

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION
DECEMBER 15, 2006

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, December 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.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
November 30, 2006

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 Friday, December 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. Appoint James A. Carroll to fill a vacancy in Constable, Ward 4, First Court, created by the resignation of James G. Carroll, effective December 15, 2006, an election having been called for October 20, 2007 and November 17, 2007.
2. 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 Jerry P. Wood Sr., President; Richard "Butch" Lindsay, Vice President; and Police Jurors Ezra L. Reed, Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Joe Fuller, Richard W. Billings and Scott Perry Jr.

Absent was Police Juror Steve P. Bordelon.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Ms. Kay Smith, OEWD Director; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales Tax Administrator; Ms. Elaine Morace, Workforce Operations Department; Mr. Pete Bruce, Public Works Director; Mr. Robert Barr, Courthouse and Jail Building Superintendent; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Richard Billings.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ezra Reed.

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 transaction of business.

Mr. Richard Billings expressed thanks to Mr. James Garland Carroll for his years of service as Constable of Ward 4, First Court and also congratulated him on his recent election as Chief of Police of Forest Hill.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, Mr. Don Wilmore and Mr. Scott Perry, the following Resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES A. CARROLL TO FILL THE VACANCY IN CONSTABLE, WARD 4, FIRST COURT, CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MR. JAMES GARLAND CARROLL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2006

WHEREAS, an anticipated vacancy exists in the Office of Constable, Ward 4, First Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as a result of the resignation of Mr. James Garland Carroll effective December 15, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State's Office has advised the Rapides Parish Police Jury that more than one year remains to be served in the term which will expire on December 31, 2008 (LARS 13:2583 {B}); and,

WHEREAS, the vacancy thus created must be filled by the members of the Rapides Parish Police Jury until such time as an election may be held; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury on November 13, 2006, appointed Mr. James A. Carroll to fill the prospective vacancy in Constable, Ward 4, First Court, effective December 15, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has advised that the provisions of LARS 18:583(D) prohibit prospective appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority contained in R.S. 18:602(A), BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that Mr. James A. Carroll, an individual of good moral character, able to read and write the English language, possesses a high school diploma or its equivalency as determined by BESE, and an elector and resident of Ward 4 (LARS 13:2583) is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy of the office of Constable, Ward 4, First Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, to serve from the effective date of such vacancy until a successor is elected and takes office; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Clerk of Court for and in the Parish of Rapides, in order that the commission may be issued.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 15th day of December, 2006.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Steve P. Bordelon

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 15th day of December, 2006.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, that the following items be placed on the agenda.

A roll call vote was called and was as follows:

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

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-0.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to reappoint Mr. Darren Sigur to the Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitor's Bureau, representing the Coliseum, for one year term beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the revised by-laws of the Bureau of November, 2006. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to award Audit Services to Herbie Way for three years, 2006, 2007 and 2008; fees not to exceed \$45,000 per year, as recommended by the Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to renew firefighters workman's compensation insurance with LWCC at an annual premium of \$299,279.00, as recommended by the Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign the FFY 2007 LaJET service contract amendment. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize the President to sign an agreement for Pathways to Construction funds in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the local Alexandria Technical College's construction training program and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as needed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to accept Bid No. 1990 Various Road Improvements, District E, as complete, as recommended by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Project Engineer and the Public Works Director, and authorize the President to sign the notice of acceptance. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, the following In Memoriam for the late Mayor-Elect Jake Palmer, Town of Lecompte, was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Reverend Jake Palmer, Mayor-Elect of the Town of Lecompte and civic leader, was called by his Creator on Tuesday, December 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Palmer 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 phase of betterment for the Parish of Rapides, Town of Lecompte, State of Louisiana; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the deceased, Reverend Jake Palmer, and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting; and

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 15th of December, 2006

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, the following In Memoriam for the late Rev. Donny Granvel, Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Reverend Donny Granvel, Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and a community leader was called by his creator on Saturday, December 9, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Granvel served as Chaplain for the Alexandria Police Department, served on Alexandria's Human Relations Task Force and was originally behind the founding of the Inter City Revitalization Corporation; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career he earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all those with whom he came into contact and the love and affection of all who were proud to call him friend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby order that this formal expression of honor for the deceased, Reverend Granvel, and sympathy for his family be spread upon the minutes of this meeting; and

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 15th of December, 2006

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to ratify authorization for the President to sign a temporary right of way permit across Esler Field property to Camp Beauregard, not to exceed twentyfour months, as requested by Cleco Power LLC. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Joe Fuller, to authorize to advertise for Request for Proposals for Hazard Mitigation Planning, to be paid out of grant funds, as recommended by the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. 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 10:05 a.m.

Angie Richmond, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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