

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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, February 13, 2023, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President, Sean McGlothlin, Vice President and Police Jurors: Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fountaine, III, Rusty Wilder, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., and David Johnson.

Absent: Craig Smith and Jay Scott

Also present were: Ms. Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Ms. Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Mr. Cory Ashmore, Public Works Director; Ms. Angie Branton, OHSEP Director; Ms. Sherry Ledington, Asst. OHSEP Director, Ms. Sharon Neal, Interim WOD Director; Ms. Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Chief Jody Glorioso, Fire District No. 2 and Greg Jones, Legal Counsel.

The invocation was given by Mr. David Johnson.

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. Joe Bishop, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the Police Jury was ready for the first item of business.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on January 9, 2023, as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and reappoint Mr. Charles King to the Rapides Parish Finance Authority for a six (6) year term. Term will expire November 7, 2028. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to authorize the travel expense policy be adopted by the Jury, to provide the annual travel budget for the entire Jury, and that the President of the Rapides Parish Police Jury is authorized to approve travel expenditures during the year, not to exceed the budgeted amount. On vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Treasurer to amend the 2023 budget to reflect actual beginning balances. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, the following motion was offered and adopted:

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RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) has issued a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Gunter Road/Barron Chapel Road Street Improvements, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project #50-J40-22-01);

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

Passed, approved and adopted this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following motion was offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) has issued a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Philadelphia Road Street Improvements, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project #50-J40-22-02);

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

Passed, approved and adopted this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to approve the participation in an upcoming auction to be held on March 4, 2023. 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 (Flatwoods) Asset Inventory Program the assets listed below as they are broken and no longer suitable for public use:

<u>Asset Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
10713	Freidrich Air Conditioner Unit SN# AKFZ01305	Scrap-to be auctioned
11355	Freidrich Air Conditioner Unit SN# AEFY04570	Scrap-to be auctioned
10992	Thermal Imaging Camera SN# F1426	Scrap-to be auctioned
11196	Thermal Imaging Camera SN# F1898	Scrap-to be auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the construction of an Equipment Shed to be utilized at the Highway 28 West location for the amount of \$41,318.38 and a Mechanic Shop to be utilized at the Esler Field location (Area 2) for the amount of \$38,882.49 to be paid from the Public Works budget. Price quotes were obtained. Discussion ensued.

Mr. David Johnson asked the status of the relocation of the Glenmora Yard. Mr. Cory Ashmore stated there were preparing the dirt work and discussing running water lines to the location. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to amend and add to the current Purchasing Policy for the Rapides Parish Police Jury under the Public Works Contract section:

- d) Purchases or work to be performed under five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be made only after obtaining one (1) written quote from a qualified vendor.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, the following ordinance was presented and unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 18-4.2 (J) SPEED LIMITS SO AS TO SET A 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON BILL PAUL ROAD, WARD 6, DISTRICT H.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 13th day of February, 2023, that Section 18-4.2 (j) of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to include a 10 mph speed limit on Bill Paul Road, Ward 6, District H, as follows:

Chapter 18. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Section 18-4.2. Speed limits designated on certain streets:

(j) Ten 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 ten (10) miles per hour:

...

Bill Paul Road, Ward 6, District H

...

(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 18-4.2 of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Highway Department is hereby authorized to erect the speed limit signs on the Road.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and hire up to twelve (12) seasonal workers for mowing crews and general labor. Work will begin on April 1, 2023 and end no later than November 3, 2023, rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour for Laborers and \$12.50 per hour for Labor Foreman, to be paid from the Public Works salary line item. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to amend the hourly rate of pay to \$14.00 per hour for Laborer and \$14.50 per hour for Labor Foreman. On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to reappoint Mr. Paul Fuselier to the Workforce Development Board and authorize the President to sign a letter addressed to the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Term will expire February 06, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to authorize the President to sign the Agreement between the Chief Elected Official and the Rapides Workforce Development Board signifying the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Economic & Workforce Development (OEWD) as the fiscal agent and administrative entity, and the Workforce Operations Department (WOD) as the provider of Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth services authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to hire two (2) temporary part-time teachers, 29 hours per week, beginning in March or April ending September 30, 2023, to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program, \$20 hourly to be paid out of WIOA funds. These instructors will also facilitate the academic component required by the Program. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to amend the dates of employment to May 24, 2023 – August 30, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to accept the resignation of Mr. David Johnson on the Rapides Area Planning Commission Board and appoint Mr. Craig Smith to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire January 8, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, the following Resolution was presented and on vote unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RUSSELL JESS MILLER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN CONSTABLE, WARD 5, 2ND COURT, CREATED BY NO ONE QUALIFYING FOR THE VACANT OFFICE.

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Office of Constable, Ward 5, 2nd Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as a result of no one qualifying for the vacant office; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority contained in R.S. 18:602(A), BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that Russell Jess Miller, 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 5 (LARS 13:2583) is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy of the office of Constable, Ward 5, 2nd Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, 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 13th day of February, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO CALL AN ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN CONSTABLE, WARD 5, 2ND COURT, AS A RESULT OF NO ONE QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR THE VACANT OFFICE, TO BE ON THE OCTOBER 14, 2023 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2023 BALLOT

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Office of Constable, Ward 5, 2nd Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as a result no one qualifying to run for the vacant office; and,

WHEREAS, more than one (1) year remains to be served in the term which will expire on December 31, 2026 (LARS 13:2583 {B}); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority contained in LARS 18:602(E)(2), BE IT RESOLVED by the Rapides Parish Police Jury that a Special Election is hereby called to fill the vacancy for the Office of Constable, Ward 5, 2nd Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana; the primary election shall be on Saturday, October 14, 2023, and the general election shall be on Saturday, November 18, 2023; and the qualifying period for candidates shall begin on Wednesday, August 8, 2023, and shall end on Friday, August 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. by the authority contained in LARS 18:467; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Rapides, the Commissioner of Elections and Registrar of Voters in and for Rapides Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may

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prepare for said election and perform his respective functions as required by law.

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

YEAS: Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin, Theodore Fountaine, III, Joe Bishop,
Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr. and David
Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Craig Smith and Jay Scott

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to enter into a contract with CLAHEC (Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center) to provide two (2) full time nurses and one (1) part-time nurse for the Health Unit for the purpose of Operation Support and other Health Unit activities, total contract not to exceed \$694,248.00, to be paid from the Health Unit Fund, as recommended by Dr. Curtis Lewis, Regional Administrator, beginning March 1, 2023 for a three (3) year period and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to reappoint Mr. Paul Fuselier, nominee of Louisiana State University at Alexandria to the Fire District No. 7 Civil Service Board, for a three (3) year term. New term will expire February 7, 2026. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to approve the current layout of the Rapides Parish Police Jury letterhead. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to receive the required report from Acadian Ambulance under the Contract for December, 2022:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	444	80%	88.96%
Pineville - 8 minute	129	80%	82.17%
Rapides - 12 minute	184	80%	88.04%
Rapides - 20 minute	167	80%	82.63%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, that the following item(s) were placed on the Jury meeting after the agenda was posted and are now being added in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unanimous vote:

YEAS: Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Rusty Wilder, David Johnson,
Theodore Fountaine, III, Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Sean
McGlothlin and Joe Bishop.
NAYS: none
ABSTAINED: none
ABSENT: Craig Smith and Jay Scott

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On roll call vote the motion carried 7-0.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to appoint Mr. Brandon Simmons to the Rapides Fire District No. 4 Civil Service Board, employee elect, for a three (3) year term. Term will expire November 13, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to accept Project No. 2982 – Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 – Station No. 4 Site Improvements as “Substantially Complete” and authorize the Parish President to sign the Substantial Completion certificate, as recommended by the Engineer, Steve Fontenot with Fontenot and Associates, LLC. and Fire Chief David Corley. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
BY
THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Proposals until February 1, 2023, for Lake Drive Culvert Replacement.

CONTRACTOR	LUMP SUM PRICE
1. Lowe’s Construction, LLC	\$33,680.00
2. MJL Construction, LLC	\$34,900.00
3. Merrick, LLC	\$45,500.00

WHEREAS, the Proposals have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Proposer; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said service is hereby awarded to the low Proposer, Lowe’s Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$33,680.00, contingent upon receipt of required insurance and other contract documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Proposer.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder to adopt the following the resolution:

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THE RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received the following Proposals until February 7, 2023, for Asphalt Roadway Improvements on Clifton Road.

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CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
1. Progressive Construction Company, LLC	\$202,435.00
2. T.L. Construction, LLC	\$226,811.25
3. Diamond B Construction Company, LLC	\$236,500.00
4. Gilchrist Construction Company, LLC	245,750.00
5. Apeck Construction, LLC	\$255,316.35

WHEREAS, the Proposals have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Proposer; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said service is hereby awarded to the low Proposer, Progressive Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$202,435.00, contingent upon receipt of required insurance and other contract documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Proposer.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
BY
THE
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury received Bids until Friday, February 3, 2023, for Herbicide Roadside Spraying Services Annual Contract (2023 Procurement) (RFP No. 3044); and,

WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of awards for the following contracts:

Contract Description	Contract Amount (Cost Per Acre)	Bidder
Spraying, District A	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District B	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District C	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District D	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District E	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District F	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District G	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District H	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.
Spraying, District I	\$34.25	ChemPro Services, Inc.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above contracts are hereby awarded for Herbicide Roadside Spraying Services Annual Contract (2023 Procurement) (RFP No. 3044).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the successful Bidder.

Passed, approved and adopted by the President and Police Jury of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize the Public Works Director to create, advertise and hire up to six (6) temporary/seasonal employees with a current & valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Work will begin on April 1, 2023 and end no later than December 1, 2023, beginning rate of pay between \$14.50 and \$16.50 per hour depending on experience, to be paid from the Public Works salary line item. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve pay increase for the Secretary at Fire District No. 10, from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour, effective February 12, 2023, as recommend by the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department Board. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to accept the resignation of Mr. Rusty Wilder on the Rapides Area Planning Commission Board and appoint Mr. Jay Scott to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire January 8, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to accept the resignation of Mr. Rusty Wilder on the Transportation Policy Committee and appoint Mr. Jay Scott to fill the unexpired term. Term will expire January 8, 2024. On vote the motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN IMPLEMENTATING GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW RESTORE LOUISIANA HOMETOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, FOR RAPIDES PARISH 2020-2021 FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS HURRICANE LAURA AND HURRICANE DELTA

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has submitted an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) New Restore Louisiana Hometown Revitalization Program; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Housing & Urban Development regulations require that the Rapides Parish Police Jury certify that these activities for which CDBG funds are being requested are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent, and the Parish is unable to finance the activity on its own, and that no other funds are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of Rapides Parish, hereby certifies that the activities for which CDBG funds are being requested for the Rapides Parish New Restore Louisiana Hometown Revitalization Program are designated to provide the expeditious and effective recovery of public services in Louisiana and will meet the national objectives of benefitting the citizens of Rapides Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, is hereby vested with the authority to conduct business, negotiate and sign all agreements.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN IMPLAMENTATING GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW RESTORE LOUISIANA RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, FOR RAPIDES PARISH 2020-2021 FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS HURRICANE LAURA AND HURRICANE DELTA

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has submitted an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) New Restore Louisiana Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing & Urban Development regulations require that the Rapides Parish Police Jury certify that these activities for which CDBG funds are being requested are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent, and the Parish is unable to finance the activity on its own, and that no other funds are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapides Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of Rapides Parish, hereby certifies that the activities for which CDBG funds are being requested for the Rapides Parish New

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Restore Louisiana Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program are designated to provide the expeditious and effective recovery of public services in Louisiana and will meet the national objectives of benefitting the citizens of Rapides Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, is hereby vested with the authority to conduct business, negotiate and sign all agreements.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the President to sign a ten (10) year lease agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health, beginning on 03/07/2023 and ending on 03/06/2033, to lease 5,242 square feet of usable space, located at the John A. Christophe Health Unit Building, 5604-B Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana, to be used by the Office of Public Health, Central Regional Office, Region 6, as an office at the rate of \$15.00 per square foot per annum (First payment of \$5,242.00 due on March 7, 2023 and one hundred nineteen (119) equal installments of \$6,552.50) per square foot per annum with fifty-five (55) parking spaces provided, upon legal counsel review and approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize the President to sign a one (1) year lease agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health, beginning on 03/07/2023 – 03/06/2024, to lease 480 square feet of usable space, located at the John A. Christophe Health Unit Building, 5604-B Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana, to be used by the Office of Public Health, Central Regional Office, Region 6, for the purpose of a laboratory at the rate of \$15.00 per square foot per annum (First payment of \$480.00 due on March 7, 2023 and eleven (11) equal installments of \$600.00) per square foot per annum with six (6) parking spaces provided, upon legal counsel review and approval. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office and the Rapides Parish Police Jury for inmate labor to perform grass cutting services at the Rapides Parish Coliseum at no cost to the Jury and authorize the President to sign any necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to participate in the 2nd Annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Love the Boot Week held during the week of April 17 – 23, 2023. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bishop stated the City of Pineville had contacted him about participating in a joint project by picking up litter outside city limits along the Pineville Expressway for the Love the Boot Week. He would also like to encourage Neighborhood Watch Groups and other organizations throughout the Parish to participate in the event by organizing events in their areas.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to proclaim the month of April as Rapides Parish Litter Awareness Month. On vote the motion

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carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to approve a five percent (5%) merit increase for part time employees at FD#8-Cotile VFD as recommended by the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department Board meeting on February 7, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to amend Parish-wide Debris Removal contract with TFR Enterprises to \$7,379,225 maximum for FEMA DR-4559 Hurricane Laura and authorize the President to sign the necessary documents. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to amend Parish-wide Debris Removal contract with TFR Enterprises to \$7,430,600 maximum for FEMA DR-4559 Hurricane Laura and authorize the President to sign the necessary documents. On vote the amended motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to discuss amending the Alcohol Beverage ordinance to allow Class A (on premises consumption) license holders to open on Sunday (6:00 AM – Alexandria ordinance or noon – Pineville ordinance), to remove restrictions on hours of operations for Class B (off premises consumption) & R (restaurant) & to add a Class E (exceptions) license, a Class RW (restaurant wine only) & a Microbrewers license as recommended by the Tax Administrator. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bishop stated the proposed amendment to the Ordinance would be to have us on the same opening and closing schedule as the City of Alexandria and the City of Pineville. Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel, stated he would need to take a look into the exact wording of the ordinance and discuss at the next meeting before any changes should be made. The revision to the Ordinance would need to have precise and exact wording for the types of classes for consumption of alcohol mentioned above. No action taken on proposed on changes.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Task Force created by the MOU is responsible to advise the Attorney General and the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Municipalities on the priorities that should be addressed as part of the opioid epidemic and to review how monies have been spent and the results that have been achieved with the Opioid Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has recognized that there is a disparity between the true intent of the MOU and the language of the MOU relating to the distribution of the Louisiana Opioid Settlement Proceeds (hereinafter “Proceeds”);

WHEREAS, all parties hereto expressly acknowledge and agree that the true intent of the parties with respect to the MOU has been and continues to be that the settlement proceeds shall be distributed directly to each parish government in

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accordance with the percentages allocated; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has been identified in the MOU as a Lead Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recognizes that the Rapides Parish Police Jury identified in the MOU is entitled to receive proceeds directly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and covenants contained in the MOU and agreement, the Rapides Parish Police Jury agrees that the public purpose for this agreement is to distribute and use proceeds to provide evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) provide treatment for citizens of the State of Louisiana affected by substance use disorders, (ii) provide support for citizens of the State of Louisiana in recovery from addiction who are under the care of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration qualified and appropriately licensed health care providers; and to (iii) target treatment of citizens of the State of Louisiana who are not covered by Medicaid or not covered by private insurance for addictive services. The parties have determined that (a) the usage granted pursuant to this agreement is for a public purpose that comports with a governmental purpose that the parish may pursue; (b) the use, taken as a whole, is not gratuitous; and (c) the parish has a reasonable expectation of receiving at least equivalent value in exchange for the use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President, Joseph “Joe” Bishop, is hereby vested with the authority to conduct business and sign all agreements.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of February, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Bubba Moreau, to adopt the following resolution and was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION
BY
RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury intends to submit a FY 2023 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Street Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LCDBG regulations provide that two (2) additional ranking points each can be secured if an applicant agrees to pay for all related grant administration and engineering services; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, because of the competitive nature of the LCDBG Program, it is believed that as a strategy to improve the Police Jury’s rating for grant funds it is advisable to make the financial commitment to locally provide the funds for these costs and thereby utilizing LCDBG grant funds, if awarded, only for construction costs; and,

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that the expenses that are engineering related to the technical services required for a LCDBG grant would total approximately 15% of the amount of grant funds awarded; excluding grant administration and technical assistance services, which are considered as a separate category in the LCDBG Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police Jury hereby obligates and commits, as part of the LCDBG application process, to pay for grant administration and engineering, observation of construction, topographic survey, geotechnical investigations, and miscellaneous related costs all in an effort to raise the competitiveness of the Police Jury's LCDBG application by securing two (2) additional points in the rating process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required engineering services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines, and the President is authorized to execute the engineer services agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Frye Magee LLC is hereby selected to provide the required grant administration services, and the President is authorized to execute the grant administration services agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Police Jury's commitment to obligate itself to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to execute and submit the LCDBG Application, as well as all related documents, to be on such other terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and to do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objectives and purposes.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Parish President and Police Jurors of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, on this 13th day of February, 2023.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Theresa Pacholik, Secretary/Treasurer
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Joseph "Joe" Bishop, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury