

APRIL 27, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERMITS COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND LOUISIANA.

Mr. Michael Matherne, Chairman, stated that the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee were ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee Meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 8:03 P.M. with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams–Co-Chair
Mr. Mike Delatte
Mr. Michael Matherne–Chairman
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: None

MOTIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning ratifying the appointment of Mr. James Barnidge as the Louisiana State University Alumni Association nominee to the Lafourche Parish Civil Service Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of **Mr. James Barnidge** to the **Lafourche Parish Civil Service Board** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the appointments of Mr. Faron J. Cortez and Mrs. Wanda Tabor to the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 5 Board (Ward 6). A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The Committee *recommended the appointments* of **Mr. Faron J. Cortez and Mrs. Wanda Tabor** to the **Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 5 (Ward 6)** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the appointment of an individual to the Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 Board (Ward 10). A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne to appoint Dr. Bryan Bouzigard. Mr. Phillip Gouaux mentioned that a portion of his district is in the Ward 10 area and added that he will request the state legislation require that the board have a representative from each district within the board. Mr. Callais stated the composition of the board members. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of **Dr. Bryan Bouzigard** to the **Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 1** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the appointment of a Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control liaison. President Randolph mentioned that an earlier appointment was made, but the appointee/councilman felt that he should pursue other issues instead. President Randolph recommended that Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer be appointed as the library liaison. A motion was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer as the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control liaison by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) abstention, being that of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the minutes and meeting tapes of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Mr. Daniel Lorraine mentioned that a request was made for the minutes of the Blue Ribbon Committee meetings and then requested that the tapes of the meetings also be supplied to the councilmen. He said that he is still waiting for the minutes which the Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman agreed to provide. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer suggested that the tapes be made available to the council, rather than make copies of the tapes for each councilman. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to send a letter to the Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman requesting that the minutes and meeting tapes of the Blue Ribbon Committee meetings be made available to the Council Clerk prior to the May 11, 2004 Council meeting. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that this committee was formed by ordinance, therefore, has to abide by any council request and can be prosecuted for violation of the law. The Committee *approved* the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning receiving copies of the financial statements of all parish boards that were submitted a letter. Mr. Daniel Lorraine, along with Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, said that he received the copies of the financial statements that he requested from the clerk's office.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion regarding those parish boards that did not comply to the Council's information request and to the Blue Ribbon Committee's request to address the Committee. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to **defer** until the Council receives a response from the Blue Ribbon Committee.

The next item (8) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion authorizing the Administration to solicit for bids in order to hire an architect to design a library for the Bayou Blue and Raceland area, and for a possible site in Chackbay. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer mentioned that since the parish will be building three libraries that will basically be identical, it is not necessary to have three different architects to redesign the same building. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte to authorize the Administration to solicit for architectural bids in order to hire an architect to design a library for the Bayou Blue and Raceland

area, and a third option for Chackbay. Mr. Atzenhoffer told Mr. Lorraine that although this was a professional service, the parish was not required by law to bid the projects out. Mr. Lorraine expressed his opinion that the work should be distributed between different firms so that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the projects. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not an architect was currently under contract. Mr. Atzenhoffer then addressed Mr. Toups' question of why the library in Gheens and Lockport were not included by restating that the libraries to be built in Bayou Blue, Raceland, and Chackbay will be the same building. He added that the hiring of only one architect, opposed to three, could help to save the parish money by cutting down on costs. The Committee *approved* the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (9) on the agenda was a resolution hiring the firm of Cheramie/Whitney Architects, A Professional Corporation, to redesign the new Galliano/Cutoff library building for use as a public library. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Callais mentioned that Mr. Larry Picciola suggested that an architectural firm, rather than an engineering firm, be used, adding that the Cheramie/Whitney firm, which had just completed building a library in Houma, had expressed an interest in the project. A discussion ensued regarding a firm being chosen for this library, whereas the parish is going out for bids for the libraries in Bayou Blue, Raceland, and Chackbay. A discussion was led by President Randolph regarding the relationship between Mr. Jay Caillouet and the Library Board. President Randolph did mention that no firm was under contract with the Council. Discussions also ensued regarding legal opinions on contracts. Mr. Richard Arabie began questioning the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation to consolidate boards. Chairman Matherne said that the discussion concerning the library be finished and said that he would allow Mr. Arabie to speak under Other Business. A discussion then ensued regarding architectural qualifications. President Randolph noted that this resolution is for the renovation of a building, whereas, Mr. Atzenhoffer's request of bids is for the construction of new buildings. The Committee *recommended approval* to the Council said resolution by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and Mr. Michael Matherne.

RES. NO. 04-031

HIRE CHERAMIE/WHITNEY ARCHITECTS TO REDESIGN GALLIANO/CUTOFF LIBRARY

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

The next item on the agenda was Public to address the Committee. Chairman Matherne recognized Mr. Richard Arabie, who addressed the issue of the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation of consolidating boards, but not recommending the consolidation of the Hospital Districts. He continued by mentioning the construction of a \$1.3 million sewerage plant, which will have the potential to service 441 homes. Mr. Arabie concluded that if some boards are going to be consolidated, all boards should be consolidated.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item on the agenda was any business be addressed. Mr. Lindel Toups asked Mr. Paul Chiquet, Director of the Library, to discuss the process of the Gheens and Lockport. Mr. Chiquet said that property has not yet been found for the Lockport library and the Gheens library will be constructed through the bid process.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Board of Appointments and Permit Committee of April 27, 2004, is adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND
PERMITS COMMITTEE**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**