

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

SPECIAL SESSION  
MAY 13, 2011

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, May 13, 2011, at 10:05 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:

May 4, 2011

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, May 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., for the following purposes to-wit:

1. To hold a Public Hearing on a proposed reapportionment plan for the Rapides Parish Police Jury.
2. To act on a proposed reapportionment plan for the Rapides Parish Police Jury.
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: Richard W. Billings, President, Jamie L. Floyd, Vice President, and Police Jurors John "Buck" Lincecum, Joe Bishop, Theodore Fontaine Jr., Oliver "Ollie" Overton Jr., and Scott Perry Jr.

Absent were Police Jurors Richard Gerald Vanderlick and Steve Coco.

Also present were Mr. Tim Ware, Treasurer; Mr. Shannon Trapp, Courthouse and Jail Building Superintendent; Chief Randy McCain, Fire District No. 2; Ms. Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, OHSEP Director; Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; and Ms. Angie Richmond, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Jamie Floyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ollie Overton.

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

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

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to hold a public hearing on a proposed reapportionment plan for the Rapides Parish Police Jury. On vote the motion carried.

Mr. John Miller, Executive Director of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, stated the reapportionment plan was presented, notice given to the public, and maps of the proposed plan posted in various locations for notice and review by the public. He asked if there was any questions.

The President asked if there was any questions from anyone, to which there was no response.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, there being no one else who wished to be heard, the public hearing be declared closed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, the following ordinance was presented and was on vote unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REDISTRIBUTE RAPIDES PARISH INTO NINE POLICE JURY DISTRICTS, TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID REAPPORTIONMENT; AND TO AMEND THE VISIBLE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES TO ACCOMMODATE REAPPORTIONMENT.

WHEREAS, Revised Statute Title 33 Section 1411 of the State of Louisiana requires all parish governing authorities to determine whether there exists substantial variation in the representation of the election

districts within six months after the official release of every decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, the present apportionment plan of the Parish has been examined as a committee as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has determined its existing apportionment is not equitable and, in accordance with the law, a new apportionment plan must be drawn, which plan shall be effective at the end of the term of the incumbent Police Jurors; and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that certain subdivisions of precinct boundaries will be required for the Rapides Parish Police Jury to create its reapportionment plan to meet applicable state and federal guidelines and hereby acts under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532.1.D;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY:

SECTION 1. Rapides Parish is hereby redistricted into nine (9) Police Jury Districts, whose boundaries are described as follows, to be composed of the following precincts of Rapides Parish:

DISTRICT A

Precincts N6, N14A, N15, N16, N17, N18(A-K), N18(L-Z), N19(A-K), N19(L-Z), N20(A-K), N20(L-Z), N21.

DISTRICT B

Precincts N1, N2, N4, N5, N7, N8(A-K), N8(L-Z), N9, N10, N11, N13B, N29.

DISTRICT C

Precincts N12, N13A, N14B, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28.

DISTRICT D

Precincts N3, C1, C2, C3, C4(A-K), C4(L-Z), C7, C10, C11, C15, C18.

DISTRICT E

Precincts C22, C23, C37, C38A, S1, S2, S4, S5, S6A, S7, S8, S9, S11, S14.

DISTRICT F

Precincts C5, C6, C8, C9, C20, C21(A-K), C21(L-Z), C24, C25, S15, S20.

DISTRICT G

Precincts C26, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34, C35, C36, C41, C42.

DISTRICT H

Precincts S10(A-K), S10(L-Z), S13, S16, S17, S18, S19, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28, S29.

DISTRICT I

Precincts C13, C14, C17, C19, C27, C28, C38B, C39, C40, S6B.

All of the above-described districts are particularly shown on the map of Rapides Parish, which is marked "Exhibit A" and paraphrased "Ne Varietur" as identification with this resolution.

SECTION 2. The Rapides Parish Police Jury shall be composed of nine (9) members with one (1) member being elected from each of the above described districts.

SECTION 3. This reapportionment and redistricting shall become effective at the end of the term of the incumbent officials, the first election under this Ordinance shall be at the next general election.

SECTION 4. This redistricting and reapportionment shall not affect existing tax or bonding districts, which tax and bond districts shall remain in full force and effect as otherwise provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the ordinances of the Rapides Parish Police Jury adopted on the 13th day of April, 1998, and as amended, are hereby amended and re-enacted to include the following four (4) additional precinct boundaries and to change or redefine the boundary description of certain precincts subdivided to accommodate reapportionment, as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and in particular with Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 18 Section 532.1.D, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides does hereby amend, re-enact, establish and define or redefine the territorial limits of certain precincts within the Parish of

Rapides, State of Louisiana, all boundaries being clearly observable and coinciding with visible features readily distinguishable on the ground as follows:

Rapides Parish  
Additional or Changed (Redefined) Precinct Boundaries  
Descriptions

All boundary lines follow the center line of said physical feature, be it man-made or natural, unless otherwise stated.

Boundary directions follow the center line of the last said feature until the intersection of the center line of the next stated feature unless otherwise specified.

Precinct N13A (change)

Commence with the intersection of the west tributary of Bayou Maria and Donahue Ferry Road, northeast on Donahue Ferry Road to Fox Chase Drive, south to Holly Moore Drive, west to Sweetwater Rim, south to Susek Drive, west to Edgewood Drive, northwest to Iris Park Drive, west to the western tributary of Bayou Maria, north to Donahue Ferry Road which is the point of beginning.

Precinct N13B (additional)

Commence with the intersection of Pinehurst Drive and Susek Drive, west on Susek Drive to Sweetwater Rim, north to Holly Moore Drive, east to Fox Chase Drive, north to Donahue Ferry Road, east to Pinehurst Drive, southeast to Susek Drive which is the point of beginning.

Precinct N14A (change)

Commence with the intersection of US Hwy 165 and LA Hwy 116 (Esler Field Road), east on LA Hwy 116 (Esler Field Road) to a powerline right-of-way near the rear of the Walmart Super Center, southwest (and parallel to Lorelei Street) to Pinecrest Drive, east approximately 83 feet to an unimproved right-of-way, south to a minor drainage feature, southeast to the eastern tributary of Bayou Maria, southeast to Donahue Ferry Road, southwest to Cottingham Expressway, north to US Hwy 165, northeast to LA Hwy 116 (Esler Field Road) which is the point of beginning.

Precinct N14B (additional)

Commence with the intersection of LA Hwy 116 (Esler Field Road) and Donahue Ferry Road, south on Donahue Ferry Road to the eastern tributary of Bayou Maria near Leonard Drive, northwest to a minor drainage feature near Ann Street, northwest to an unimproved right-of-way, north to Pinecrest Drive, west approximately 83 feet to a powerline right-of-way, northeast (and parallel to Lorelei Street) to LA Hwy 116 (Esler Field Road), east to Donahue Ferry Road which is the point of beginning.

Precinct C38A (change)

Commence with the intersection of Vandenburg Drive and Bayou Rapides Road, east on Bayou Rapides Road to Ball Lane, southwest to Cloverleaf Boulevard, south to Coliseum Boulevard, west to Vandenburg Drive, north to Bayou Rapides Road which is the point of beginning.

Precinct C38B (additional)

Commence with the intersection of Coliseum Boulevard and Cloverleaf Boulevard, north on Cloverleaf Boulevard to Ball Lane, northeast to Bayou Rapides Road, north to Vandenburg Drive, north to Bayou Rapides, east to MacArthur Drive, south to Coliseum Boulevard, west to Cloverleaf Boulevard which is the point of beginning.

Precinct S6A (change)

Commence with the intersection of Saline Bayou and I-49, east on I-49 to Rapides Station Road, south to LA Hwy 1, east to Moss Point Drive, south to Christine Drive, west to Moss Point Drive, east to Jimmy Brown Road, south to Bayou Rapides, south to LA Hwy 496, west to LA Hwy 1202, north to Saline Bayou, north to I-49 which is the point of beginning.

Precinct S6B (additional)

Commence with the headwater of Saline Bayou and Red River, east Red River to unnamed levee road splitting Section 16 and 17, T5NR2W, south to Old Boyce Road, east to Big Bayou, south to Jimmy Brown Road, north to Moss Point Drive, west to Christine Drive, north to Moss Point Drive, north to LA Hwy 1, west to Rapides Station Road, north to I-49, west to the headwater of Saline Bayou, north to the Red River which is the point of beginning.

**SECTION 2.** In all other respects the precinct boundaries descriptions previously established shall remain unchanged.

**SECTION 3.** The precincts established by this ordinance shall be effective for the following purposes at the following times:

(1) on or after August 29, 2011 for the purpose of apportionment of elected officials and governing bodies.

(2) not later than December 31, 2011 for all purposes, subject to preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice.

**SECTION 4.** This reapportionment of the Rapides Parish Police Jury shall be effective at the end of the term of the incumbent Police Jurors.

**SECTION 5.** That a certified copy of this resolution, together with other showings required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Regulations pertaining thereto (29 C.F.R. 51.22) be submitted to the United States Attorney General for approval in compliance with the said Voting Rights Act.

**SECTION 6.** A certified copy of this ordinance for a reapportionment plan shall be sent to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Registrar of Voters in accordance with LARS 18:532.1.D(2)(c).

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 13th day of May, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to add the following items to the agenda.

A roll call vote was called and was as follows:

YES	NO	ABSENT
Richard Billings		Richard Vanderlick
Jamie Floyd		Steve Coco
Buck Lincecum		
Joe Bishop		
Richard Vanderlick		
Ollie Overton		
Scott Perry		

On roll call vote the motion carried 7-0.

The next agenda item was to receive an update from Ms. Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, OHSEP Executive Director, on the impending flooding and status of the Levees.

On the expected disaster from the 2011 Spring Flooding, Ms. Wiley-Gremillion reviewed in Rapides Parish, a few road closures were expected from roads that normally flood, only Cotton Island Road closed at this time, and they have sand bags available, redistribution having begun, but already stock at the fire stations. As far as the Red River, the Levee Board has advised it is actually now almost at pool stage. Precautionary evacuation in low areas has begun in neighboring parishes. She also advised the shelters in Rapides Parish are on stand-by if needed for residents in other parishes. If Rapides Parish experiences backwater flooding, she will get a declaration of emergency from the Police Jury President.

Further, she asked the Police Jury to contact its Congressional Delegation to urge the President to sign the authorization for individual assistance under the declared Disaster Declaration.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fontaine, the following resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that Rapides Parish Police Jury does hereby request our Congressional Delegation to urge President Barack Obama to sign the authorization for individual assistance under the Federal Emergency Declaration for the State of Louisiana, FEMA-3322-EM-LA for Public Assistance (Category B) issued on May 6, 2011 effective April 25, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to sign a Disaster Declaration for Rapides Parish if needed.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of May, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, the following resolution was presented, a resolution to authorize the President to sign a Capital Outlay Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, for the Rigolette Bridge emergency repair, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-11-01, and on vote unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION,

FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL FOR THE RIGOLETTE ROAD BRIDGE EMERGENCY PROJECT; STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING; FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-J40-11-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that its President is authorized to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control for the administration of the Rigolette Road Bridge, Planning and Construction Project by the Louisiana Facility Planning and Control, FP&C Project No. 50-J40-11-01;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is authorized to act on behalf of the Parish of Rapides in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

THUS PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of May, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Buck Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to authorize to hire an Architect/Engineer to plan and design the Rigolette Bridge Project to be paid from Road District 10-A Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to award Bid No. 2178 For Sale F-150 Pickup Truck (Fire District No. 7 Asset No. 7955) to Carl Saucier the highest bidder for an amount of \$360.00, as recommended by Ruby Kolin Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Jamie Floyd, to reaffirm the previous authorization of April 11, 2011 to settle with Gilchrist Construction on Contract Bid No. 2139 Various Road Improvements and reaffirm the signature and authority of the President to sign the Receipt and Release thereon. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Jamie Floyd, seconded by Mr. Buck Lincecum, that there being no further business, the meeting be declared adjourned. On vote the motion carried at 10:28 a.m

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Angie Richmond, Secretary  
Rapides Parish Police Jury

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Richard Billings, President  
Rapides Parish Police Jury