

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, September 24, 2007, at 3:00 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  
August 3, 2007

NOTICE OF SPECIAL POLICE JURY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Parish Courthouse, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Monday, September 24, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes to-wit:

1. Public Hearing for Rapides Parish Police Jury, sitting as the Board of Review, to receive any protests under a Request for Review of property tax assessments timely filed.
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 Richard "Butch" Lindsay, President; Ezra L. Reed, Vice President, and Police Jurors Theodore Fountaine Jr., Donald H. Wilmore, Jerry P. Wood Sr., Scott Perry Jr. and Richard W. Billings.

Absent were Police Jurors Steve P. Bordelon and Joe Fuller.

Also present were Mr. Pete Bruce, Public Works Director; Chief David Peart, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Mr. Tom Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Parish Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Scott Perry, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jerry P. Wood Sr.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Hon. Butch Lindsay, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, Mr. Richard Billings, and all other Police Jurors, to sit as a Board of Review for hearing complaints on property assessment, as advertised. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Ralph Gill, Rapides Parish Tax Assessor, presented the 2007 Assessments for Rapides Parish:

Total Assessed value of all real and personal property	\$633,740,714
Assessed value of all homestead exempt property	\$165,414,378

Assessed value of all taxable real and personal property	\$468,341,690
Public Service assessed value	\$ 80,631,040
Total assessed value, including homestead exemption	\$714,371,754
Total Taxpayer assessed value	\$548,972,730

The President then opened to receive the protests for those requests for review timely filed:

None

For the record, the following protests were timely filed, but withdrawn by protestor on September 18, 2007, prior to the Board of Review meeting:

Sonoran Energy, Ward 4, Crowell #3, T1S-R1W, less and except north half of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, Assessment No. 2100010080

Fair Market Value	Land	Improvement	Pers. Prop.
Assessor determined: -	142,871	47,773.33	
		Total	190,644.33
Taxpayer's opinion: -	-	0	47,773.33
		Total	47,773.33

(Received 9/17/07)

Sonoran Energy, Ward 4, Crowell #7, T1S-R1W, Assessment No. 2100010081

Fair Market Value	Land	Improvement	Pers. Prop.
Assessor determined: -	143,655	48,940	
		Total	192,595
Taxpayer's opinion: -	-	-	48,940
		Total	48,940

(Received 9/17/07)

Sonoran Energy, Ward 6, Crosby #24, T1N-R4W, Sections 23, 24, 25, Assessment No. 2120001100

Fair Market Value	Land	Improvement	Pers. Prop.
Assessor determined: -	1,404,907.00	37,973.33	
		Total	1,442,880.33
Taxpayer's opinion: -	-	562.00	37,973.33
		Total	599,973.33

(Received 9/17/07)

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, that there being no property tax assessment protests to be considered, the hearing be declared closed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood and Mr. Scott Perry, to add the following items to the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

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

On roll call vote the motion carried 7-0.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to authorize an application for a grant, on behalf of the Rapides Parish Children and Youth Planning Board to the Office of Youth Development, Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Youth Services, for the FY08 appropriation of \$20,000 for each planning board to assist in the assessment, alignment, coordination, prioritization and measurement of available services and

programs that address the needs of children and youth, as requested by Judge Patricia Koch, and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, to discuss forming a committee to obtain training, job fairs or alternative methods of training and recruitment for potential parish employees. On vote the motion carried.

Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, to request the President to appoint a Recruitment and Training Committee, membership to include representatives from the Workforce Departments and the Public Works Director, and to request the Committee to consider use of contracts signed by individuals that receive training in agreement to continue employment with the Rapides Parish Police Jury for one or two year periods. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to request the Civil Service Director to meet with Department Heads to discuss ways of facilitating the job vacancy announcements, testing, interviewing, ranking and selection. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Don Wilmore, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to amend the Fire Service Agreement with the Town of Lecompte to include a portion of the Forestry Road from the Town of Woodworth Agreement, being the specific addresses of 303, 304, 321, 343, 354, 355 and 369 Forestry Road, as approved by the Town of Lecompte and the Town of Woodworth, and authorize the President to sign the revised Agreement. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ezra Reed, seconded by Mr. Richard Billings, to purchase one new fire pumper from Martin Apparatus and Pierce Manufacturing under Louisiana State Contract No. 405943 for an amount of \$162,843.00 and authorize the Treasurer to secure lease-purchase financing, as requested by the Deville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid from Fire District No. 6 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Jerry Wood, to discuss Appendix J of the Building Code. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Billings stated it was brought to his attention Rapides Parish was the only Parish in Central Louisiana that required building permits for renovations of homes of less than 50%. Mr. Fred White, of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, explained that Act 335 excluded less than 50% extensive alteration from the provisions of Act 12 Building Code unless the parish wished to include Appendix J, but the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted Appendix J when it originally adopted Act 12 and has not amended its adoption since to remove Appendix J as allowed by Act 335.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Ezra Reed, the following ordinance was presented:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 6-1/2.2(C) ADOPTION OF THE STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE SO AS TO REPEAL THE INCLUSION OF APPENDIX J OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FROM THE RAPIDES PARISH BUILDING CODE

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on December 11, 2006 adopted the State Uniform Construction Code in accordance with Act 12 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of Louisiana Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Act 12 included the adoption of Appendix J Existing Buildings and Structures to the International Residential Code of the State Uniform Construction Code; and,

WHEREAS, Act 335 of the 2007 Regular Louisiana Legislature removed the inclusion of Appendix J to the International Residential Code of the State Uniform Construction Code, but allowed parishes to enforce Appendix J at its option; and,

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that Appendix J is continuing to be enforced in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Rapides Parish Police Jury that the enforcement of Appendix J be removed from the Rapides Parish Building Code,

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 24th day of September, 2007, that Section 6-1/2.2 (c) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Chapter 6-1/2. Buildings and Construction

Article I. Building Codes and Permits

Section 6-1/2.2 Adoption of State Uniform Construction Code.

Pursuant to LA. R.S. 40:1730.21 et seq., the following codes are hereby adopted as the regulations governing the construction of buildings and other structures in Rapides Parish. Unless specified, all standards contained in a referenced code are adopted and included for purposes of this ordinance. Unless referenced by name or letter designation, no appendix or appendices to a code is adopted.

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- c) International Residential Code, 2006 Editions, as published by the International Code Council, but not including Parts I - Administrative, V - Mechanical, VII - Plumbing and VIII - Electrical. IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) therein shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006 Edition:
- 1) Item 6 of Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas, as published by the American Concrete Institute, shall be added;
  - 2) Item 7, Optional Code-plus Fortified for Safer Living, as published by Institute for Business and Home Safety, shall be added; and
  - 3) Item 8, Optional Code-plus Blueprint for Safety, as published by Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, shall be added.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Chapter 6-1/2.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 24th day of September, 2007.

On vote the motion carried. Mr. Jerry Wood objected.

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, the following ordinance was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 20-7(B)(1) HARDSHIP CASES SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY INCOME OF HOME OWNERS WHO QUALIFY FROM \$975 PER MONTH TO \$1,200 PER MONTH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 24th day of September, 2007, that Section 20-7(b)(1) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted so as to increase the maximum monthly income of home owners who qualify for a hardship case for all weather access to a public road from \$975 per month from all sources to \$1,200 per month from all sources, as follows:

Chapter 20. ROADS AND DRAINAGE

Article I. In General

Section 20-7. Hardship Cases.

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(b) Administration. These funds shall be administered under the following rules:

- (1) Persons who qualify. In order to qualify for assistance under this section, a person must execute an application under oath stating he or she is the owner of a home without reasonable all-weather access to a public road and is unable to provide funds of their own to obtain reasonable access; that their monthly income does not exceed one thousand two

hundred (\$1,200.00) dollars from all sources, that they are needy and that without assistance they will be unable to reach a public road in all weather; that they have resided in such home for six (6) months or more.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is to be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED in all other respects Section 20-7 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 24th day of September, 2007.

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

On motion by Mr. Richard Billings, seconded by Mr. Don Wilmore, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 3:22 p.m.

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Butch Lindsay, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury