

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
OF MAY 11, 2020

AT 3:00 p.m.
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC GATHERINGS LIMITED

Proclamation JBE 2020-41, Section 2 AND JBE 2020-52, prohibits a gathering of nine (9) or more persons (all gatherings of 10 or more) in a single space at the same time through April 30, 2020 and extended through May 15, 2020.

WRITTEN CERTIFICATION

The Rapides Parish Police Jury consists of 9 elected Jurors, and essential staff for Police Jury meetings. The Police Jury would be unable to operate and hold its public meeting due to quorum requirements unless said Police Jury meeting is conducted pursuant to the authorization provided by Proclamation JBE 2020-30, Section 4, which specifically provides that a political subdivision SHALL provide for the attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference. Therefore, the Rapides Parish Police Jurors and essential staff shall be allowed to participate in this meeting via teleconference or video conference.

PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND COMMENTS

In accordance with Proclamation JBE 2020-30, the public and the media shall be allowed to observe this Police Jury meeting via **Facebook live. At 3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020, go to FACEBOOK.COM/RAPIDESPARISHPOLICEJURY** to watch the Police Jury Meeting live.

This meeting shall be conducted with the standard Police Jury meeting “public comments” rules, and the public or media shall be allowed **comment by telephone (318) 473-6663 at 3:10 p.m. for the “Public Comments On Any Agenda Item” section.**



Craig Smith, President

AGENDA

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, May 11, 2020, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time) via Facebook Live.

There were present: Craig Smith, President, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr., Vice President and Police Jurors: Theodore Fountaine, Jr., Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin and David Johnson.

Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Joe Bishop and Scott Perry, Jr. were in attendance via cell phones.

Also present were Mr. Bruce Kelly, Treasurer, Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel and Ms. Laurel Smith, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bruce Kelly.

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

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item, to which there was no response by 3:10 p.m. No one responded.

The next item on the agenda was to recognize Dr. David Holcombe, Regional Administrator/Medical Director, Rapides Parish Health Unit.

Dr. Holcombe thanked the Jury for their continued support for the Rapides Parish Health Unit. Region 6 is our area. There have been steep increases, more than other regions. Then there is a big decline. April there was an increase again. This was partly from testing and partly because of increase in contacts. They have tested over 1,200 people. We have 10% positivity. About 100 cases. There is a significant amount of people out there who do not have any symptoms, no fever and they come back positive. This is why it is so difficult to eradicate, because those are the people that are actually spreading it. Dr. Holcombe stated that is why he is suggesting that everyone in the Courthouse wear a mask and offer a mask to everyone that comes in. The temperature check is going to screen out the sickest of the sick.

Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on April 13, 2020 as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Bruce Kelly gave a brief update on the Treasurer's Report and also a brief analysis on the Sales Tax.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, that approved bills be paid. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. Craig Smith stated item number 31 would be laid over.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Richard Vanderlick, that the following items were not considered by the Committee of the Jury due to not having Committee's because of COVID-19. They were posted on the agenda at the meeting place and the internet and are now confirmed as having been added to the agenda by two-thirds vote:

YEAS: By phone: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Joe Bishop and Scott Perry, Jr.
Present in room: David Johnson, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie"
Overton, Jr., Theodore Fountaine and Craig Smith
NAYS: Sean McGlothlin
ABSTAINED: none

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ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 8-1.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to delete from the Rapides Parish District Attorney's Asset/Inventory Program the equipment listed below, as it is no longer suitable for public use:

ASSET NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSAL
7450	Peninsula Work Center	Scrap

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to adopt a notice of Intent to Sell the following Abandoned/Adjudicated Properties:

TAX DEBTOR	DESCRIPTION
Malissa C. Smith	Lots Three (3) and Four (4) of Square Six (6) Vanderhoeven's Subdv. Bearing the Municipal address of: 2003 Van Street, Alexandria

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to delete from the Rapides Parish Courthouse Asset/Inventory Program the equipment listed below, as it is no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Number	Description	Disposal
10125	Maytag Washing Machine	Scrap-To be Auctioned
10126	Maytag Washing Machine	Scrap-To be Auctioned
10177	Pierce Dryer	Scrap-To be Auctioned
10178	Pierce Dryer	Scrap-To be Auctioned
9907	Two (2) Hot Water Heaters	Scrap-To be Auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to procure the services of Steve Fontenot, Engineer, to begin the design of living quarters for the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 8, Station No. 1, located at 55 Parker Road, Boyce, LA, as requested by the Cotile Board of Directors. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rapides Parish Sheriff Office, for the Rapides Parish Highway Department to provide improvements and maintenance, on certain properties owned and maintained by the Rapides Parish Law Enforcement District No. 1. Contract will expire the last day of Sheriff Mark Wood's current term as Sheriff and Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to submit a request to Louisiana National Guard for assistance in repairing/construction of Cotton Island Road, due to flooding and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to authorize Change Order No. 1 for Bid #2743 – Various Road Improvements 2019 for an increased amount of \$30,939.00 as recommended by the Project Engineer. On

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vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to grant approval to Cedar Ridge Subdivision, located on Highway 107 (Ruby/Kolin), as recommended by Rapides Area Planning Commission and approved by the Public Works Director and authorize the President to sign plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to approve the creation of two (2) permanent Workforce Development Professional II positions to meet the needs of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), to approve the hiring for this position through Civil Service, to be paid out of WIOA grant funds, and to authorize the Treasurer to amend the budget as necessary. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, for the Workforce Operations Department to hire two (2) temporary part-time employees to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program to be paid out of WIOA funds. Both to begin immediately following jury approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Darrell Rodriguez to the Central Louisiana Human Services District for a three (3) year term. Term will expire June 11, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for February, 2020:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	516	80%	88.57 %
Pineville - 8 minute	194	80%	89.18 %
Rapides - 12 minute	216	80%	90.74 %
Rapides- 20 minute	150	80%	86.67 %

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for March, 2020:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	492	80%	87.80%
Pineville - 8 minute	171	80%	87.72%
Rapides - 12 minute	268	80%	90.67%
Rapides - 20 minute	215	80%	85.12%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Rapides Parish Police Jury, Fire Protection District No. 3 and Alpine City Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, for a ten (10) year period effective May 9, 2020, with the option to renew for an additional ten (10) years and authorize the

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President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to approve and authorize the President to execute Change Order #2 for the Rylee Contracting, Inc. Spanish Bayou Pump Station Rehab contract (Project #40PARA3305) to increase the contract value by \$44,000.00, contingent on the Office of Community Development's approval. The contract increase is being paid by the Parish's Gustav/Ike CDBG-DR funds and RRABB funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 Asset/Inventory Program, Asset #9422 – 1972 Ford Fire Truck. This truck will be scrapped and used for parts as requested by the Fire Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, for approval of permanent Parish Public Works Director and establish salary for same.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to appoint Mr. Cory Ashmore as Public Works Director at the salary of \$75,000 a year.

Substitute motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, to set the salary at \$65,000 a year.

Substitute motion died for a lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

On vote the original motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve and advertise Request for Qualifications for a professional services contract for a five (5) year period to provide Professional Engineering services & maintain a current digital Parish road & drainage map system. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the Public Works Director and Legal Counsel to review a request for partial Parish roadway revocation pursuant to LSA R.S. 48:701 et seq., for McFarland Road, and reset a public hearing for the June 1, 2020 meeting, due to COVID-19 Emergency. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to accept the resignation of Monsignor Bruce Miller on the Pineville Downtown Development District, representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury, and appoint Mr. Matt Richie, pending confirmation from the City Council of Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to designate and name the Secretary as the Records Management Officer Liaison to act as liaison between the Division of Archives, Records Management and History and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for the period of July 1, 2020 and ending June

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30, 2021. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to name "The Town Talk" as the Official Journal for a one (1) year period ending June 30, 2021. On vote the motion carried.

The following Ordinance to temporarily require face masks or face coverings during the COVID-19 health pandemic was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS a COVID-19 health crisis has been declared by U.S. Center for Disease Control;

AND WHEREAS emergency declarations have been issued by the President of the United States, the Governor of Louisiana, and the Rapides Parish Police Jury;

AND WHEREAS, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, the President of the United States, and the Governor of Louisiana, have all issued appropriate protective guidelines and restrictions for a Phase I Reopening of government and private businesses;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of the Rapides Parish Police Jury to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Parish employees and the members of the public, in accordance with the guidelines and restrictions issued, and the recommendations of the Rapides Parish Public Health Officer;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that during the COVID-19 health pandemic a face mask or covering shall be worn by any and all Parish employees when having contact with a member of the public, AND any member of the public shall be required to wear a face mask or covering to be allowed entry into and while remaining inside a Parish public building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effectively immediately.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and a majority vote in favor of adoption, on the 11th day of May, 2020. Mr. Sean McGlothlin voted nay.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to accept a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for \$6,786.00 for Fire District No. 14. The purpose of this U.S. Forest Service grant is to assist rural fire departments in building their firefighting capacities. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 14 to submit a grant application to the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program administered through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, to purchase equipment for enhancing the department's ability to provide fire Suppression and Personal

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Protection Equipment for our firefighters during that process, as requested by the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, and authorize the President to sign necessary documents. This is a 50% matching fund program with a total cost not to exceed \$20,000. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Scott Perry, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to award Bid #2817 – Turnkey Replacement of two (2) Boilers for Rapides Parish Courthouse, to the low bidder, Sam’s Air Conditioning Maintenance Service, Inc. for the amount of \$94,792.00, as approved by the Building Maintenance Superintendent and the Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to approve Rapides Parish Roadway Capital Improvement Program 2020-2022, as recommended by the Public Works Director. (List to be in June meeting.) On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, of Intent to Sell the following Abandoned/Adjudicated Properties:

TAX DEBTOR	DESCRIPTION
Marjorie A. Williams	Pt Lot Two (2), Square Two (2) McArthur Co. Subd. Bearing the municipal address of: 3012 Olcutt Street, Alexandria, LA

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to amend a certain motion of February 10, 2020 to change the work hours for Chris Ward and Roger Ramos from 28 hours a week to 32 hours a week, as requested by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Laurel Smith, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury