

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY  
SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

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 Friday, September 2, at 1:00 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  
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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

Under the provisions of LARS 42:7(A)(1)(b)(iv), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an emergency and 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 Friday, September 2, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. To go into Executive Session under the provisions of LARS 6:2 (A)(6) to discuss the extraordinary emergency of the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina.
2. During the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of Louisiana and the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, to authorize the President to order and take any and all action necessary to assist neighboring parishes with disaster relief and evacuation.
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; Jerry Wood, Sr., Vice President; and Police Jurors Butch Lindsay, Steve P. Bordelon, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Joe Fuller, Donald H. Wilmore, Richard W. Billings and Scott Perry Jr.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; Mr. Eric Duck, Public Works Director; Mr. Donna Andries, Sales and Use Tax Director; Ms. Kay Smith, OEWD Director; Ms. Elaine Morace, WIA Operations Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Building Superintendent; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Ms. Sonya Wiley, Rapides Parish Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Preparedness; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

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.

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

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept for Parish maintenance Cannonball Road, in the Cannon Subdivision, as recommended by the Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Joe Fuller, to grant approval to Cannon

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Subdivision, on Staples Road, as approved 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. Don Wilmore, Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Joe Fuller, to change the name of the end of Staples Road to Staples Road Extension, waive the thirty day public review period, and to accept an additional 300' to 400' on Staples Road Extension for Parish maintenance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to ratify authorization for the President to sign the contract with the American Red Cross for use of the Coliseum as a mass care shelter in the conduct of Red Cross Disaster Services. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jerry Wood, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to fill a vacant position of Resource Room Specialist at the Workforce Department. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings and Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize to enter into intergovernmental agreements to assist disaster-affected parishes with their administration of sales and use tax collection if needed, subject to approval of Legal Counsel, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

Sheriff William Earl Hilton gave the Police Jury an update on operations in the disaster and evacuation of New Orleans in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina Disaster. He said he had an opportunity for his department to assist the City of New Orleans, and incidentally the Town of Gonzales, in the Louisiana Sheriff Association's Statewide Task Force and he gave a first-hand account of his experience and survey of the damages. Ms. Sonya Wiley, Director of the Rapides Parish-City of Alexandria Office of Homeland Security, explained the assistance of the Rapides Parish School Board with school busses in the evacuation from South Louisiana to points in Texas and Oklahoma, and of the logistics in meeting busses at the Tourist Information Center in Rapides Parish with food and water for evacuees of which they received notice ten minutes ago.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to go into Executive Session under the provisions of LARS 6:2 (A) (6) to discuss the extraordinary emergency of the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina. On vote the motion unanimously carried at 1:26 p.m.

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The President called the meeting back to order at 1:55 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, that during the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of Louisiana and the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, to authorize the President to order and take any and all action necessary to assist in the Parish and in neighboring parishes with disaster relief and evacuation, and a strict accounting be maintained of all expenses. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to accept the certification of the 2005 assessment lists for Rapides Parish:

Total Assessed value of all real and personal property	\$563,126,393
Assessed value of all homestead exempt property	\$158,391,884
Assessed value of all taxable real and personal property	\$404,734,509
Public Service assessed value	\$ 82,211,380
Total assessed value, including homestead exemption	\$645,337,773
Total Taxpayer assessed value	\$486,945,889

On vote the motion carried.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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