

**AUGUST 24, 2004  
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

**THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.**

Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Chairman, stated that the Finance and Legislative Committee was ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 8:55 p.m. with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tyrone Williams  
Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Michael Matherne  
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne - Chairman  
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer  
Mr. Lindel Touns  
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II - Co-Chairman  
Mr. Brent Callais  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

**ABSENT:** None

**DISCUSSIONS**

The first item (1) on the agenda was a discussion concerning contracts that should be recorded. (DEFERRED FROM THE 08-10-04 LPC MTG.) Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, stated that he had done some research on which contracts should be recorded. President Randolph stated that a process is being attempted to have the contracts in an area for public viewing and accessible to everyone. Mr. Daniel Lorraine suggested that all contracts be recorded, to have a paper trail. A brief discussion ensued.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the tracking of occupational licenses and developing a procedure to assure employees at these business establishments are protected by Workman's Compensation. Mr. Phillip Gouaux suggested that the Administration hire a Compliance Officer to see that everyone complies with the rules and regulations. Mr. Roy Meek stated his concerns on the issues and asked if anyone can help him. A long discussion ensued. The Committee then suggested that the Administration do some research to find out what can be done.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the status of the parish libraries. Mr. Daniel Lorraine requested an update on the status of the libraries from the architect working on the parish libraries. Mr. Joseph Bradley Caillouet, with JBC/AIA, stated that the amended contract had been signed by President Randolph. He said that he had received the resolutions that were passed by the Parish Council. Mr. Caillouet stated that the resolutions that were issued to him authorized by Parish Council, to proceed with: the Galliano Branch renovations, the Sixth Ward facility, the Bayou Blue Branch, and the bids (October 7<sup>th</sup>) for the Gheens Library. He gave more specifics of the time schedules and what was to be done. Discussion ensued.

### RESOLUTIONS

The next item (4) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish Legislative Delegation to submit and support legislation that would allow Lafourche Parish to utilize its official website, "*lafourchegov.org*", as the Official Journal for Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. A brief discussion ensued. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent from the room, that being of Mr. Brent Callais.

#### RES. NO. "LAFOURCHEGOV.ORG", AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL

The next item (5) on the agenda was a resolution supporting the efforts of a Lafourche Parish Agriculture Center to be located in the Raceland area near the intersection of Louisiana Highway 90 (future I-49 corridor) and Louisiana Highway 1 and 308. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent from the room, that being of Mr. Brent Callais.

#### RES. NO. AGRICULTURE CENTER, RACELAND AREA

The next item (6) on the agenda was a resolution engaging the firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville to perform the Lafourche Parish Council statutorily required audit as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004; and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. An *amendment* was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, to add "*and technological conversion*" after audit, and to also state, "*for the years ending December 2004 and 2005*". Discussions ensued. Ms. Shannon Chiasson, Finance Director, expressed her opinion on being most comfortable with using Postlethwaite & Netterville. Detailed discussions ensued. The *amendment carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux and Mr. Lindel Toups. The original resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

#### RES. NO. POSTLETHWAITE & NETTERVILLE, 2004 AUDIT

The next item (7) on the agenda was a resolution amending the Lafourche Parish Procurement Policy for all Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Programs for the Parish. (DEFERRED FROM THE JULY 13, 2004 LPC MTG.) Ms. Pam Roussell, South Central Planning and Development Commission, clarified the specifics for the request of this amendment. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

#### RES. NO. L.P. PROCUREMENT POLICY

### **PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

The next item on the agenda was the Public to Address the Committee. Hearing none, Chairman, Lasseigne, moved on to the next item.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next item on the agenda was Other Business. Mr. Phillip Gouaux requested that the Council pass a resolution and send it to the Governor and Legislative Delegation, asking to expedite the appointments to the North Lafourche Conservation and Levee District. He explained the urgency of that being done. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer asked for recommendations to this board, but he said some of the requirements make it hard to find a candidate. He suggested getting delegation to relax some of the requirements. President Randolph clarified the process and stated that there was only one appointment unfilled.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to open a Two-Third Agenda to discuss a resolution that was not on the original agenda.

### **TWO-THIRD AGENDA**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to propose a resolution to send the Governor and Delegation notification to expedite the appointments to the North Lafourche Conservation and Levee District. The resolution **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

### **RES. NO. GOVERNOR AND DELEGATION NOTIFICATION**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays, to close the Two-Third Agenda.

### **ADJOURN**

On **motion** by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, unanimously seconded, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Legislative and Finance Committee meeting of August 24, 2004, **adjourned** at 9:47 P.M.

**TOMMY LASSEIGNE, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH FINANCE  
AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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