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Charlotte A. Randolph, *Parish President*

PRESS RELEASE

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Lafourche Parish Purchases Former *Daily Comet* Building for Future Thibodaux Library Branch

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph signed closing documents today to finalize Lafourche Parish's purchase of the building that formerly served as the office for the *Daily Comet* newspaper. The building, located at 705 West Fifth Street in Thibodaux, will be renovated and eventually become the new site of the Thibodaux Library. The Parish purchased the building for the amount of \$2,268,392 with funding from the millage for library construction.

"This is a terrific day for Lafourche Parish," said Randolph. "Once renovations are complete, the citizens are going to have a very nice library set in a historical location."

Councilman Rodney Doucet of District #8 also attended the signing today. "This is one of the greatest victories for Lafourche Parish," said Doucet. "I am very happy that all these entities came together for one single purpose, and we were able to agree."

Until last year, the Lafourche Parish Library Board had been planning for the construction of a new building on an alternate site along LA Highway 308 in Thibodaux. After budget concerns arose with regards to this new construction, the Library Board then began inquiring about the building which would eventually be vacated by the newspaper. The decision was eventually made to pursue the purchase of the building and plan renovations to ultimately keep the project within budget.

Councilman Jerry Jones of District #1 said, "This is a wonderful day for the residents in northern Lafourche. I think this building will make a beautiful library."

On August 25, 2009, the Lafourche Parish Council passed Ordinance No. 4617 authorizing the purchase of the building and property which is located in Downtown Thibodaux.

Councilman Joseph "Joe" Fertitta of District #4 said, "This has been a long time coming. It was a ten-year fight, and I am glad where it ended up."

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Photos from the signing:



Pictured from left to right: C.J. Cheramie, Charlotte Randolph, Rodney Doucet, Crystal Chiasson and H. Miles Forest



