

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 10, 2006

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, July 10, 2006, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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

Police Juror Donald H. Wilmore was absent.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Ms. Elaine Morace, Workforce Operations Director; Acting Chief Brent Bordelon, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Theodore Fontaine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Bordelon.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Jerry P. Wood Sr., President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item 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 June 12, 2006, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, 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 expired term created by the death of the late Eddie Cannon, term expired on February 18, 2006, and for a new five year term.

Mr. Wood laid over the appointment to the Ward 7 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mr. Edward Thomas, term expired on April 13, 2003.

Mr. Fontaine laid over the appointment to the Wards 1 & 8 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expired term of Mrs. Florence Hall, term expired on April 13, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon and Mr. Butch Lindsay, to appoint Mr. Danny George to the Library Board for a five year term, representing District H, term will expire on July 10, 2011. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Wood laid over the appointment to the Ward 7 Recreation District for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. J. L. NesSmith, term will expire on August 9, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Steve Bordelon, to reappoint Mr. Darren Sigur to the Alexandria/Pineville Convention Bureau, representing the Coliseum, for one year term, term will expire on August 13, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. John Ed Ray to the Fire Protection District No. 12 for a two year term if he wishes to continue to serve, term will expire on August 14, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Butch Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to appoint Mr. Robert Nugent to fill the vacancy in the Sewerage District No. 2 Board created by the death of the late Mr. B. Frank Killen, term will expire on October 12, 2006; further, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Nugent for the subsequent four year term beginning October 13, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

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

Library Board for a five year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Harold Banks, representing District F, term will expire on September 12, 2006;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. David C. Bates, term will expire on September 30, 2006;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Ms. Sandra M. Candy Christophe, term will expire on September 30, 2006;

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mayor David Butler, term will expire on September 30, 2006; and

Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term to fill the expiring term of Mr. Tom Nash, term will expire on September 30, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to waive the thirty day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. David C. Bates to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on September 30, 2012, Mr. Tom Nash to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on September 30, 2012, Mayor David Butler to the Rapides Finance Authority for a six year term, term will expire on September 30, 2012, and Mr. Harold Banks to the Library Board for a five year term, representing District F, term will expire on September 12, 2011. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept the resignation of Mr. William "Bobby" Morris from the Mosquito Abatement District, representing agricultural interests, a letter of appreciation for his service be sent, waive the thirty day announcement rule and appoint Mr. Brian Bridges to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on September 9, 2008. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to accept the resignation of Mr. Les Prestridge from the Waterworks District No. 3 Board and lay over thirty days an appointment to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, term will expire on June 10, 2007. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to transfer the Technology Center equipment purchased with Rapides Finance Authority Funds to LSUA and authorize removal from OEWD inventory after building transfer complete. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign the STEP (Strategies to Empower People) contract for FY 2006-2007 and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, for the Workforce Operations Department to enter into a cooperative, non-financial memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Services Office of Family Support as site selection for operation of the Disaster Food Stamp Program. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign an application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a sanitary general wastewater discharge permit notice of intent for the oxidation pond at the Cotile Recreation Area. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant permission to Mr. Joe Brocato for the installation of 200 feet of 15" driveway culverts and catch basins at 185 Adams Path, Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to change the name of David Willis Road to Davide Willis Road, Section 4, T2S-R3W, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, and waive the thirty day public review period. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to ratify approval of Change Order No. 4 with Diamond B Construction Company, Contractor for the Coughlin Industrial Complex, Phase I, Packages A & B (State Project No. 05-252-04B-05) in the amount of \$282.73 to adjust contract quantities to actual quantities installed and to extend the contract time by 24 calendar days, as recommended by Meyer Meyer LaCroix & Hixson Inc., Consultant Engineers, and authorization for the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to advertise for bids for the purchase of two fire engines for Fire District No. 11, to be paid out of Fire District No. 11 2007 Funds as budgeted, as requested by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to send a letter of appreciation to Chief A. P. Guillory of the Echo-Poland Volunteer Fire Department upon his retirement after 22 years of service to the citizens of Rapides Parish. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the sale of Asset No. 6723 a 1981 pumper assigned to Fire District No. 9 to the Parish Highway Department for \$500 and authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds as approved by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize supplemental pay in the amount of \$100 per month to Deputy Donna Crooks of the Pineville City Court, as requested by Marshal Larry Jeane. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant a waiver of the insurance requirement for a sewer effluent discharge permit at 2928 Donahue Ferry Road, Pineville, for Ms. Tina Cebrynski, seller, and Mr. Robert Ardelean, buyer, as approved by the Health Department and Rapides Area Planning Commission. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant a waiver of the insurance requirement for a sewer effluent discharge permit at 1732 Birkland Road, Pineville, for Ms. Heather Powell, as approved by the Health Department, Rapides Area Planning Commission and Acting Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant a waiver of the insurance requirement for a sewer effluent discharge permit at 104 Crawford Street, Pineville, for Ms. Tina Dauzat, as approved by the Health Department, Rapides Area Planning Commission and Acting Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to grant a waiver of the insurance requirement for a sewer effluent discharge permit at 12814 LaSalle Drive, Alexandria, for Crumbs R Us, as approved by the Health Department, Rapides Area Planning Commission and Acting Public Works Director. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the President to sign an application for a grant with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration on Criminal Justice for the Develop Accountability-Based Sanctions (JAIBG Teen Court) Project, Subgrant Number A04-8-018, JABG-2005 Resources, in the amount of \$10,000, as recommended by Judge Patricia Koch and the Chief Probation Officer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize payment of the expenses of the Eighth Police Jury Region Meeting to be held in Alexandria on

September 22, 2006, reimbursement to be made on a pro rata basis from the participating parishes, to be paid out of the General Fund. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors and designated staff to attend the Workforce and Human Services Conference sponsored by the National Association of County Human Services Administrators to be held on December 2-5, 2006 in St. Petersburg, Florida. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the expenses of Mr. Richard Billings who attended a meeting on HB 699 (cable franchise bill) between the Police Jury Association and the Governor on June 28, 2006 in Baton Rouge, and to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors to attend a Act 12 workshop in Baton Rouge on July 11, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize to enter into a renewal of the cooperative endeavor agreement between Fire Protection District No. 11, the Village of McNary and the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection services within the corporate limits of McNary, for the period beginning July 27, 2006, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property located at Lot 26, Grundy Cooper Subdivision (5026 Cooper Drive, Alexandria) to James Pickens III and Stephanie Pickens, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property being a lot 50' on Fenner Street x 100' in Block 47 S.A.L. Co. Addn. (1215 Fenner Street, Alexandria) to Edward Rhone & Alberta Rhone, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property located at Lot 16, Square 4, Willow Glen Plantation Subdivision (5112 Burnaman Street, Alexandria) to Manuel Odom, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property located at Lot 2, Hakenyos Property & 69' in rear (823 13th Street, Alexandria) to Sheffield Enterprises, LTD, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property located at Lot 25' x 150' on Wise Street in Square 47 S.A.L. Co. Addn. (Adj. lot 2503 Wise Street, Alexandria) to Clarence Washington, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, a notice of intent of sale of adjudicated property located at Lot 4, Square 36 S.A.L. Addition (2313 Wise Street, Alexandria) to Earnest Michael & James L. Batiste, tax debtor. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for May 2005:

Response	Number	Required	Compliance
Zone	Responses	%	%
Alexandria - 8 minute	418	80%	90.67%
Pineville - 8 minute	100	80%	90.00%
Rapides - 12 minute	158	80%	94.30%
Rapides - 20 minute	139	80%	94.24%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to implement the Civil Service pay plan as budgeted effective July 1, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to appoint Mr. Greg Alwell from Area Coordinator to Acting Public Works Director with an increase in pay of \$1,000 per month and to temporarily reappoint Mr. Ken Sterling from Equipment Operator II to Area Coordinator with pay increase to be in accordance with Civil Service Promotion

Rules, effective July 16, 2006, as recommended by the Public Works Director Search Committee. On vote the motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken to add the following items to the agenda and was as follows:

YES	NO	ABSENT
Jerry Wood		Don Wilmore
Butch Lindsay		
Steve Bordelon		
Ezra Reed		
Theodore Fountaine		
Joe Fuller		
Richard Billings		
Scott Perry		

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Nolan Johnson, of TRC Engineers, gave a brief update on the Grundy Cooper Sewer Project Grant/Loan Project, advising comments on the Sewer District No. 1 application submitted in February have been received from USDA last week requesting revision of the preliminary estimate and clarification on the letter of credit, which he was currently working on the responses.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to assist the Coliseum with hauling dirt for the Louisiana Black Rodeo on July 29, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the expenses of interested Police Jurors, the Secretary and designated Police Jury employees to attend the What You Need to Know about Public Records and Open Meetings in Louisiana workshop to be held on July 18, 2006 in Lafayette, LA. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to receive proposals for commercial auto and property insurance as recommended by the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, 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 (E) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT ON THE H. RUSH ROAD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 10th day of July, 2006, that Section 18-4.2 (e) 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:

...  
(e) Thirty-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 thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

...  
H. Rush Road, Ward 11

...

(l). 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 10th day of July, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to authorize the Shop Superintendent at the Parish Highway Department to have twentyfour emergency use of a Parish vehicle. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to hire Mr. Richard E. "Pete" Bruce as Public Works Director/Parish Engineer starting in October 9, 2006, at the rate of \$85,000 per year, as recommended by the Public Works Director/Parish Engineer Search Committee. On vote the motion carried.

Ms. Daigre presented a request of the Alexandria Dixie Girls Softball for funds to sponsor the World Series Tournament on July 28-August 3, 2006 at the John Downs Youth Complex.

On motion by Mr. Joe Fuller, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, to support the Alexandria Dixie Girls Softball by assisting with funding, amount to be determined after studying the budget. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to direct the District Attorney to make a demand on the developers of Cannon Subdivision and if unsuccessful, to direct him to file suit to recover the damages. On vote the motion carried.

At the request of Mr. Billings, the following item was brought back to the floor for reconsideration:

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller and Mr. Ezra Reed, to authorize the Shop Superintendent at the Parish Highway Department to have twentyfour emergency use of a Parish vehicle; and if any employee with twentyfour use of a Parish vehicle for emergency use refuses to report for work when called out for an emergency, the Parish vehicle be parked. 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. Steve Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Butch Lindsay, there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:25 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Jerry P. Wood Sr., President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury