

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009  
MATHEWS, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M., TO BE HELD AT THE OLD WAL-MART BUILDING, 4876 HIGHWAY 1, MATHEWS, LOUISIANA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the Governing Authority of said Parish by Mr. Jerry Jones, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 5:00 p.m.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jerry Jones, Chairman  
Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

**ABSENT:** Mr. Louis Richard  
Mr. Matt Matherne  
Mr. Rodney Doucet  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine  
Mrs. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President (*arrived at 5:01 p.m.*)

Chairman Jones announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Fertitta. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Toups.

## RESOLUTION

The first and only item on the agenda was a resolution approving an agreement for professional services between Duplantis Design Group and Lafourche Parish to provide detailed repairs and estimates for the Barrios Building; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer any associated documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Delatte.

**Mr. Andy Positerry** introduced himself as an **Architect and Principal** with **Duplantis Design Group**. He gave a brief background, explaining that back on November 25, 2008 Duplantis Design Group had sent a very broad based proposal at the request of Administration, to perform some evaluation services at the Barrios Building, which had sustained obvious water and mold damages from the hurricane. Mr. Positerry stated that the amount of the proposal was \$1,500; at that point they made a couple of site visits; further explaining how they came about with a cost estimate to repair the building. He said from his understanding, FEMA had then requested the information, but in much more detail than what had been originally provided; that they wanted information broken down by individual rooms for their process. Mr. Positerry stated that they were then requested to provide a second proposal, which included much more detail; further explaining same.

President Randolph explained that this meeting was called because it was now time to put all the numbers on paper, so Council could assess what was actually occurring. She said FEMA's requirements were that the Parish have detailed evaluations of the damage. President Randolph said that they have received some insurance money from the Barrios building; but not all of it, as they were also awaiting further detailed damage reports. She further exclaimed that FEMA can not act until the insurance pays, in that they would make up the difference. President Randolph stated that at that point and time was when they intended bringing all of the detailed information that was gathered to the Council; so that decisions can be made for the future. She mentioned that there was also an appraisal of the WalMart building; so they will then be able to put the two side by side and decide what direction they were going to go in. President Randolph clarified that this was the purpose of this agreement, to make sure that they have all the documents that FEMA needs, in order for them to tell the Parish what they will pay in the event that they go back to they Barrios building, to assist in the repairs there, or coming into the WalMart building, remodeling it. She expressed that this will be something that will need to be looked at carefully, weighing both, then make a decision about the future.

Mr. Gouaux questioned the idea of building a new building, altogether; in which President Randolph replied that they can look into that.

Discussions briefly continued for further clarifications of the agreement.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (5) yeas, (0) nays, and (4) absent.

**RES. NO. 09-064      DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP - DETAILED REPAIRS AND ESTIMATES -  
BARRIOS BUILDING**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Fertitta and seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Special Meeting of **February 19, 2009 adjourned 5:12 p.m.**

JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL