-1500 Pumper Tankers (Bid No. 1878) in the amount of \$378,618 to be purchased from Ferrara Firefighter with terms and conditions to be ten annual payments at an interest rate of 3.57%, as recommended by the Ruby-Kolin Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 7 Funds as budgeted:

RESOLUTION AND

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT

Lessee: Rapides Parish Police Jury

Principal Amount Expected To Be Finance: \$378,618.00

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

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

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

Brief Description of Property:

Two (2) 2004 FFA Commercial Pumper

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body of the Lessee:

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

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

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

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

Section 5. The Governing Body of the Lessee anticipates that the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property. The Governing Body of Lessee hereby declares the Lessee's official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures. This section of the Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of the Lessee for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This section of the Resolution

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

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.  
On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids for various road improvements in District A. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Jimmy Pickering, 110 Padgett Road, Hineston, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1888 1973 John Deere Front End Loader (Asset No. 4501) to Dixie Surplus Machinery Inc., the highest bidder, in the amount of \$1,768.00, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Vivian H. Marler, 122 Bennett Road, Otis, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to improve Strother's Crossing Road, Colony Road (gravel portion) and various other roads in District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Department to negotiate contracts for gravel hauling for the 2004 Gravel Road Priority List and the 2004 Capital Improvement Gravel Road List with the private haulers, to be paid from Road & Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept for Parish maintenance Abby Lane, approximately 600 feet in length, Ward 4, District H. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase approximately six self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) and spare cylinders for Fire District No. 6, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from FEMA and Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase sixteen pass devices for Fire District No. 6, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from FEMA and Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase one Fire Pumper for Fire District No. 6, as recommended by the Deville Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the proposal of Straight Street Ministries Inc. for lease of the Fire District No. 2 fire station property located at 600 Louise Street after a cooperative endeavor/lease agreement is drawn up and acceptable to the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to construct a new fire station on Tunks Landing Road for Fire District No. 2, as recommended by the chief to be paid from funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1890 Various Road Material (annual contract) to the following for all items bid based on availability of material and haul distance: Larry Grayson & Son Trucking, Luhr Brothers Inc., TXI Industries, Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel, Tommy Russell Enterprises and McDonald Construction, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1891 Abandoned Railroad Tank Car Culverts (annual contract) to the following for items bid based on availability and the lowest price per foot: Gateway Pipe & Supply Inc. and Smith Diversified, as recommended

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by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1892 Creosote Bridge Material (annual contract) for all items bid to Colfax Creosoting Company (FOB Plant) and Kennedy Saw Mills (delivered in truck load quantities, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1893 Bituminous Mixture for Hot and Cold Mix Application (annual contract) to Diamond B Construction for Hot Mix (\$29.00 per ton) and Cold Mix (\$42.00 per ton) and to award D&J Construction Company for Hot Mix (\$30.00 per ton) based on availability of material, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1894 Reinforced Concrete Pipe (annual contract) to Rinker Materials/Hydro Conduit for all items bid, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to construct a parking lot at the Extension Office located at Dean Lee Research Center, all materials to be paid out of Capital Outlay Funds and labor to be reimbursed from the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1850 Various Liquid Asphalt (Annual Contract) at the same terms and prices as follows: Items 1 through 3 (CRS-2) to Ergon Asphalt; and Item No. 4 (MC-30) to Asphalt Products to be paid from Road & Bridge and various maintenance funds, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to exercise the option to renew Bid No. 1851 Contract Hauling Pit Run (Annual Contract) with Tommy Russell Trucking at the same terms and price, to be paid from Road & Bridge and various maintenance funds as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to remove the Miller Road Bridge over Indian Creek, State Project No. 71-40-0121 of the Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation & Replacement Program, from the program because the bridge was replaced with culvert pipe. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept a fifty (50) foot wide right-of-way donation, and accept the road for Parish maintenance to be named "Tom Fuglaar Road", as recommended by the Public Works Director. (Ward 7, District E, 0.27 mi.) On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the newly constructed street "Pecan Place" in the Herb Thompson Subdivision off of Donahue Ferry Road for maintenance per recommendation of the Public Works Director. (Ward 10, District C, within a dedicated right-of-way) On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Ball to chip seal various streets, not to exceed a total of one mile. Cost of materials, equipment and labor to be paid from the Road District 10-A, Ball Maintenance/Construction line item. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to allow a sewer discharge into a Parish maintained roadside ditch at 116 Gayven Drive without providing the additional insurance policy naming the Parish as additionally insured. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to discuss the replacement of an Equipment Operator I position due to the retirement of the incumbent. Mr. Eric Duck, Public Works Director, reviewed Police Jury approval was required to replace a position vacated by reason of retirement and requested such approval.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Jerry Wood, to authorize the President to sign the personnel requisition form for the Equipment Operator I position vacated due to the retirement of the incumbent. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was to discuss Chapter 13 Garbage, Trash and Weeds, in general, and specific sub-paragraph (d). Mr. Duck reviewed the provision provided for action by the parish manager, which position has not been filled by the Police Jury; however in reading the Code Book further, he found the provision assigning action under this part to the Public Works Director so further action was not needed at this time.

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

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby reaffirm the provisions of Section 2-20 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances:

Section 2-20. Public Works Director.

The responsibility for grass cutting procedures and condemnation of unsafe, unsightly structures procedures is placed under the authority of the parish public works director.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to adopt the three year Capital Improvement Priority List for 2004-2006 as recommended by the Public Works Director:

3-Year Capital Improvement Program  
(2004-2006)  
Parish Road Priorities By "Districts"

District A

1. Allen Drive
2. Howell Drive
3. Rigolette Road
4. Garnet Drive
5. Pardue Road
6. Old Pardue Road
7. Oaklane Road
8. Tom Hollingsworth Road
9. Upper Donahue Ferry Road
10. Cemetery Road

District B

1. Brent Street
2. J. A. Whelan Road
3. Pellon Street
4. Clark Road
5. Jupiter Loop
6. Comet Path

District C

1. Nation Road
2. Bethel Road
3. Barney Rush Road
4. Credeur Road
5. Gunter Road
6. Gene Gunter Road

District E

1. Gene Ball Drive
2. Lena Flatwoods Road
3. Clifton Road
4. Lodi Road
5. Peavy Road
6. Dawn Lane
7. Heron Circle
8. Hawn Road
9. Isabell Lane
10. Cleco Landing Road
11. Sunk Hills Road
12. Bath House Road

District F

1. Lamourie Road
2. Winegart Road
3. Bayou Robert Road
4. Chicola Road
5. Louis Richardson Road

District H

1. Melder Cut-off Road
2. East River Road
3. West River Road
4. Elmer Road
5. Morrison Road
6. Ten Mile Road
7. Boy Scout Road
8. Cutts Road
9. Sugar Mill Road
10. Potato Farm Road
11. DeWitt Lane
12. Owen Miller Road
13. Ahtus Melder Road
14. Bennett Bay Road
15. Chilly Brittan Road
16. Adams Road
17. John Lacombe Road

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Parish Highway Department to install a dry hydrant on Cody Lane, off Twin Bridges Road, for Fire Protection District No. 2, who is to provide all materials for the project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to congratulate Acadian Ambulance for being featured in the "Journal of Emergency Services" magazine as one of the top ambulance services in America and as a representative of Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve contract between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Workforce Investment Board with Yellow Checker of Cenla, Inc. to transport WIA participants. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve an amendment to the program plan of the CDBG Technology grant for

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the following changes: program design, geographical area of service, target population, fee structure, and changes in eligibility requirements. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign the FY 2000 LCDBG Technology Program Extension. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby award the Cloverdale/Grundy Cooper Subdivision, Phase I, Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program, State Project No. 576-40-0015, to the low bidder T. L. Construction Inc. in the amount of \$74,549, as recommended by the Consultant Engineer, with the commitment of an additional \$23,358.50 to be funded at 100% from Road District No. 36 because the bid amount exceeds the amount approved in the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to change the Contract upon approval of Legal Counsel.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

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

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the status report of Willis Engineering on the Lena Water Project. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Rapides Parish Police Jury to be lead applicant and submit an application for the United States Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families Mentoring Grant. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution was presented for the Penny Acres Statewide Flood Control Program Grant Preapplication; authorizing the preparation and submission of a preapplication, providing for the necessary documentation of flood damages, authorization for a Statement of Sponsorship, and designation of the President as the Authorized Representative on technical matters and to effect the preparation of the preapplication and application, and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the Rapides Parish Police Jury to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reduction of existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Penny Acres Subdivision, where flood damages have occurred, has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to LA R.S. 38:90.1 et seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Rapides Parish Police Jury is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under the Statute,

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

Section 1. That the Rapides Parish Police Jury acknowledges that upon approval of the pre-application a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute.

Section 3. That Ezra Reed, President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Rapides Parish Police Jury to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project.

Section 4. That the Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the OEP Director to apply for a renewal of the Citizens Corp grant for the period of April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented, to grant the City of Alexandria a nonexclusive franchise for the construction, operation and maintenance of electrical, water, gas and sewer facilities in, over, under or along the public roads, streets or alleys outside the confines of the boundary of the

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City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, for a period of twentyfive years, for a franchise fee of four (4%) percent of the gross collection, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE, RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO USE PARISH RIGHTS OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRICAL, WATER, GAS AND SEWER SYSTEM THROUGHOUT WARDS ONE, TWO AND EIGHT OF RAPIDES PARISH

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has requested a franchise allowing the municipality to use Parish rights of ways for the purpose to construct, maintain and operate electrical, water, gas and sewer systems throughout Wards One, Two and Eight of Rapides Parish;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened, that there be and is hereby granted to the City of Alexandria, a municipality organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, herein after called "GRANTEE", a franchise, as provided in Louisiana LARS 33:4361, granting and authorizing Grantee's use of the public roads, streets, alleys, highways, thoroughfares and public places of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, outside the limits of any incorporated city, town or village therein, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining electrical, water, gas and sewer systems to sell and service its customers, users and members for a term of twentyfive (25) years and become effective from and after the passage of this ordinance and its formal acceptance in writing by the City of Alexandria.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this franchise shall never be construed as exclusive or as conferring rights or privileges within the present boundaries of incorporated municipalities, and the rights herein conferred shall not be exercised in, over or upon highways, thoroughfares or rights-of-way now officially included within the system of the Louisiana State Highways, without the written consent of the proper State officials in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute LARS 33:4362.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the said lines, meters, properties, etc. shall be made subject to the approval of the parish engineer; and such lines, meters, properties, etc. shall be installed so as not to interfere to any appreciable degree with traffic, and all openings in any public thoroughfare shall be closed and the thoroughfare restored promptly to its former condition of usefulness. Any expense incurred by the Parish in connection with the location or construction of the Grantee's lines, meters, properties, etc., pursuant to this grant, on public rights of way as established at the time of this grant, shall be borne by the Grantee.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should it be necessary to relocate any of the Grantee's lines, meters, properties, etc. located or constructed pursuant to this grant because of road improvements or road construction or the installation of other public works by the Parish, the cost of such relocation shall be borne by the Grantee. The franchise herein granted is to be exercised by the Grantee so that in all cases where cuts or excavations are required the soil is to be promptly restored to its original condition and all operations under this franchise are to be carried out solely at the expense of the Grantee and so as to avoid damages to the public places, roads, streets and alleys involved and so as to avoid damages to third parties, and in any event, with the definite obligation on the part of the Grantee to reimburse the Parish any damages it may suffer by said operations and/or to reimburse any third parties for any damages that may be suffered by virtue thereof, and so as to hold the Police Jury (Parish) completely harmless from any and all of such damages.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Grantee shall use reasonable precautions to avoid damages to persons and property and shall hold and save harmless the Parish of Rapides from all damages, losses or expenses caused by the negligence of the Grantee, its agents or employees while exercising any of the rights herein granted.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Grantee in accepting this franchise therein agrees and guarantees to hold harmless the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides and its individual members from any and all loss, damage or expense which it may suffer on account of the grant of this franchise and operations thereunder arising from any cause whatsoever and in favor of any person, persons, partnership or corporation.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Grantee shall reimburse the Parish of Rapides for all damages suffered by it by reason of this franchise, and if Grantee should fail to complete any restoration work promptly or in a workmanlike manner, the proper officials of the Parish of Rapides shall have the right to do such work at Grantee's expense, and Grantee shall reimburse the Parish of Rapides forthwith for all reasonable costs so incurred.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this franchise shall continue in existence for a period of twentyfive (25) years and become effective from and after the passage of this ordinance. Upon the termination of this franchise, the term and franchise fee shall be renegotiated.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance is subject to the provision of Chapter 11 Franchise Fee of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances, however, the franchise fee shall be four (4%) percent of the gross sales of electrical, water, gas and sewer services derived by the City of Alexandria in Wards One, Two and Eight from that portion that as of

the effective date of this agreement exists outside the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria.

Section 9.1 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the boundary of the City of Alexandria as it exists at the time of the effective date of this agreement shall be used to determine whether the sales are subject to this franchise agreement. Future changes to the boundary of the City of Alexandria shall not affect this agreement.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon the termination of this franchise, the term and franchise fee shall be renegotiated.

SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance and the rights, privileges and franchises herein granted are not exclusive and shall become effective from and after the passage of this ordinance and its formal acceptance in writing by the City of Pineville.

SECTION 12. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 13. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Secretary of this Police Jury be and he/she is empowered, authorized and directed to record an original certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage and Conveyance Records in the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana, and to cause said resolution to be published in the official journal of the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of the month of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to amend the Juvenile Probation budget in the General Fund, including employee salary increases, as requested by Judge D. Thaddeus Johnson, to be paid from funds transferred from Title IV-E funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented, to amend the Purchasing Policy to comply with the new State law, as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, and on vote unanimously adopted:

#### ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 2-91 ET SEQ. PURCHASING PROCEDURES OF THE RAPIDES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 12th day of April, 2004, that Section 2-91 et seq. is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

#### ARTICLE VI. PURCHASING PROCEDURES

##### Sec. 2-91. Intent; applicability.

It is intended to establish prudent safeguards to protect the financial condition of the parish and provide procedures for purchasing which promote fair and equitable competition among those businesses and individuals desiring to supply materials, supplies, and services to the parish. All departments and budget units of the parish are required to observe and be guided by the following specific directives.

##### Sec. 2-92. Small purchases.

Any procurement not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) may be made in accordance with the following small purchase procedures, except that procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase:

a. Purchases under five hundred dollars (\$500.00): For purchases under five hundred dollars (\$500.00), draw from inventory, if in stock. If not, purchase may be made without competitive bidding.

b. Purchases over five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but under ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00): Purchases over five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but under ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be made after attempting to obtain telephone, facsimile, or written quotations from a minimum of three (3) vendors. Quotations received will be recorded on the requisition form in the space provided.

The above MAY be accomplished at the departmental level and forwarded to purchasing for a purchase order and procurement. Requisitions received by purchasing without sufficient competitive quotations will be delayed until quotations are obtained by purchasing or approved for purchase without further competition for reasons acceptable to the purchasing department. The decisions as to what method will be used to obtain quotation will be made by the Purchasing Agent and will be based on the nature of the purchase, time available, availability of the catalogs and other published sources of market price information, and other factors.

##### Sec. 2-93. Medium purchases.

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Purchases over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,00.00):

Any procurement over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) shall be made by obtaining not less than three (3) written, telephone or facsimile quotations. A written confirmation of the accepted offer shall be obtained and made a part of the purchase file. If quotation lower than the accepted quotation is received, the reasons for their rejection shall be recorded in the purchase file. (R.S. 38:2212)

The above MAY be accomplished at the departmental level and forwarded to purchasing for a purchase order and procurement. Requisitions received by purchasing without sufficient competitive quotations will be delayed until quotations are obtained by purchasing or approved for purchase without further competition for reasons acceptable to the purchasing department. The decisions as to what method will be used to obtain quotation will be made by the Purchasing Agent and will be based on the nature of the purchase, time available, availability of the catalogs and other published sources of market price information, and other factors.

Each department head who is accountable to the police jury shall send a letter to the police jury or the president of the police jury when an expenditure of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or over is made (per resolution dated March 9, 1993), with the exception of material and supplies bid under an annual contract or state contracts.

Sec. 2-94. Large purchases.

Purchases over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) are subject to formal bid law as outlined in Louisiana Revised Statutes (38:2212).

Sec. 2-95. Exceptions to minimum competitive bidding requirements.

The following are exceptions to the minimum competitive requirements outlined above:

(a) Annual contract: Purchases or repairs made under any annual contract.

(b) State or other cooperative contracts: Purchases made under any state or other cooperative contract, provided the requisition and purchase order show it to be a contract purchase and list the contract number. This exception also applies to large purchases.

(c) Surplus property: Purchase made of surplus property from authorized federal, state, parish, or other municipal governmental entities.

(d) Service and maintenance by authorized dealer: Parts and repairs for automotive, mobile, and fixed equipment obtained from or done by an authorized dealer or manufacturer. Authorized dealer is defined as a dealer certified by the manufacturer to perform maintenance on their equipment. Such parts and/or repairs in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be approved by the purchasing agent.

(e) Gasoline and diesel fuel: Purchases of gasoline and diesel fuel not on a current competitive contract must be accomplished after telephonic quotations from a minimum of three (3) suppliers.

(f) Sole source procurement: This is when a requirement is available from a single supplier. A requirement for a particular brand name item does not justify a sole source procurement if there is more than one (1) potential bidder for that item. Also, personal preference for sole source procurement when an equivalent produce of another brand name can satisfy the requirement. The determination as to whether a procurement will be made as a sole source will be made by the purchasing agent based on written justification furnished by the requesting activity subject to confirmation action he/she considers appropriate.

(g) Emergency purchases:

(1) Definition: A condition which creates an immediate and serious need for supplies, services, or major repairs that cannot be met through the competitive procurement methods outlined in this article and the lack of which would seriously threaten:

- a. The functioning of the parish government;
- b. The preservation or protection of property; or
- c. The health or safety of any person.

(2) Authority to make emergency purchases: The purchasing agent may make emergency procurements, as defined above, of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) by verbal/telephonic approval of the president prior to the procurement. When the Rapides Parish Police Jury meets in legal session and declares an "emergency" exists, the purchasing agent is authorized to purchase whatever is necessary to satisfy the emergency thus declared. Requisitions from the department to support the emergency procurement must be submitted as quickly as possible and contain, in the remarks section, identification as an emergency purchase and a clear description of the emergency. (R.S. 38:2211D)

(3) Comments relative to emergency purchases: The provisions for emergency procurement is included herein because it would be unrealistic to believe that each and every purchase of expenditure of funds by a parish government can be done only after ensuring that firms and individuals competing for the required supplies or services have been contacted. On rare occasions, immediate action is essential to prevent an even greater real or potential emergency situation; however, abuse of these provisions by treating situations created due to poor planning and negligence of the part of supervisory personnel as an emergency may result in appropriate corrective action.

Sec. 2-96. Public works contracts.

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All public works contracts aggregating in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) (contract limit) including labor and materials, shall be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder who had bid according to the contract, plans, and specifications as advertised, as outlined Louisiana Revised Statutes R.S. 38:2212A(1a, d, e).

Any public works contracts aggregating in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) but less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) shall have jury approval. In the event of an extreme public emergency the president shall have the authority to act on behalf of the jury.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Chapter 2 shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 12th day of February, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize payment of 2004 membership dues in the amount of \$25 to the Central Louisiana Sports Association, to be paid out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Titleist Extension, on Titleist Drive Extension, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Deer Meadow Subdivision, on the corner of Gunter and Bass Roads, Ward 11, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize removal from the Ninth Judicial District Judges Office Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
6999	Advocate Transcriber	4-24-95	scrap/auction

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the President to send a letter to Peabody High School and Pineville High School asking if they were interested in a basketball game between Peabody High School and Pineville High School for the purpose of raising funds for charity, and if the response is positive, to request the President to form a committee to explore this possibility. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, 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 proclaim the month of April, 2004, 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 12th day of April, 2004.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the week of April 12-18, 2004, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY does hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2004, as

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WEEK

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

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

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

PROCLAMATION

Transportation:

Counties Move America's People and Products

County-owned transportation systems are a key part of the economic engine that drives this country. County highways and roadways, bridges, airports, and transit systems help move both people and products.

Counties also provide public safety, and offer medical and human services. Counties provide opportunities for new businesses to prosper, provide job training and technological solutions. Counties provide needed elderly services for grandmothers and grandfathers and healthcare to the disabled and needy. When natural or man-made disaster strikes, county emergency services keep children and their families safe and informed until order can be restored.

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

County officials and employees use their role as local leaders to encourage economic development and therefore improve the lives of their citizens and make their communities more livable.

Counties have a long history of providing critical services. County governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together.

In recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby proclaims April 18-24, 2004, as

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

in Rapides Parish.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Parish employees to attend the 2005 annual Police Jury Association Conference to be held on February 17-19, 2005 in Kenner, Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated Department Heads to attend the annual Police Jury Association's Legislative Day to be held on April 21, 2004 in Baton Rouge. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors who attended the Governor's special event on March 31, 2004 in Baton Rouge. On vote the motion carried.

The next agenda item was that if a favorable report is received from the Parish Inspector that improvements are in process to the structures located at the corner of Fourth Street and Cappel Road, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, &

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6 of Sepulvado Subdivision, being part of Lot 6 of Oak Isle Plantation, Section 34, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, to grant a ninety day extension on the condemnation hearing, being July 12, 2004, to give the property owner additional time to bring the property back to safe and sanitary standards.

Mr. Perry asked if the Parish Inspector had a favorable report on the property. Mr. Butch Daigre, Parish Inspector, advised no improvements are visible either in the last two weeks or for the last four to six years. He had met with the property owner and was advised improvements have been made inside the house. The structures continue to be unsafe and unsanitary. Copies of photographs of the structures were distributed to all Police Jurors.

Mr. Mark Watson, attorney representing Mr. Jacob Sepulvado, said Mr. Sepulvado understand the gravity of the situation and is willing to tear down all four sheds, haul off the travel trailer, remove all inoperable cars and boats, and do everything included in the recommendation of the Public Works Director, but wished to maintain and complete the restoration of the mobile home and make the house habitable with a request for a ninety day extension to July 12, 2004, especially as the Public Works Director and Parish Inspector has advised that demolition under a condemnation order would take a longer period of time. Mr. Bordelon pointed out the property has been in violation for almost a decade without any improvements despite all attempts by the Parish to work with Mr. Sepulvado. Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, reviewed the Police Jury has already started the condemnation process on the structures, a hearing has been held, the property has been notified, thus the Police Jury could cold suspend or postpone the hearing or it could vote to condemn with a provision that demolition not begin earlier than ninety days.

Ms. Robbie Turpin, neighbor adjacent to the property, said she has resided at her property since March 1967 and has been asking Mr. Sepulvado to repair and clean up property, which is unsightly and a breeding ground for snakes. In ten years, all he had done was painted three sides of the house, mowed the yard and boarded up the windows. Mr. Wilmore said he knew Mr. Sepulvado and was willing to give him the benefit of doubt.

Mr. Daigre said he continually sends Mr. Sepulvado letters of overgrown grass, which he will eventually cut a couple of weeks later but won't cut it again in the same season unless the Parish begins the process again. Mr. Bordelon asked if the grass cutting ordinance could be amended to cure this problem. Mr. Wells explained his interpretation of the law, which could include interpretation of notice once in a grass cutting season, but action would have to be taken by the Legislature to allow parishes to act as do municipalities.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the hearing having been held and it is the opinion of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the facts justify the condemnation of the property of Jacob T. Sepulvado and being two abandoned, dilapidated houses, a dilapidated mobile home, a dilapidated travel trailer and several dilapidated barns, all in various stages of decay and beginning to fall down, on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Fourth Street and Cappel Road, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of J. T. Sepulvado Subdivision being part of Lot 6 of Oak Isle Plantation, Section 34, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish;

BE IT ORDAINED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby enter an order condemning the following property:

two abandoned, dilapidated houses, a dilapidated mobile home, a dilapidated travel trailer and several dilapidated barns, all in various stages of decay and beginning to fall down, on an overgrown lot, on the corner of Fourth Street and Cappel Road, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of J. T. Sepulvado Subdivision being part of Lot 6 of Oak Isle Plantation, Section 34, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, and belonging to Jacob T. Sepulvado, and order it be demolished or removed in accordance with the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 8-1/4 Condemnation of Buildings.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Public Works Director be and he is hereby instructed that the authority to demolish the condemned structure is delayed until July 12, 2004, a ninety day period as requested by Attorney Mark Watson on behalf of the property owner, and if steps have not been taken by that time to improve the condition of the condemned structures, to proceed with the demolition authorized hereof.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to follow the rules under the grass cutting ordinances on the property located on the corner of Fourth Street and Cappel Road, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of J. T. Sepulvado Subdivision being part of Lot 6 of Oak Isle Plantation, Section 34, T4N-R1W, Ward 8, District I, Rapides Parish, and belonging to Jacob T. Sepulvado. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the report of the Parish Inspector recommending an abandoned, dilapidated mobile home located at 242 Hooper Road, Section 10, T5N-R1W, Ward 10, District A, Rapides Parish, be condemned and demolished or

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removed, due to being in dangerous condition which endangers the public health or welfare, and it be referred to Legal Counsel for proper action. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February 2004:

Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	356	80%	93.26%
Pineville - 8 minute	89	80%	95.51%
Rapides - 12 minute	118	80%	99.15%
Rapides - 20 minute	104	80%	91.35%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to create an additional administrative tax secretarial slot, Range 12, at the Sales and Use Tax Office and authorize filling of the slot, as recommended by the Sales Tax Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to establish a policy for conversion of unused annual leave exceeding 160 hours on an employee's anniversary to sick leave, which is creditable upon retirement, and request the Civil Service Board to consider amendment of their rules for classified employees. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Civil Service Board was created for Fire Protection District No. 4 on February 10, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Protection District No. 4 Civil Service Board has been advised that a member thereon be a qualified voter of the area for which fire protection is provided for at least five years as provided in LARS 33:2536 (B)(1)(a) unless a special exemption has been granted by the Police Jury; and,

WHEREAS, the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Association has requested this Police Jury to grant such an exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby avail itself of the provisions of LARS 33:2536 (B)(1)(b) and approve the provision that the employee representative on the Fire Protection District No. 4 Civil Service Board shall be a resident of the Rapides Parish for a period of at least five years preceding appointment.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize an addendum to the group health insurance bid specifications to allow compensation of agents. On vote the motion carried.

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

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, bids for the Kelleyland Sewerage System Improvements Project (FY 2002 LCDBG Project No. 588402) have been received and read aloud; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$926,166.10 exceeds the amount of funds available to finance the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineer, Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. (MML&H), Consultant Engineer, has prepared Change Order No. 1 eliminating the proposed gravity sewer along Construction Road and reducing the contract amount to \$863,875.00 (within available grant funds) and to be executed concurrently with the contract; and,

WHEREAS, MML&H has recommended to the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the contract be conditionally awarded, subject to approval of the Contractor and Change Order by the Louisiana Office of Community Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the contract be awarded as shown below, subject to the availability of funds. Award is contingent upon the reduction of the contract amount by Change Order No. 1 to be executed concurrently with the contract. The award is also contingent on approval of the Contractor by the Office of Community Development, and concurrence of Change Order NO. 1 by the Office of Community Development.

Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. \$926,166.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to sign the Contract and the Change Order No. 1 and all related contract documents required upon approval of Legal Counsel.

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

YEAS: Ezra L. Reed, Donald H. Wilmore, Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Joe Fuller, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Richard W. Billings and Scott Perry Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 12th day of April, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign a contract with Abney Canine Training for

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the purchase, maintenance and training of an arson dog for Fire Protection District No. 2 in the amount of \$3,500 to be paid from Fire Protection District No. 2 Funds, which will be reimbursed from the Kisatchie-Delta Law Enforcement grant funds through the Rapides Parish Sheriff's office, as recommended by the Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the low proposal of James Decker Builders Inc. for the design and build of a 24'x30' metal storage building in the amount of \$38,464.000 to be located at Fire District No. 2 Fire Station No. 1, 5104 Ransbottom Drive, as recommended by the Fire Chief, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to terminate the services of Ms. Rochelle Daniels, further services will require prior approval of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1885 Miscellaneous Office Supplies (annual Contract) to the low bidder Sayes Office Supply for all items bid as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1886 Miscellaneous Office Furniture to Price Office Supply the low bidder in the amount of \$19,266.95 for LSUA-Dean Lee Research Center, State Project No. 50-J40-02-01 subject to State approval, as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, 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, 2004, to be paid from the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign a contract in the amount of \$8,900 with Maximus Inc. to develop a cost allocation plan for the One Stop and satellite centers and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign a contract for the STEP program and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign Modification No. 1 to the WIA Plan and the Treasurer to amend the budget as appropriate. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign Modification No. 1 to the LSUA WIA youth services contract incorporating a summer technology camp. on vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to create two temporary positions in the Workforce Operations Department for one full-time teacher at a salary and fringe of \$26,390 and one aide at a salary and fringe of \$16,468 to implement the new STEP Program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1889 Furnishing and Hauling Pit Run (Wards 9, 10 and 11) (annual contract) to E & E Construction the low bidder for all Zones subject to the material meeting specifications, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve purchase in accordance with state procurement of equipment and furnishings for the CDBG Technology Building at LSUA not to exceed \$80,000 to be paid out of Rapides Parish Finance Authority funds and available CDBG Funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to submit a second request to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for assistance in trapping beavers as requested by the Police Jury on March 15, 2004 and to also request assistance from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. On vote the motion carried.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that requires police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

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WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Rapides Parish Communication Center (9-1-1) and other dispatch locations; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers throughout Rapides Parish have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury declares the week of April 11-17, 2004 to be

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in Rapides Parish, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keeps our parish and citizens safe.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2004.

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

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to request the City of Alexandria for assistance on the request of Ms. Katherine Scott in Compton Park. 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. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:45 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Ezra L. Reed, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury