

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION
December 6, 2004

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 2:45 p.m. (Central Standard Time), pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law, viz:

Alexandria, Louisiana
December 1, 2004

NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, December 6, 2004 at 2:45 p.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. To adopt an In Memoriam for the late Dr. Wesley Ray Dyer.
2. To call a special election in the Office of Coroner, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.
3. Any other business that may properly come before the Police Jury.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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

Absent was Police Juror Theodore Fontaine Jr.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Eric S. Duck, Public Works Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Collector; Ms. Jan Haworth, OEWD Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse and Jail Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Butch Lindsay.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, Mr. Richard Billings and all other Police Jurors, the following In Memoriam for the late Dr. Wesley Ray Dyer was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Wesley Ray Dyer, M.D., who served as Coroner for and in Rapides Parish, from March 26, 1984 until his death, was called by his Creator on Monday, November 29, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Dyer was serving in his sixth consecutive term of office, having the support and confidence of the voters of Rapides Parish since 1983; and,

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

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the late Dr. Wesley Ray Dyer, and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy hereof be presented to his wife, Connie Newell Dyer, and his family as a lasting tribute to his public service.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 6th day of December, 2004.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Office of Coroner, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as a result of the death of Dr. Wesley Ray Dyer on Monday, November 29, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Wesley Ray Dyer was re-elected for a four year term beginning with the fourth Monday in March, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, more than one year remains to be served in the unexpired term which will expire on the fourth Monday in March, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority contained in LARS 18:602(E)(2), BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that a Special Election is hereby called to fill the vacancy for the Office of Coroner, Rapides Parish, Louisiana; the primary election shall be on Saturday, April 2, 2005, and the general election shall be on Saturday, April 23, 2005; and the qualifying period for candidates shall begin on February 9, 2005, and shall end on February 11, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. by the authority contained in LARS 18:467; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Rapides, the Commissioner of Elections and Registrar of Voters in and for Rapides Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform his respective functions as required by law.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Theodore Fontaine Jr.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 6th day of December, 2004.

Dr. Francis Brian Jr., Interim Coroner, advised he had been serving as Deputy Coroner to Dr. Dyer for a number of years, he was a retired physician from the Brian Clinic and he planned to run for election to the Office of Coroner for Rapides Parish.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. Tony Brossett from the Ward 9 Recreation District effective December 1, 2004, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Jim Smith to fill the vacancy to fill the unexpired term, term will expire November 8, 2009. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. Billy Allgood from the Ward 9 Recreation District effective November 12, 2004, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Ray Cripps to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire February 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. Fred S. Mills from the Ward 9 Recreation District effective December 1, 2004, and lay over thirty days an appointment to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire February 12, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:55 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Ezra L. Reed, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury