

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION
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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, March 21, 2005, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Honorable Ezra L. Reed, President; Jerry P. Wood Sr., Vice President; and Police Jurors Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, 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. Kay Smith, Interim OEWD Director, Mr. Terry Bounds, Interim WIA Operations Director; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Joe Fuller.

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

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. Richard Billings, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on February 14, 2005, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, 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.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Ms. Sue Paul Jolly to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on March 21, 2010. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to lay over the appointment to the Ward 5 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Jimmy Rachal, term expired on March 13, 2005, and a letter be written to Mr. Rachal asking if he wishes to continue to serve. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Billings laid over the appointment to the Ward 6 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Robert W. Cloud, term will expire on April 9, 2005.

Mr. Fuller laid over the appointment to the Wards 1 & 8 Recreation for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. George W. Thompson, term will expire on April 13, 2005.

Mr. Billings laid over the appointment to the AICUZ Appeal Board for a three year term to fill the expiring term of the late Mr. Phil M. Sleet, nominee of the Mayor of Alexandria, term will expire on April 14, 2005.

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

Waterworks District No. 3 for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Mike Byrnes, term will expire on May 1, 2005; and

Poland Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Ronald J. Roe, term will expire on May 10, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Butch Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Mike Byrnes to the Waterworks District No. 3 for a five year term, term will expire on May 1, 2010. 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. Ronald J. Roe to the Poland Recreation District for a five year term, term will expire on May 1, 2010. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, and seconded by Mr. Donald Wilmore, as requested by the Senior Citizens agencies:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levying of a special tax therein and making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"):

SECTION 1. Election Call. That, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of Rapides (the "Parish"), State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 16, 2005, between the hours of six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:541), and that at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX CONTINUATION

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 1.03 MILL PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR FUNDS TO MATCH FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO RAPIDES PARISH FOR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CENTERS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of one and three-hundredths (1.03) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in said Parish, said tax to constitute a renewal and continuation of a similar tax, the tax for which the levy will expire on the 2006 tax rolls, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of providing funds to match Federal and State funds allocated to Rapides Parish for services to the elderly, including the establishment and maintenance of centers for senior citizens, a work of public improvement for the parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. There shall be published in the "Alexandria Daily Town Talk", a daily newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than fortyfive (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for election, notice of said election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

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SECTION 3. Canvass. That the Rapides Parish Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, shall meet at its regular meeting place, the office of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on Monday, August 8, 2005, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. That the polling places set forth in the abovesaid Notice of Special Election and situated within the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. That the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to be held on Monday, August 8, 2005, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. That the Secretary of the Rapides Parish Police Jury be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other election paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said 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.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. That application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried, for consent and authority to levy and collect the special taxes provided for in said proposition; and that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2005.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted on the 21st day of March, 2005, by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at which election there will be submitted to all registered voters within said Parish, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, which polls will open at six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:541), to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
N1	Pineville Elementary School
N2	Pineville City Hall
N3	Adult Education Center
N4	Pineville Civic Center, Kees Park
N5	Pineville High School
N6	Tioga High School
N7	Pineville High School
N8 (A-K)	Slocum Elementary
N8 (L-Z)	Slocum Elementary
N9	Pineville Civic Center, Kees Park
N10	J. I. Barron School
N11	Pineville Middle School
N12	J. I. Barron School
N13	Pineville Middle School
N14	Pineville Middle School
N15	Tioga High School
N16	Paradise Elementary School
N17	Vol. Fire Station, Esler Field Road
N18 (A-K)	Ball Elementary School
N18 (L-Z)	Ball Elementary School
N19 (A-K)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N19 (L-Z)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N20 (A-K)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N20 (L-Z)	Mary Goff Elementary School
N21	Vol. Fire Station, Rigolette Road
N22	Philadelphia Baptist Church
N23	Fire Dist. 6 Station, Hickory Grove
N24	Buckeye High School
N25	Buckeye High School
N26	Philadelphia Baptist Church
N27	Ruby Wise Elementary School
N28	Ruby Wise Elementary School
N29	Ruby Wise Elementary School
C1	Alexandria City Hall
C2	Peabody Montessori School
C3	Arthur F. Smith Middle School
C4 (A-K)	Acadian Elementary School
C4 (L-Z)	Acadian Elementary School
C5	Phoenix Magnet Elementary School
C6	Martin Luther King Center
C7	Peabody Magnet School
C8	Rapides Motivational Center
C9	Rapides Motivational Center
C10	Alma Redwine Elementary School
C11	Reed Avenue School
C12	(no designation - consolidated into C11)
C13	Fire Dist. #2 Station at England Dr.

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C14 North Bayou Rapides Elementary School
C15 Rosenthal Montessori School
C16 (no designation - consolidated in C18)
C17 Rugg School
C18 Bolton High School
C19 Bolton High School
C20 Amerita Club
C21 (A-K) Martin Park Elementary School
C21 (L-Z) Martin Park Elementary School
C22 LSU-A
C23 Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church
C24 Horseshoe Drive Elementary School
C25 Horseshoe Drive Elementary School
C26 Bolton High School
C27 Huddle Elementary School
C28 Alexandria Middle Magnet School
C29 (no designation - consolidated into C38)
C30 Nachman Elementary School
C31 Alexandria Senior High School
C32 Scott M. Brame Middle School
C33 Cherokee Elementary School
C34 Cherokee Elementary School
C35 Alexandria Senior High School
C36 Nachman Elementary School
C37 Parish Highway Dept, 8051 Hwy 28 West
C38 (A-K) LA Special Education Center
C38 (L-Z) LA Special Education Center
C39 North Bayou Rapides Elementary School
C40 Bolton High School
C41 Alexandria Senior High School

Precinct Polling Place (continued)
C42 Cherokee Elementary School
S1 Northwood High School
S2 Fire Dist. #14 Sta. on LA 8 Flatwoods
*S3 (no precinct - consolidated into S1)
S4 Wettermark
S5 Boyce Town Hall
S6 Fire Dist. #2 Station Hot Wells Road
S7 Oak Hill School
S8 Cotile Volunteer Fire Dept. LA 1200
S9 Clifton Community Center
S10 (A-K) Oak Hill School
S10 (L-Z) Oak Hill School
S11 Fire Dist #5 Station, LA 121 Gardner
*S12 (no precinct - consolidated into S7)
S13 JW McDonald Community Center
S14 JW McDonald Community Center
S15 LSU-A
S16 Poland School
S17 Cheneyville Town Hall
S18 Cheneyville Town Hall
S19 Rapides High School
S20 Lecompte Town Hall
S21 Miller's Store, Midway
S22 Forest Hill Elementary
S23 Forest Hill Town Hall
S24 McNary Town Hall
S25 Glenmora High School
S26 Glenmora Volunteer Fire Station
S27 Volunteer Fire Station, Morrison Road
S28 Fire Dist #10 Station, Union Hill
S29 Plainview School

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

The said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Rapides Parish Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish

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Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, August 8, 2005, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m., and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and count the votes, examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said special election. All registered voters within the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, are entitled to vote at said special election, and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this the 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the renewal of the Senior Citizens Contract for the distribution of the Senior Citizens Tax for the duration of the Tax as follows:

Council on Aging	38.1356%
Senior Citizen Center	37.2881%
Cenla Community Action Agency	12.7119%
RSVP	11.8644%
	<u>100.0000%</u>

On vote the motion carried. Mr. Fountaine objected.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby congratulate

Mr. Joe Fuller on his election as President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Mr. Richard Billings on his election as Second Vice President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and

Mr. Donald Wilmore on his re-election as Executive Board Member at Large of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana on February 19, 2005.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, 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,

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, Bayou Clear Road area of Woodworth and Lena-Flatwoods; 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 March 28-April 3, 2005, 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 March 28-April 3, 2005, as

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WEEK

within the Parish of Rapides, and calls upon all citizens of this community to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community,

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has proposed the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, a federal program which provides funds urgently needed in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, for important infrastructure, economic development and housing rehabilitation projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant Program, and was able to do 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, Bayou Clear Road area of Woodworth and Lena-Flatwoods; and economic development activities with the Willamette Valley project, because of the CDBG Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program creates successful partnership of Federal, state and local governments, businesses, non-profits and community efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program enables communities at the local level to design and provide programs that address the specific needs of low- and moderate-income people,

WHEREAS, funds for these kinds of urgently needed projects are not and will not be available from any other Federal, state, local or private sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury opposes the proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury hereby respectfully requests that Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David B. Vitter and Representative Rodney Alexander support maintaining the Community Development Block Grant Program and \$4.7 billion appropriation for CDBG for Fiscal Year 2006.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the NACo Western Interstate Region on May 25-27, 2005 in Tacoma, Washington. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Buckeye Recreation District for the Parish Highway Department to grade the parking lot at Red River North Recreation Area as requested, with the Buckeye Recreation District reimbursing for all costs associated with this project, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Mr. Carson Thompson, 42 Knapp Road, Pitkin, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for various road improvements, Soil-Cement with 2" Hot Mix, in District H:

Ward 2, District H

Martin Springs Road, 0.60 mile

Beauregard Road, approximately 1.3 miles

Ward 4, District H

East River Road (North), 1.5 miles

Ward 6, District H

Chester West Road, 1.7 miles

Ten Mile Road, 1.4 miles

Freedom Road, 1.1 miles

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for various road improvements in District I and District E:

DISTRICT I

Plantation Road

DISTRICT E

Robinson Bridge Road

Cutts Road

Red Store Hill Road

North Bayou Rapides Road

Kincaid Lake Road
On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids for various road improvements in District F:

DISTRICT F

Lamourie Road

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to set speed limits on Booner Miller Road as follows:

35 mph from LA 107 to address of 113;

25 mph from address of 113 to address of 171 (its intersection with Denny Road); and

45 mph from address of 171 to end of the road.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director to hire up to 18 seasonal workers for the mowing and chip sealing crews to begin on or about April 4, 2005, to be paid out of the Road and Bridge salary line item. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept right-of-way agreements to cross Lot 3 and a portion of Lot 6 of the Williford Partition from three property owners and to accept the existing private road into the Parish system for maintenance, as recommended by the Public Works Director. This road will be known as "Russ-T Lane". This road is located off the Williford Road, Ward 10, District A, 937.2 feet long or 0.18 miles. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented, to put a 10 ton weight limit and 25 mph speed limit on Dazart Road, District A, and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 18-4.2 (G) SPEED LIMITS AND SECTION 18.6 (A) VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS AND SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT AND A WEIGHT LIMIT ON DAUZART ROAD, DISTRICT A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 21st day of March, 2005, that Section 18-4.2 (g) and Section 18.6 (a) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances are 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.

...

Dazart Road, District A

...

(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.

Section 18-6. Vehicle weight limits

(a) Ten-ton limit. No person shall operate a vehicle having a gross weight in excess of ten (10) tons on the following roads in the Parish of Rapides, Louisiana:

...

Dazart Road, District A

...

(1). Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or be imprisoned for not more than 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 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect speed limit, "no trucks" and dead end signs on the road.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize Ms. Lucinda Shackelford, 875 Clifton Road, Mora, as a Hardship Case, pending proper certification. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to purchase a fire pumper from Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. under the LA State Contract (LAMAS Contract) in the amount of \$178,619.00 as recommended by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 3 Funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to improve Robinson Bridge Road, Ward 2, District E, approximately 1.8 mile with 2" of hot mix and shoulder material. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to award Bid No. 1919 Purchase Thirty-Two (32) Integrated Pass Devices for Fire District No. 5 to Hagemeyer North America, the low bidder in the amount of \$25,220.00 as recommended by Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Association Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, to be paid from Fire District No. 5 Funds as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into a Fire Protection District No. 9 mutual aid agreement with Fire Protection District No. 2, as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into a Fire Protection District No. 9 mutual aid agreement with Fire Protection District No. 12, as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into a Fire Protection District No. 9 mutual aid agreement with the Town of Lecompte, as recommended by the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for annual bids for the following: tank car culverts, creosote bridge material, various bituminous material (hot and cold mix), liquid asphalt, various road material (gravel and pit run) and reinforced concrete pipe, to be paid from Road and Bridge Funds and various maintenance funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to receive quotations for the construction of a six bay apparatus building on existing property at 757 Highway 113, to be paid from Fire District No. 11 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase a light duty rescue apparatus, to be paid from Fire District No. 11 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise for bids to purchase extrication equipment, to be paid from Fire District No. 11 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Public Works Director to hire a part-time temporary employee to replace Mr. Archie Coleman at the Cotile Recreation Area. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the property owner on the Warren Willis Loop Road, Ward 6, has requested the road be revoked,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby revoke the Warren Willis Loop Road, Ward 6, as requested by the property owner,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of Section 22-140 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances requiring prior review of a revocation of a right-of-way or servitude be waived.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve disposal of various OEWD equipment in storage:

Asset	Description	Serial
7529	IBM ThinkPad	78-AM529 96/03
7827	IBM ThinkPad	78-N3265 97/08
8928	Quick Monitor	BB3724A06974
7604	Quick Computer	
2800040359	Telecopier 7021 Fax	
	Quick Model 586 CPU	019193
	Quick Model 586 CPU	20351
6860	PS/VP Monitor 6860	23-10710

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve disposal of various OEWD equipment to auction:

Asset	Description	Serial
	Quick Monitor	BB 3705A03120
	Quick CPU	20352
8055	Arcus Monitor	BR3847B01802
	IBM Monitor	72-0690173
6985	Epson Projector	37093
	Digital Resource Monitor	HD93HA015730
	IBM Monitor	72-1256710
	IBM Monitor	72-0676504
	Digital Resource Monitor	HD93HA014808
7628	Quick Monitor	BB3705A03156
6874	IBM CPU	23ABWY2
7303	IBM CPU	23TFLRT
7508	IBM CPU	23CL058
5989	IBM CPU	AN09SA8555SXC
8955	Quick CPU	7504
6047	HP IIP Printer	3049J00207
7549	Arcus Monitor	BZ3616A03546
	Digital Resource Monitor	HD93HA014618
7551	Quick Monitor	BZ3616A03565
7566	IBM Monitor	23-28862
	Okidata Printer	202C0679358
5951	IBM 469 CPU	86B023264
7581	IBM 469 CPU	23AANXF
6870	Battery Back-Up	268-09-14847
6858	Monitor	23-05188
7550	Quick Monitor	BZ3616A04100
	Quick Monitor	BZ3616A04128
7544	Quick Monitor	BZ3616A04122
7547	Quick Monitor	BZ3616A03556
5864	IBM Monitor	AN08513001A
	AST Monitor	311RF001U21191
	IBM Monitor	41-87367
	IBM CPU 466	23G7A9T
	Elmo HP-L355	512314
	Tandy Printer	4424
	HP IIP Printer	20312711H
7912	IBM CPU	78KLACH
7914	IBM CPU	78KKZFG
5275	Canon Copier	CFG01237
7911	IBM CPU	78KLAMF
7915	IBM CPU	78KKXPT
7913	IBM CPU	78KKYKB
7608	Vsconic Monitor	JD71137287
1170	CPU 16x	
5960	HP	
	Quick CPU	005651
8133	Printer	
	Brother HS 5000	
4179	3M O/H Project	40767
7589	Quick CPU	19192
7584	IBM CPU	23AARBG
07828	DeskJet 340 Printer	
07829	DeskJet 340 Printer	SG777111SF
07528	IBM ThinkPad	78-AM687 96/03
07522	DeskJet 340 Printer	SG62911004
07562	Quick Laptop	1ADXHF96601068
07524	DeskJet 340 Printer	SG6291108J
06981	HP DeskJet 560C	US4CT140DX

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06300	Panasonic TV/VHS	PV-M2021
07519	HP ScanJet ADF	SG648220C6
05867	IBM Model 50Z	23-7740805
06485	AST 486 CPU	501120-004
81	IBM Model 8513 Monitor	72-0947794
07572	IBM Model 6554 Monitor	23-28854
08928	Quick Monitor	BB3724A06974
	ADC Color Monitor	HCA72802649
7735	NEXAR CPU	
7349	IBM PC-340	
G001059	ADC Flat Screen	T7MT15AG00050
G001171	Kei System Printer Okipage	111A0027913
7348	APC Battery Back-Up	

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend the 9th National Watershed Conference to be held on May 22-25, 2005 in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the submission of a grant application to the State for Emergency Shelter and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to leave the unemployment trust fund contribution rate at its current level. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to congratulate Dr. Francis M. Brian Jr. for qualifying as Rapides Parish Coroner unopposed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify the submission of a grant application for a federal appropriations request for Fiscal Year 2006 for Irrigation Water Supply, Rapides, Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes in the amount of \$427,500. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify the submission of a grant application for a federal appropriations request for Fiscal Year 2006 for Sewer Collection System to serve a portion of Tioga Community in North Rapides Parish in the amount of \$330,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify the submission of a grant application for a federal appropriations request for Fiscal Year 2006 for Handicapped Youth Ball Field and ADA Compliant Concession Stand with Press Box and Restrooms at Ward 9 Recreation Park in the amount of \$1,445,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to call for a public hearing for the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and all other Police Jurors, to endorse and support the grant application of St. Mary's Residential Training Facility for a federal appropriations request for Fiscal Year 2006 for Development of an Autism Center in the amount of \$650,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Program for the construction of a new fire station in Fire Protection District No. 2, including space for ambulance and police training, and authorize the President to sign the grant application. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following resolution, authorizing and empowering the President to enter into the following transactions: proceed with the appraisals, abstracts and right-of-way acquisitions for the Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, and sign all necessary documents to complete same, was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
OF THE

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, EZRA L. REED, is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of, and in the name of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, to enter into the following transactions:

To proceed with the appraisals, abstracts and right-of-way acquisitions for the Cluster Development, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 05-252-04B-05, and sign all necessary documents to complete same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said officer is further authorized to execute any documents as shall, in his sole discretion and judgment, be appropriate and desirable to accomplish the foregoing, containing such terms as he in his sole judgment deems advisable.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Director of the Rapides Parish Office of Homeland Security to participate in and administer the ODP Fy-05 State Homeland Security Grant Program and to sign related documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to apply for a Juvenile Justice grant and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to appoint a committee to discuss downtown parking with the City of Alexandria and bring back a recommendation to the Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant Ms. Irene Whitt a variance from the required Police Jury named as additional insured on her insurance policy for sewer effluent discharge into 124 Bankston Road, Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Resubdivision of Lot 1 of Holloway Heights, on Jeffrey Lane, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to grant approval to Trustland Subdivision, at the intersection of LA 1 and LA 457, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to hire ACA Corporation to replace the cooling tower on top of the Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$22,368 and authorize the Treasurer to amend the budgets accordingly. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the purchase of two large sedans for the District Attorney's Office under the City of Alexandria's Bid No. 1482, to be paid from the Criminal Court Fund as budgeted. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to use \$5,000 of Title 4-E Funds to purchase one used office vehicle, as recommended by the Chief Probation Officer, and approved by Judge Johnson. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the lowest quote, from ACA Corporation, for placing two 175-gallon hot water heaters above the Jail, to be paid out of the Courthouse & Jail Fund, and authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget accordingly. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for Mr. Steve Mansour, Legal Counsel, to request a jury trial in Troy McCoy and Robbie McCoy, individually and on behalf of minor child, Megan vs. Rapides Parish Police Jury, et al, Civil Suit No. 217,482, 9th JDC, Division C, as recommended by Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to reaffirm the judgement against Mr. Woody Sanders for substandard work at Fire District No. 6 and request Legal Counsel to respond to Mr. Sanders in writing. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Lecompte for the Parish Highway Department to provide equipment and labor in digging drainage ditches at the Old Lecompte High School and at the Park, and assisting with the oxidation pond, as requested by the Town, to be paid from Road District No. 3A Funds upon approval of Legal Counsel or reimbursed by the Town as appropriate, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for January 2005:

Response Zone	Number Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	391	80%	89.51%
Pineville - 8 minute	100	80%	84.00%
Rapides - 12 minute	124	80%	89.52%
Rapides - 20 minute	147	80%	84.35%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the notice of retirement of Ms. Jan Haworth from Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development effective March 15, 2005; appoint Ms. Kay Smith as Interim OEWD Director until a permanent OEWD director can be employed; Ms. Smith's salary to be increased by \$8,000 per annum during the Interim period effective March 21, 2005; and authorize to advertise for applications from within the Police Jury System. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Treasurer to amend the General Fund budget to increase the Assistant District Attorney line item by \$10,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the Treasurer to amend the Registrar of Voters line item in the General Fund with an increase not to exceed \$8,000 to re-hire in an unfilled civil service position, as requested by the Registrar of Voters. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to increase the pay of Ms. Francine Franks, Registrar of Voter's office, from \$846.71 per month to \$880.54 per month, effective February 20, 2005, as required by the State of Louisiana Civil Service. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve the reimbursement of \$525.45 for educational expenses for courses successfully completed by OEWD employee, Lawanda Stewart. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize the President to sign a contract with Will-Staff to provide a temporary WIA Operations Director (after Mr. Terry Bounds has exhausted the available 480 hours he is allowed to work without affecting his retirement) at a rate of \$37.23 per hour not to exceed 560 hours. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to declare certain equipment at the Parish Highway Department as surplus property, no longer needed for public use; amend the Parish Highway Department Asset/Inventory Listing and authorize disposal at the next available auction:

Asset	Description	Serial
56400022493	Vermeer Hay Rake	1VB161W3V1001995
56400022495	Kuhn Sickle Mower	B00051
56400022496	Hobart Generator	25DE538
56400022501	Vermeer Hay Baler	1VRA111W4T1002830
56400022503	Citation Pres. Washer	
56400022509	Sull Air Comp.	8252
56400022511	ARO Pump Oil Barrel	H823462
56400022513	Honda Paint Sprayer	469958
56400022514	Scagg Riding Mower	2010209096
56400052462	Hay Fork	
56400022507	Ford Street Sweeper	74NP6B3D
	Radial Arm Saw	

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	Dodge Pick-Up	W24BE75048056
	John Deere Tractor	T613R02405R
	John Deere Tractor	T223P186453R
	Ford 1976 Dump Truck	F61DVB75995
	Ford 1972 Dump Truck	F60DVN721196
	Chevy 1988 Caprice	
	Nissan Camper Shell	
	Nissan Camper Shell	
56400052496	Delcom Radio	20726488
56400052490	Delcom Radio	21000680
56400052497	Delcom Radio	30453433
56400052493	Delcom Radio	43240337
56400052494	Delcom Radio	30453462
56400052491	Delcom Radio	20726445
56400052489	Delcom Radio	20726478
	Lone Star Boat w/Trailer	10038
	Nissan Pick-Up	1N6SD16S1LC372507
56400052492	Delcom Radio	20727276
56400052469	Motorola Radio	759TQS0838
56400052468	Motorola Radio	
56400052500	Motorola Radio	
56400052499	Motorola Radio	
56400052467	Motorola Radio	
56400052444	Motorola Radio	759FP01503
	Motorola Radio	710FSE1018
	Motorola Radio	776HGN0177
	Motorola Radio	220HCL2492
	Motorola Radio	DR3748XA
	Motorola Radio	DRE5166
	Comco Radio	29477
	Motorola Radio	TUD1A52AB
	Comco Radio	43858
	Motorola Radio	DU6386KA
	Motorola Radio	C54022
	Motorola Radio	C54023
	Motorola Radio	109369
	Genave Radio	63-64
	Genave Radio	63-91
	Genave Radio	
	Motorola Intercom	F00981
	US Elect Tool Grinder	493866
	Alum. Boat w/Trailer	
	Army Cargo Trailer	
	Cement Mixer (sealed bid if possible)	
	Ice Machine	
	Hay Rake	
	Paint Sprayer	
	Nissan 4x4 Truck	
7111	Yamaha 1996 4x4 (sealed bid if possible)	
5206	1987 Chevrolet Crew Cab	

On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Reed next recognized Mr. Bobby Michiels, who wished to address the Police Jury about Philadelphia Road. Mr. Michiels asked the Police Jury to cut roadside vegetation, stripe and install markers on the portion of Philadelphia Road maintained by the Parish to improve the safety of motorists. He reviewed there were 17 curves within a 8-mile segment of the road and cited recent accidents, some of which were severe. Mr. Reed pointed out a major problem on the road was motorists exceeding the posted speed limit but he would review the Ward 11 road maintenance budget for available funding for the expensive striping (\$1200/mile) and markers.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby thank U.S. Senator David Vitter for his support and assistance in securing \$100,000 of Federal Appropriations for LDOTD funds allocated to Rapides Parish specifically to repair deficient bridges.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of March, 2005.

Mr. Wood opened to receive a report from Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, on the drainage problem presented by Ms. Syble Smith, resident of 2166 Madeline Drive, Alexandria. Mr. Wells reviewed Ms. Smith complained her neighbor had blocked a natural drain causing damage to her property. He said the Police Jury has the power to open a natural drain, but does not have the right to enter private property without permission; however, the drainage situation in a subdivision is not natural and not something that

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can be rectified by the Police Jury or a public body. He further stated the problem should be rectified in civil court to force the adjoining property owner to accept the excess water and not force the water on another who never had to accept the water before, pay damages or correct the problem.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to advertise to receive open applications to fill the position of permanent WIA Operations Director. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Reed introduced discussion on the proposed lease with the Buckeye Water District for land for Fire District No. 6 Station No. 1, as approved by Legal Counsel, and authorization for the President to sign same. Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, reviewed that the Deville Volunteer Fire Department had a metal building for a fire station on leased land; but because under the Constitution the public can not spend public monies on private property unless there is a lease or ownership, the building was donated to Fire District No. 6. The lease could not be transferred because of discrepancies and defects in the lease so a new lease was drawn up between Buckeye Water District and Fire District No. 6; however, the Deville Volunteer Fire Department has retained an attorney who is of the opinion that public monies could be spent on private property. Mr. Wells recommended the Police Jury seek an opinion from the Attorney General and reminded the building and ramp expansion on the property in question is being held up until the question is resolved.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize Legal Counsel to request an opinion from the Attorney General on the public expenditure question regarding Fire Protection District No. 6. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chief Elected Official of Rapides Parish, the Workforce Investment Board and local Workforce Area One-Stop Partners, and authorize the President to sign the MOU. On vote the motion carried.

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

Mr. Billings recognized Mr. Robert Jordan, resident of 3154 East River Road, who wished to address the Police Jury concerning a building permit for property on East River Road. Mr. Jordan said he retired at the age of 50 and has rental property on his 60 acres for a retirement investment. Now his brother-in-law wanted to move in a house on the land but when he went for the Building Permit, the Rapides Area Planning Commission wanted subdivision review. Further, if Mr. Jordan wanted to sell any acreage, he was told he would have to go through subdivision review. He felt this was unfair to the citizens of the Parish.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood and Mr. Scott Perry, to ask the Rapides Area Planning Commission to review the Parish Ordinances and seek what can be done to solve the problem presented by Mr. Robert Jordan. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fountaine, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented, to set a 25 mph speed limit on Louise Street, 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 LOUISE STREET, WARD 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 21st day of March, 2005, 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.

...

Louise Street, Ward 1

...

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(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 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 21st day of March, 2005.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to authorize to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Fire District No. 2 to authorize the Parish Highway Department to repair the parking lot at Liberty Baptist Church, on McKeithen Drive, allegedly damaged by fire trucks shuttling water while fighting a fire, all costs to be reimbursed by Fire District No. 2, and authorize the President to sign same upon approval of Legal Counsel.

Mr. Wells advised he would draft the documents to be signed by the President.

On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Richard Billings, Mr. Ezra Reed and Mr. Don Wilmore, presented recognition plaques to the Glenmora High School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the Sweet 16 Championship for 2005.

Mr. Richard Billings, Mr. Ezra Reed and Mr. Don Wilmore, presented a recognition plaque to Ms. Crystal Fearrand, Oak Hill Junior High School, for Student of the Year.

Mr. Richard Billings, Mr. Ezra Reed and Mr. Don Wilmore, presented a recognition plaque to Ms. Kristen Goleman, Oak Hill High School, for Student of the Year.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Jerry Wood, to authorize the Treasurer to continue with the contract for Fire District No. 6 renovations of Station No. 1. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Jerry Wood, to authorize Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel, to work out with the City of Pineville the action needed to revoke Slaughterhouse Road, recently annexed by the City. On vote the motion carried.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item.

Mr. Woody Sanders, resident of 124 Flaggon Loop, Pineville, reviewed he provided construction services to the Deville Volunteer Fire Department seven to eight years previously which resulted in a judgement for substandard work. In August or September, 2004, he had requested the Police Jury to dismiss the judgment, but was told at that time to get a letter from the Deville Volunteer Fire Department which he did, stating they accepted the work. However, Mr. Wells has told him he could drop the judgement and if he would pay court costs than there was a possibility of getting it dropped.

Mr. Wells said he had told Mr. Sanders that the judgement could not be released without receipt of some value that the Police Jury finds sufficient to satisfy the judgement. Mr. Fuller asked Mr. Sanders to work with the Treasurer to get the figures involved in the matter for further discussion at next month's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Ezra L. Reed, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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