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Animal Shelter Administrative Building Moved to Shelter Location

Construction of the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter administrative building was finished at the Louisiana Technical College, and the building was moved to its permanent location at the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter site on Dec. 14.

Contractor Nick Martinolich, Inc. carefully lifted the structure from its construction site and moved it to the shelter site at the corner of Veterans Blvd. and Hwy 3185. "We've been waiting for this day and are excited to see this progress," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. "A parish-operated animal shelter is a project that we are proud to have completed during this administration."

With the administrative building in place, contractors can begin the final construction elements – plumbing, electrical work, and the heating and cooling system. Once these items have been completed the shelter will be ready for full operation. Lafourche Parish Government officials hope to open the shelter facility fully in early 2007.

Once fully operational, the shelter will accept and adopt out both dogs and cats. Lafourche Parish Government has plans to implement new programs and improve existing ones, when the shelter opens completely.

Since partially opening in May 2006, the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter has been accepting nuisance and stray dogs from law enforcement officials across the Parish. A successful adoption program has been in affect since then, and recently a spay and neutering program was started. Citizens wishing to adopt an animal in the care of the shelter should make an appointment with shelter staff by contacting the Shelter at (985) 446-3532.

The shelter is currently open from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Citizens can also view the animals at the shelter by visiting the Lafourche Parish Government website at www.lafourchegov.org/lafourchegov/LPAS_Adopt.aspx.

Lafourche Parish Government wishes to remind citizens that the Shelter **is not** accepting animals from individual citizens at this time. If you have a problem with nuisance or stray animals, please contact your local police department or the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to file a report.

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Workers from contractor Nick Martinolich, Inc. raise the building onto a trailer for transport down Veterans Blvd. to the permanent location at the Animal Shelter site.



The structure is placed at the permanent site at the corner of Veterans Blvd. and Hwy 3185. Further work must be done before the facility is ready to be completely opened.