

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

OCTOBER 11, 2004
REGULAR SESSION

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, October 11, 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.

Absent was Vice President Donald H. Wilmore.

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; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; Ms. Candy Saucier, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jerry Wood.

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. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on September 13, 2004, and in Special Session on September 20, 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. Bordelon 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. Bordelon 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. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to appoint Mr. John Flynn to the Wards 1 & 8 Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to appoint Mr. Johnny Snow 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. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to reappoint Ms. Opal Hudson to the Port Commission for a six year term, term will expire on October 11, 2010. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Granvel G. Metoyer to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on October 11, 2010. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Ms. Melba Peart to the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Bob Stevens to the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Mark Scarber to the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a

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five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Greg Pharis to the Gas Utility District No. 2 Board for a five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Steve Bordelon and Mr. Butch Lindsay laid over the appointment to Fire District No. 3 Civil Service Board, nominee of Louisiana College, for three year term to fill the expired term of Mrs. Suzy C. Berry, term expired on October 10, 2004, until nominations are received from Louisiana College. Mr. Fuller asked the law be reviewed if there was an alternate appointing authority for failure of the Police Jury to act.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Ms. Zelda O. Smith to the Housing Authority, representing the tenants under LARS 40:401E, for a five year term, term will expire on October 11, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Butch Lindsay, to reappoint Mrs. Ruby H. Merchant to the Ward 4 Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on October 12, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Steve Bordelon laid over the appointment to the Ward 9 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Tony Brosette, term will expire on November 8, 2004.

Mr. Steve Bordelon laid over the appointment to Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Matthew A. Robertson, employee elected, term will expire on November 12, 2004, until the election could be held.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to ratify the reappointment by the President for Mr. Jimmy Dubroc as member to the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission, representing Rapides Parish, and _____ as alternate member, for two year terms, terms will expire on August 31, 2004. On vote the motion carried.

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

Civil Service Board for a three year term to fill expiring term of Ms. Renee' Chappell, nominee of Louisiana College, term will expire on October 16, 2004;

Esler Industrial Development Area Advisory Board, representing District A, for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Calvin Malone, term will expire on November 29, 2004;

Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. John L. Bradas, term will expire on December 10, 2004;

Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Max C. Johnston, term will expire on December 10, 2004;

Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Wilburn A. Smith, term will expire on December 10, 2004; and

Board on the Code of Ethics for one year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. James Arthur Williams, term will expire on December 14, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. John L. Bradas, Mr. Max C. Johnston and Mr. Wilburn A. Smith to the Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for four year terms, terms will expire on December 10, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Butch Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Calvin Malone to the Esler Industrial Development Area Advisory Board, representing District A, for a five year term, term will expire on November 29, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fontaine and Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. James Arthur Williams to the Board on the Code of Ethics for one year term, term will expire on December 14, 2005. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to hold a public hearing for the purpose of a proposed amendment to the Technology Center Target Area to include the entire parish and to conduct a seminar during the public hearing on the Fair Housing Program. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Kendall Magee, Consultant Administrator, explained that when the grant application was submitted in 2000, the designated target area was most of the rural southern portion of Rapides Parish, including the municipalities of Cheneyville, Lecompte, Glenmora, McNary and Forest Hill. The proposal is to request an amendment to allow every low-moderate income person in Rapides Parish to participate in the technology program. When Ms. Susie Elkins, Director of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, conducted a monitoring visit six months previously, the

proposed amendment was discussed and she verbally agreed to the amendment. Since that time, the amendment has been implemented but never formalized which is the intent today.

On Fair Housing, Mr. Magee explained that the Rapides Parish Police Jury has a Fair Housing Policy and it signs assurances when submitting a CDBG application that it will adhere to its Fair Housing Policy. He distributed copies of the "Open Housing, It's Your Right" brochure published by the Louisiana Department of Justice, Public Protection Division. Mr. Magee reviewed the basics of the program and pointed out that if any citizen feels he has been discriminated concerning housing because of race, sex, religion, familial status, handicap or national origin, he can contact the Louisiana Department of Justice by telephone at 1-800-273-5718.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to go out of the public hearing and return to regular session. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, Mr. Jerry Wood, and Mr. Joe Fuller, to approve the proposed amendment to the Technology Center Target Area to include the entire parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request again that a representative of the Central Louisiana Research Park be present at the next meeting of the Police Jury to discuss the annual financial report for the Central Louisiana Research Park as submitted by the Alexandria Central Economic Development District as required by the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Mr. Wood advised Mr. Jeff Richardson, representing the Central Louisiana Research Park, had been invited to this meeting and asked if he was present, to which there was no response.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize Mr. David Stokes, 1275 Highway 121, Hineston, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize Mr. Henry Maricle, 550 Highway 462, Pitkin, as a Hardship Case. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize an intergovernmental agreement between Fire District No. 2 and the Rapides Parish Sheriff to house the Maco air compressor and cascade fill station, Asset No. 4885, on the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Haz-Mat Trailer to assist the Homeland Security Regional Team and to assist the Dive Team, as recommended by Fire District No. 2 Chief, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to award Bid No. 1913 For Sale Used Radio Equipment to Blair Communications the highest bidder in the amount of \$300 as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Technology Center, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, LCDBG Contract No. 571778, for an increased amount of \$1,207.00 as recommended by Barron, Heinberg & Brocato, Architects, and approved by the Louisiana Division of Administration. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to reimburse the expense of Mr. James Turnage who attended the Twin Valley RC&D Meeting in Natchitoches, LA on September 28, 2004, to be paid from the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to waive the insurance requirements on the sewer effluent discharge permit of Mr. Mike Ardoin, 200 Iris Lane, Pineville, as approved by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request Legal Counsel to set up a procedure for those property owners applying for a sewer effluent permit and are unable to secure the required insurance in favor of the Police Jury for the liability to sign an agreement assuming the liability, agreeing to defend the Police Jury in the event of suit and holding the Police Jury harmless. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RAPIDES PARISH CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLANNING BOARD AND APPOINTING THE MEMBERSHIP, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury duly assembled in Regular Session convened on the 11th day of October 2004 that:

Section 1. Rapides Parish Children and Youth Planning Board Established.

By virtue of the authority conferred by Louisiana Revised Statutes LA R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq. and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby created and established a Rapides Parish Children and Youth Planning Board. The Board shall have all of the powers, duties and functions granted and conferred to it by the statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Children and Youth Planning Board Act (Act 555 of the 2004 Louisiana Legislature).

Section 2. Appointments.

The Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby appoints the following members to the Rapides Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, who shall serve two year terms, with representation of the community as indicated:

education community

Catherine McKay (RPSB)

Tommy Roque (RPSB)

criminal justice community

Daphne R. Robinson (D.A. Office)

Field Gremillion (D. A. Office)

Det. Dwayne Brevelle (RPSO)

Det. Steven Reed (RPSO)

Det. Darrell Jones (APD)

Lt. Keith McLain (Pineville PD)

Robert Tillie (Renaissance)

Judge Donald T. Johnson (Judges)

Clifton Spears (IDB)

Susan Ford Fiser (IDB)

health care community

Cathy Derbonne (mental health professional)

social services community

Sara Alford (Office of Community Services)

faith-based communities

business and labor communities

parenting and youth organizations

Jeanie Sanders

THUS PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of October, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant approval to Riverview Acres, on LA Hwy 1 South, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant approval to Mary Joe Estates, Phase II, on Messina Road, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the registration and mileage, in an amount up to \$300 each, of the Justices of the Peace and Constables to attend the 2005 Justices of the Peace and Constables Annual Training Course to be held on March 30-April 1, 2005, in New Orleans, to be paid out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to allow the Ward 10 Recreation District Maintenance Supervisor to participate in the Police Jury Group Health Insurance Program at no cost to the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for August 2004:

Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	379	80%	89.18%
Pineville - 8 minute	104	80%	90.39%
Rapides - 12 minute	116	80%	90.52%
Rapides - 20 minute	142	80%	87.32%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to lay over thirty days the recognition of the winners of the 2004 Ponytail World Series. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, 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. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to request Mr. Bob Odom, Commissioner of Agriculture, if the boll weevil spraying vehicle would be available on emergency loan for spraying against mosquitoes bearing West Nile Virus in Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Randall Ducote, Louisiana Office of Public Health, distributed basic information for an update on 2004 West Nile Virus as of October 11, 2004, which advised two of three birds tested were positive, there was one confirmed human case in Rapides Parish and Central Louisiana, and there were several West Nile cases in horses. There was a quick comparison to the State cases. Mr. Ducote also verbally compared this year's cases to last year's, a reduction of about 75%, noting that in the months of October-November, the West Nile Virus season was on a decline.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to delete from Fire District No. 9 Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment and place up for bid as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors:

Asset	Description	Acquired	Disposal
7299	Tanker/Trailer	5-31-96	bid

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize for the sale of trailmobile (Asset No. 7299) and an International Van (Asset No. 5602) chassis only, no longer suitable for public use, as recommended by the Fire District No. 9 Fire Chief and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to encourage the citizens of rural Rapides Parish to observe Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2004 in conjunction with the Cities of Alexandria and Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign an agreement with Louisiana State University, Alexandria, to provide economic and workforce development services using Rapides Finance Authority funds and for the Treasurer to amend the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign a modification to the Yellow Checker of Cenla Inc. contract to incorporate Rapides Finance Authority funds. On vote the motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (G) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT ON SLAY CEMETERY ROAD, WARD 11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 11th day of October, 2004, that Section 18-4.2 (g) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include the following road, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.2. Speed limits designated on certain streets:

...
(g) Twenty-five miles per hour. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle upon the following parish roads in Rapides Parish in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

...
Slay Cemetery Road, Ward 11

...
(1). Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned in the Rapides Parish Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect speed limit signs on the road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 11th day of October, 2004.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize submission of an application for Capital Outlay funding for the Dean Lee Project, Phase II, in the amount of \$2.4 million. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant a thirty day extension on the clean up of the junkyard on Cactus Drive, near LA 107, and if the property is not cleaned up after the thirty days, authorize Legal Counsel to file suit and request the Parish Inspector

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to furnish a report at the end of the thirty day extension. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:36 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Ezra L. Reed, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury