

RAPIDES PARISH POLICE JURY MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 13, 2020

PUBLIC GATHERINGS LIMITED

The Governor's Proclamation of June 25, 2020 restricts public gatherings to 50% of the total occupancy of the State Fire Marshal, and requires a six (6) foot minimum of social distancing, limiting the public seating area for the Rapides Parish Police Jury meeting to 28 members of the public, on a first come basis through July 24, 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 the Governor's Proclamation of June 25, 2020, 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 of the Governor, the public and the media shall be allowed to observe this Police Jury meeting via **Facebook live. At 3:00 p.m. on July 13, 2020, go to FACEBOOK.COM/RAPIDESPARISHPOLICEJURY** to watch the Police Jury Meeting live.



Craig Smith, President

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3:00 P.M.**

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, July 13, 2020, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Craig Smith, President, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr., Vice President and Police Jurors: Joe Bishop, Rusty Wilder, Sean McGlothlin and David Johnson. Present via telephone due to COVID-19 were Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Theodore Fontaine, Jr. and Scott Perry. Jr.

Also present: Theresa Pacholik, Treasurer; Shane Trapp, Courthouse Building Superintendent; Donna Andries, Sales & Use Tax Administrator; Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, OHSEP Director; Elaine Morace, WIA Operations Director; Linda Sanders, Civil Service Director; Greg Jones, Legal Counsel (via phone) and Laurel Smith, Secretary.

The invocation was given by Mr. Ollie Overton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. David Johnson.

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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 he stated there were two gentlemen in the audience and they would be recognized on that motion.

On motion by Mr. Theodore Fontaine, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to remove the Confederate Statue on the Rapides Parish Courthouse grounds.

Mr. Greg Jones, Legal Counsel, (speaking through cell phone) stated that when the motion was originally placed on the agenda, there was no pending litigation. Last week the Jury was served a lawsuit from the City of Alexandria naming the defendants as the United Daughters of Confederacy (UDC) and Rapides Parish Police Jury. The suit claims that there is an ownership dispute between the three parties. The UDC has also forwarded a letter claiming they own the statue. It has been located at the Parish Courthouse for 58 years. Mr. Jones further stated that since this matter has been placed in litigation, he advised the Jury that they are not at liberty to discuss the issue in open session. The City of Alexandria Attorney told the City Council three weeks ago that you cannot vote to move something, whose ownership is in litigation. As far as public comments, you may take any of them who signed up to discuss the issue, but he asked that the Jurors not respond because of the pending litigation.

Mr. Dwayne Long voiced his opinion on leaving the statue and urged the Jury to take a stand on the statue, to leave it where it is at. T

Mr. John Rougeau also voiced his opinion on the statue. He stated this issue needs to come to a compromise. It needs to bring the people together.

Substitute motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to table the motion until the pending litigation determines who the rightful owners are. On roll call vote the substitute motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to adopt the minutes of the Rapides Parish Police Jury held in Regular Session on June 8, 2020 as published in the Official Journal. On vote the motion carried.

The next item was the Treasurer's Report. This was laid over to the August meeting.

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

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize Change Order No. 1, on Project #2782 – Parking Gate at Courthouse for an additional amount of \$12,960.00, as recommended by the Courthouse Superintendent and Treasurer. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to transfer to the Rapides Parish Highway Department Asset No. 8799 (Metal Building in Garage) from the Rapides Parish Courthouse, as this building will no longer be needed, as new parking equipment is being installed. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to transfer to the Rapides Parish Highway Department, Asset No. 12207 (2013 Ford Van) from the Rapides Parish Courthouse, as this van was donated to transport inmates for Courthouse Janitorial Services and is no longer necessary for the Courthouse to use. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to delete from the CDR Grant Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment, as it is no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Number	Description	Disposal
9714	Video Unit	Scrap – to be auctioned
9715	Router	Scrap – to be auctioned
9716	Router	Scrap – to be auctioned

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to delete from the Families in Need of Services Asset/Inventory Program the following equipment, as it is no longer suitable for public use:

Asset Number	Description	Disposal
10770	Dell Latitude Computer	Scrap – Grant expired

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to ratify the purchase of a 2000 Spartan Engine for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 5, from Youngsville Volunteer Fire Department, for the amount of \$40,000.00, to be paid from Fire District No. 5 funds, as approved by the Oak Hill Volunteer Board of Directors and Chief. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to authorize Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 to purchase Two (2) Acres of land, adjacent to the Training Yard, 1217 Palmer Chapel Road, for \$16,000.00, as recommended by the Ruby-Kolin Board of Directors and Chief and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize advertising for bids for the FY 2019 LCDBG Palmer Chapel Road project, subject to authorization to advertise from the Office of Community Development. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to grant the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 employees, effective August 2, 2020, as recommended by the Holiday Village Volunteer Fire Department Board of

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Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 4 Funds. On vote the motion carried. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to grant the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 employees, effective August 2, 2020, as recommended by the Fire Chief David Corley, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to grant a 2% pay increase to all full-time Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 employees, in addition to any mandated raises, effective August 2, 2020, as recommended by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton to purchase three (3) commercial lawn mowers (X-Mark) off State Contract for the Town of Cheneyville not to exceed \$20,000.00 and paid from Road District 3A funds, as requested by the Town in their Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2020. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to increase the starting pay rate of Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 part-time employees, from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour, effective August 2, 2020, as requested by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, by to increase all current Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3 part-time employees, a \$1.00 per hour raise, effective August 2, 2020, as requested by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to amend the Certification Incentive Plans for Rapides Parish Fire District No. 3, full-time and part-time employees, to include the Apparatus Driver Operator-Mobile Water Supply and Incident Safety Officer, as requested by the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 3 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to increase Chief Travis Cutts pay to \$14.00 per hour and also 28 hours a week, as requested by Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, to be paid out of Fire District No. 5 Funds. (There will not be any retirement or group insurance benefits) On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to award Bid No. 2827 – Construction of New Building for the Rapides Parish Highway Department to the lowest bidder, Pat Williams Construction, for the amount of \$517,490.00, as recommended by the Engineer and the Purchasing Agent. On vote

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the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to delete from the Rapides Parish Fire District No. 7 Asset/Inventory Program. This equipment is mounted on a Pumper that will be used as a trade-in on the purchase of a new truck:

Asset Number	Description	Disposal
10841	2012 – Ford Mini Pumper VIN# 1FDUF5GT0CEB79477	Trade-In
10909	Mounted/Remount	Trade-In
10560	Light Tower	Trade-In
11288	Honda Generator	Trade-In
12142	Ladder Rack	Trade-In

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to grant the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 employees, effective August 2, 2020, as recommended by the Fire Chief Jody Glorioso, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 2 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to grant the 2% annual longevity pay increase mandated by the State for eligible Rapides Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 employees, effective August 2, 2020, as recommended by the Fire Chief Kevin Kees, to be paid out of Fire Protection District No. 7 Funds. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to ratify authorization to allow water discharge for irrigation from Indian Creek Reservoir, five (5) feet or less. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, to grant approval to All Star RV Storage (Rental Property), located at 425 John Allison Drive, Alexandria, as recommended by Rapides Area Planning Commission and Pan American Engineers, approved by Legal Counsel and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to grant approval to Beaver Lake Industrial Park (Cold Storage Facility), 300 Williams Lake Road, Pineville, as recommended by the Rapides Area Planning Commission, pending Public Works Director (drainage letter) and Legal Counsel approval and authorize signing of the plat. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to fill a part-time Code Enforcement/Inspector position by hiring Dexter Edwards. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to enter into an agreement with RPSO for a Deputy to oversee the Inmate Labor Crew for Area 2 (Wards 9, 10 & 11); salary & fringe to be reimbursed by Rapides Parish Police

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Jury, Highway Department. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to approve the hiring of five (5) support staff to coordinate and administer the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG), once received. These support staff would be hired on a temporary basis, paid fully through the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant funding and would last until the DWG funding has expired. This grant does not allow for fringe benefits for the temporary employees.

The purpose of the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG), which is a discretionary grant, under Section 170 of WIOA, DWGs provide resources to states to respond to disaster related unemployment crisis. The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) has responded to the DWG application and is reaching out to the local service delivery areas (SDA 61) to identify needs and participate in the overall grant application and workforce recovery efforts.

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to approve the purchase of the following described property being purchased through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Acquisition Project No. DR-LA-4263-079-0004, CFDA No. 97.039, from Christopher Shane Soileau and Stacy Ann Caley Vorderkunz Soileau for a sales price of \$151,000.00 per appraisal and authorize the President to sign the Cash Sale and related documents. The property owners are voluntarily participating in the grant program and have agreed to pay the required 25% cost match associated with the project.

A CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, AND ALL RIGHTS, WAYS AND PRIVILEGES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, BEING, LYING AND SITUATED IN SECTION 18, T4N-R1E, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

--PT LOT 27, MC DERMOTT SUB IN SEC. 18, T4N-R1E, 90' X 188'
(PB 4-94)(CB 1491-874 ORD.
1132-96)(CB 1761-297 SUCCN; MCKAY)(CB 1770-167
MCKAY)(CB 1851-605 MORRIS)***PARCEL I.D. #
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THE PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS BEAR MUNICIPAL
NUMBER 208 DAVIS DRIVE, PINEVILLE, LA 71360

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. Scott Perry, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office for volunteer inmate labor, for Rapides Parish and authorize the President to sign same. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Bubba Moreau, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to acknowledge the reappointment of Mr. David Brasher, nominated by State Representative Michael Johnson, to the Tioga Heritage Museum District for a five (5) year term. Term will expire May 22, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. David Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton:

RESOLUTION

A resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to proclamation of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 2 of Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), heretofore called for an election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Proclamation Number 28 JBE 2020 on March 13, 2020 and Proclamation Number 46 JBE 2020 on April 14, 2020 (said Proclamations, with any supplements or modifications, herein the "Executive Order"), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Service Area No. 1 of Fire Protection District No. 2 of Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from May 9, 2020 to August 15, 2020.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolution previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the

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canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The President and/or Secretary are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the election.

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

YEAS: Davron “Bubba” Moreau, Joe Bishop, Theodore Fountaine, Jr., Rusty Wilder, Oliver “Ollie” Overton, Jr., Sean McGlothlin, David Johnson, Scott Perry, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of July, 2020.

On motion by Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, the following Ordinance was presented and adopted to amend the Rapides Parish Drug Police as follows:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII. – SUBSTANCE ABUSE – DIVISION 3. – EMPLOYEE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING - SECTION 2-130 – TERMS - A-7 - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII. – SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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DIVISION 3. – EMPLOYEE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

Section 2-130. Terms

A. The Police Jury shall require drug and/or alcohol testing under the following circumstances:

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7. **Damage to Property.** When an accident results in property damages.

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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 2 – Administration, of the Rapides Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2020.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to accept the resignation of Mr. Matt Richie on the Pineville Downtown Development District due to a conflict of interest, waive the thirty (30) day announcement rule and appoint Mr. David Cohran, pending confirmation from the City Council of Pineville. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to appoint Mr. Jerrod Beaubouef to the Buckeye Recreation District for a five (5) year term, to fill the expired term of Mr. Robert Matthew Ports. Term will expire February 13, 2025. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Rusty Wilder, to acknowledge the reappointment of Mr. Michael Shuler as the employee elect on the Fire District No. 2 Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term. Term will expire July 29, 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 May, 2020:

Response Zone	Number of Responses	Required %	Compliance %
Alexandria - 8 minute	483	80%	85.92%
Pineville - 8 minute	153	80%	85.62%
Rapides - 12 minute	212	80%	95.28%
Rapides - 20 minute	182	80%	85.16%

On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, that the following items were not considered by the Committee of the Jury but were posted on the agenda after the Committee Meeting and added to the Jury agenda in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are now confirmed as having been added to the agenda by two-thirds vote:

YEAS: Scott Perry, Jr, David Johnson, Sean McGlothlin, Rusty Wilder, Theodore Fontaine, Jr., Joe Bishop, Davron "Bubba" Moreau, Oliver "Ollie" Overton, Jr. and Craig Smith

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

On roll call vote the motion carried 9-0.

On motion by Mr. Ollie Overton, seconded by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Fire Protection District No. 2 of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Rusty Wilder, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Rapides Parish Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 701 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Fire Protection District No. 14 of the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal/continuation of an ad valorem tax therein. On vote the motion carried.

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On motion by Mr. Sean McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Joe Bishop, to appoint Mr. Clifford Gatlin, nominee of Louisiana College to the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term, to fill the expiring term of Ms. Kathy Overturf. Term expired April 14, 2023. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Joe Bishop, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to award to Pan American Engineers, Inc., a contract for Professional Engineering Services for the Parish including keeping and maintaining a digital cad map of all Parish, for a five (5) year term, said contract terminable at any time by either party & said contract to be non-exclusive allowing the PJ to award contracts to other engineers as it deems necessary or as required by law. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Mr. David Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ollie Overton, to authorize reimbursement to the Town of Woodworth, not to exceed \$35,000, for various road improvements and drainage projects within the Town of Woodworth, to be paid out of Road District 2C, District H Maintenance Funds. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Laurel Smith, Secretary
Rapides Parish Police Jury

Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury