

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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. Louis Richard
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Vice-Chair
Ms. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Regular Session meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

PROCLAMATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2009 be designated as "Be Kind To Animals Week". A motion was made by Mr. Delatte and seconded by Mr. Fertitta. President Randolph read the proclamation (*see Exhibit "A"*) and then presented it to Ms. Kelli Toups, who was present to accept it for Lafourche Parish Government and of her work with animals.

PRESENTATIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Leonard J. St. Pierre and Mr. Milton Bourgeois, Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 to present an annual report. Mr. Milton Bourgeois first introduced himself as being the CEO of Ochsner St. Anne General Hospital. He stated that he was present to represent Hospital Service District No. 2, and then presented and briefed the Council on their 2009 annual report (*see Exhibit "B"*).

Mr. Doucet questioned Mr. Bourgeois' statement, in that they were actively exploring an on-going relationship with medical schools; asking if it was pre-med or just medical. Mr. Bourgeois replied that it was just medical; which Mr. Doucet further questioned if they did not currently have anything for pre-med students. Mr. Bourgeois explained the District was actually looking into offering scholarships, to people who were in medical school or in residency that reside within the boundaries of District 2, as they had done in the past, in which they had one in mind and was in the process of doing so. Mr. Doucet expressed that he was asking because there were a lot of people that were currently in pre-med that were trying to look to do things in hospitals to help them better their resumes. Mr. Bourgeois commented that they did allow students to do volunteer work, not only for pre-med, but also for nursing; further explaining same.

Mr. Doucet questioned another of Mr. Bourgeois' statement, in that the Hospital had paid taxes and that the others do not; asking Mr. Bourgeois if he knew why. Mr. Bourgeois responded by saying that they were not for profit, explaining that became so after their agreement with Ochsner. He further stated that was of discussions because in other areas not for profits does not pay local taxes.

Mr. Lorraine asked Mr. Bourgeois if they had a Board; in which Mr. Bourgeois replied that they had a District Board, being the public board; and also having a Hospital Board. Mr. Lorraine then asked Mr. Bourgeois if, historically, with the years that he had been there, there was a Physician on the Hospital Board. Mr. Bourgeois replied as yes to the Hospital Board; further explaining that the District Board used to be the Hospital Board; in that yes, historically, there was a Physician on it. A very brief discussion continued; with several Doctors being named that had sat on the Board over the years.

Mr. Matherne asked Mr. Bourgeois approximately how many Nurse Practitioners did they have; in which Mr. Bourgeois replied that they have never employed a Nurse Practitioner. Mr. Bourgeois explained that this would be a first, in that they were talking to a second one. He further explained that they thought what was going to happen in primary medicine was that more and more of the Nurse Practitioner type providers will be utilized, in which they felt that was where the Government and insurance companies were going to. Mr. Bourgeois stated that they operate under the direction of a Physician, they have protocols that they have to follow, and anything outside of that set, they have to get the Physician in the office. Further clarifications were then given in regards to what Nurse Practitioners could do, within perimeters.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Susanna LeBouef, Lafourche Parish Public Library to present an annual report. Ms. LeBouef introduced herself as the **Library Director** for **Lafourche Parish Public Libraries**; and then presented the Council with an annual report (*complete copy on file at the Council Office*) and a brief synopsis of same (*see Exhibit "C"*).

Mr. Lorraine asked Ms. LeBouef if the Board had voted to turn over the money to the Parish at their meeting held the previous night. Ms. LeBouef replied that they had voted in January, on which she thought that the date was on January 26th, in that they had made a motion to turn over the money; and all the documents were provided to Mrs. Randolph (Parish President) and Cam Morvant (District Attorney). She stated last night was of an additional letter that was requested by the Banker, because when she had sent in the first set of documents, which included the resolution and the Library's motion, he needed an additional document. Ms. LeBouef further expressed that noone was aware of what the Banker needed, so he had contacted her the week before the meeting; in which he explained that he needed it in the minutes of the Library Board, in which the Library Board had to approve said document. She stated that she was then able to put the item on the agenda, within Parliamentary Procedures of putting it out to the public and such. Ms. LeBouef said that the Library Board had indeed signed it, being the document she was referring to. She then clarified, in regards to Mr. Lorraine's question, that the original motion was passed in January.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item (5) on the agenda was a report from Mr. Joel Doty, Finance Director. Mr. Doty first referred to a packet entitled "Lafourche Parish Government 2010 Budget Calendar" (*see Exhibit "D"*); saying that within it they had the full budget package for budget preparations; briefing Council on same.

Mr. Doty moved on to the Financial Reports; handing out both the note segment (*see Exhibit "E"*), as well as the monthly Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2009, as well as the Royalty, Sales Tax Reports and Parish Transportation reports updated through March (*complete copy on file at the Council Office*); and then briefed Council on same.

The next item (6) on the agenda was an update from the Administration regarding the Galliano Bridge. An update was given by President Randolph; *but due to technical difficulties, the discussion was not recorded in its entirety.*

Due to further and ongoing technical difficulties, the entire meeting was not quite audibly recorded.

A **motion** was next offered by Mr. Fertitta, to *deviate to item 30 (Proposed Ordinance)*, seconded by Mr. Richard, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

The next item (30) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for a 2009 Supplemental Appropriation (09-009) within the 2009 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2009 Capital Budget to fund the additional costs to repair the Historic Courthouse; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Very detailed discussion and explanation ensued in regards to the purpose and intent of this item; *but due to the technical difficulties, was not recorded in its entirety.*

A **motion** was next offered by Mr. Fertitta, to *return to the Regular Agenda*, seconded by Mr. Lorraine, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

A **motion** was then made by Mr. Fertitta, to *recess for a moment, in order to check audio difficulties*, seconded by Mr. Doucet, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Fertitta, to *return from the recess*, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECT REPORT(S)

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of planned, presently on going, recently completed or other projects by appropriate engineering firms engaged by the Parish. Mr. Joe Picciola, with Picciola & Associates, Inc., updated the Council regarding a couple of ongoing projects, in which some were on the present agenda. He reported on a balancing Change Order, being a deductive, for Road Sales Tax District No. 2 - Phase 4D, to close out the job. Mr. Picciola stated that they had indeed rebid the project for Road Sales Tax District No. 2 - Phase 4E; now having a recommendation to accept the low bid from Huey Stockstill, Inc., which was now under budget. He said that they took bids on the LeBlanc Drive Drainage Project; with the low bidder being Phylway Construction; but was not on the agenda because it was slightly over budget; being approximately or close to \$30,000 over budget. Mr. Picciola explained that they were currently discussing the issue with Administration; in that they have 45 days to award the project, if they so choose to do so; with the final decision being up to Administration.

Mr. Delatte questioned Mr. Picciola regarding the progress of the Manchester Project; in which Mr. Picciola explained that he has not made any, that he was trying to schedule a meeting with Administration, along with Mr. Delatte, to discuss the aspects of said project and to then get started on it right of way.

A brief discussion then ensued in regards to the \$1.4 million bid, being the Roadway and Drainage Improvements Project - RSTD#2 - Phase 4E; with Mr. Picciola explaining that they were looking at estimates, to include some or all of the streets around the park, to fit them in, without going over budget.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. No one requested to speak.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to *open* the *Public Hearing*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 4442 as it pertains to Section 2:207 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances for reimbursement of travel expenses for Parish officials and employees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Toups. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet.

President Randolph commented that the reason that the policy was changed in the first place was because the District Attorney and the Legislative Auditor had told the Parish that they could not have an indefinite amount of time; in that a timely matter was something that no one could define. She said that she understood that perhaps the original schedule of 30 days was believed too short a period of time; but she also thought that they have to indeed have a definitive number in there; whether it be six months or within one year, instead of it stating a timely matter; further suggesting that a more definite amount be stated. A very brief discussion then ensued among the Council in regards to the timeline.

An **amendment** was then made by Mr. Gouaux, to state “90 Days”; explaining reasoning for such. The motion was seconded by Mr. Toups; with debate ensuing in regards to such time. Mr. Lorraine next offered that the amendment should be for “one year”; but with no second that *motion died*. Mr. Matherne offered another amendment, for “six months”, seconded by Mr. Delatte; with debate again ensuing in regards to it being too lengthy an amount of time for an expense account. Mr. Joel Doty, Finance Director, further explained reasoning of not making it too long a period of time; in order to reflect a more accurate representation of said account. President Randolph relayed another issue; addressing that each receipt were checked individually, with more being accumulated overtime, the greater a task it is to check against accuracies and such. She added that if something was then missing, that there would have to be more correspondences back and forth. President Randolph further expressed her concerns with too much of an amount of time; agreeing that 90 days would be sufficient. Discussion continued in regards to all the amendments being proposed. President Randolph commented that everyone who drives a Parish vehicle is required to turn in their receipts, and all other required information, on a weekly basis. Further comments were made concerning reimbursements. The amendment of “six months” was then *removed*. Therefore, the *original amendment* of “90 days” *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas and (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

The ordinance *as amended* then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas and (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lorraine.
ORD. NO. 4502 TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT - OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3738 amending Section 24:300 (C) of Sub-Chapter “G” of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the Board of Commissioners of Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 (Ward 10). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4503 HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4462, amending Chapter 25, Sub-Chapter "B" of the Code of Ordinances, Section 101, as it pertains to permit fees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance; hearing none, he moved on.

Mr. Lorraine briefly mentioned an amendment, as to change "Compliance Officer" to "Field Office".

Council discussed the proposed \$50 fee change; questioning if that amount was enough to establish a reasonable rate, not to make money, but at least to break even for the time, personnel, and the equipment that has to be used. Discussion then briefly continued in regards to the length of the driveway culverts.

Mr. Doucet relinquished time to a **Mr. James Bordelon** from West 160th Street in Galliano; so that he may express his opinions towards the fees he was charged. Mr. Bordelon stated that he was currently putting in a culvert, to make another driveway, on the other side of his house. He said that he worked offshore, in that he did not keep up with all of what goes on in government and stuff; explaining that he had gone in about a month ago to get a permit, which used to be \$25 and was now going to cost him \$200. Mr. Bordelon exclaimed that it was for just a piece of paper, that he would have understood the charge if they were going to put the gutter in, but not \$200 just for the permit itself. He further expressed that the amount was very excessive; but would not have minded if they would have indeed installed the culvert. Mr. Bordelon went on to say that he still had to purchase the culvert and get someone to install it.

Discussion then again ensued; with comments being made that it was more than just a piece of paper and explanations being given that there were inspections that had to be done. **Mr. Ronnie Robichaux, Director of the Department of Public Works**, explained the normal process; saying that once a site was located that two people go out with a transit and level. He said that they then shoot the grades, sometimes having to go down the street to establish such, to determine the depth of the ditch and the culvert location. Mr. Robichaux stated that they have to then go back out after the culvert was installed, checking to be sure that it was put into the grade that was established. He said that it was normally two trips to each site; only shooting the grade once, twice if they had reason to believe that it was installed improperly. Mr. Robichaux continued by saying that it takes the two people maybe an hour or 45 minutes to get it done, plus their travel time. He then personally interjected; expressing that he agreed that \$200 was a little excessive, in that he felt that \$100 would be more appropriate, which it probably costs the Parish at least that to do said work.

Mr. Fertitta read from the proposed amendment, which would then read as "...an inspection by the Field Office before and after with Lafourche Parish Government shooting the grade elevation and installing driveway culverts up to 40 feet or less." He emphasized that it would be *shooting the grade* and *installing the culverts*; further stating that it must have been just a misunderstanding, in that the permit was thought to be just a piece of paper. Comments and suggestions were then offered to correct such specifications; including the amount of driveways.

A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Gouaux, to *defer this item*; so that they may look into further clarifying the intent and purpose of such an amendment; seconded by Mr. Delatte for discussion.

Discussion, debate, and comments continued in regards to the currently effective ordinance. President Randolph commented that one of the reasons why, and when, the Parish had essentially gotten out of the culvert installation business was because of two separate occasions and Attorney Generals' Opinions. She said that they were told that the Parish had to recoup the actual costs of what the Parish does; in that \$50 did not cover everything that was described by Mr. Robichaux. President Randolph exclaimed that this was being brought up because of the Attorney General's Opinions, which state that the Parish could not give something, in that they have to make certain that the services provided for were fully reimbursed for such amounts for them to be done. She reiterated that the costs had to be recouped. Discussion, debate, and comments again continued, concerning said Opinions and the still currently effective ordinance.

The *deferment*, to the *May 12, 2009 Lafourche Parish Council meeting*, then *carried* by a vote of (5) yeas, that being Mr. Jones, Mr. Delatte, Mr. Richard, Mr. Fertitta, and Mr. Gouaux; and (4) nays, that being of Mr. Matherne, Mr. Troups, Mr. Doucet, and Mr. Lorraine.

DEFERRED

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance to authorize a property lease agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Mark G. Theriot and Linda Theriot; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4504 PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT - MARK & LINDA THERIOT

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance to authorize a property lease agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Chuck Comeaux and Elizabeth Comeaux; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4505 PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT - CHUCK & ELIZABETH COMEAUX

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance providing a Variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on Tract R1, property belonging to Jessie Sapia (Ward 7, District 2) as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their March 26, 2009 meeting (fire hydrant). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4506 VARIANCE - FIRE HYDRANT - JESSIE SAPIA PROPERTY - TRACT R1

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance providing a Variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on Tract R1, property belonging to Jessie Sapia (Ward 7, District 2) as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their March 26, 2009 meeting (street right of way). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4507 VARIANCE - STREET R.O.W. - JESSIE SAPIA PROPERTY - TRACT R1

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the attached Servitude Agreement between Oray Savoie, Jr., and Teala Savoie and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4508 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT - ORAY SAVOIE, JR., & TEALA SAVOIE

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the attached Servitude Agreement between Allen P. Thibodaux and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Delatte, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4509 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT - ALLEN P. THIBODAU

The next item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance **providing** for a 2009 **Supplemental Appropriation (09-007)** within the 2009 Operations and Maintenance Budget to carry forward balances remaining in the **Recreation Districts, the Beachfront Development Fund and the Commission For Women Fund**; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4510 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - RECREATION DISTRICTS, BEACHFRONT DEVELOPMENT, & COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FUNDS

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance **establishing the new location** of the **sub-office of the Registrar of Voters located in Galliano**; to further establish the effective date of same; and to provide for other matters thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Jones asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Jones moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4511 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - GALLIANO SUB-OFFICE - NEW LOCATION

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, to **close** the *Public Hearing*, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

Chairman Jones relinquished the meeting to the Vice-Chair, Mr. Lorraine.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The next item (18) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **requesting that Traffic Calming Devices** and the appropriate signage **be installed** (pending appropriate funding is available) on **West 23rd Street, Larose, Louisiana, Ward (10), District (8), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (19) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **requesting that Traffic Calming Devices** and the appropriate signage **be installed** (pending appropriate funding is available) on **West 24th Street, Larose, Louisiana, Ward (10), District (8), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (20) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **requesting that Traffic Calming Devices** and the appropriate signage **be installed** (pending appropriate funding is available) on **West 25th Street, Larose, Louisiana, Ward (10), District (8), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (21) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **establishing a 2-way stop at Cascade and Appletree Drive, Ward (6), District (2), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana**; providing for the placement of 2-way stop signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on West 225th Street, Ward (10), District (9), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana**; providing for the placement of “Speed Limit”, “Watch For Children”, and “Speed Checked By Radar” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to amend Ordinance 3895, amending Chapter 9, Sub-Chapter C, Section 9:151 (Classifications of Property Defined) of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the Buffer Zone. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (24) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 17, 2009, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein (Renewal). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to accept the subdivision known as the “Redivision of Property Owned by Donald G. Robichaux into Lots 10 and 11 Block 1 of Thoroughbred Park Subdivision” into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to accept the subdivision known as the “Redivision of Lot B of Addendum No. 6 to Sidney Robichaux Subdivision and Lot B-B of the Division of Property Belonging to Clemile Bourgeois” into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to accept the subdivision known as the “Tracts 3-A & 3-B A Redivision of Tract 3 of Homer B. Bourque Property Division” into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (28) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached Servitude Agreement between Lee J. Plaisance, Jr., Audrey D. Plaisance and Alphonse Leblanc, and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (29) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a Variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on Blanchard Subdivision (Ward 3, District 5), as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their March 26, 2009, meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (30) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for a 2009 Supplemental Appropriation (09-009) within the 2009 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2009 Capital Budget to fund the additional costs to repair the Historic Courthouse; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. *This item was discussed by previous deviation.*

The next item (31) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance donation of the Old Lockport Town Hall Building and Property to the Town of Lockport; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents on behalf of Lafourche Parish Council Office of Community Action. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (32) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance levying and imposing taxes for underlying units of Lafourche Parish for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (Fire Protection District 1). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (33) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Fire Protection District 1-09 Levy*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (34) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Fire Protection District 1 - Sinking Fund*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (35) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes for underlying units** of Lafourche Parish for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Fire Protection District 4*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (36) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes for underlying units** of Lafourche Parish for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Fire Protection District 7*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (37) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes for underlying units** of Lafourche Parish for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Fire Protection District 9*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (38) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes for underlying units** of Lafourche Parish for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Veterans Memorial District*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (39) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Council on Aging*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (40) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*General Alimony & Criminal Tax*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (41) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*General Alimony & Criminal Tax - Roll Forward*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (42) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Drainage*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (43) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Drainage - Roll Forward*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (44) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Recreational Facilities*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (45) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Recreational Facilities - Roll Forward*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (46) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Drainage, Health & Library*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (47) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Road District 1*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (48) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Special District 1*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (49) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Health Unit*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (50) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Library*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (51) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Public Buildings*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (52) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **levying and imposing taxes** for 2009 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (*Public Buildings - Roll Forward*). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

Vice-Chair Lorraine returned the meeting to Chairman Jones.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (53) on the agenda was a resolution **appointing two (2) Commissioners to the Veterans' Memorial District of Ward 10 of Lafourche Parish Board**. (*Deferred at the March 24, 2009 Lafourche Parish Council Meeting.*) A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine, to **defer** to the *May 12, 2009 Lafourche Parish Council meeting*; seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.
DEFERRED

The next item (54) on the agenda was a resolution **requesting** the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to **remove any and all derelict structures, trash and debris from the State right of way underneath the Des Allemands Bridge.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-150 LADOTD - CLEAN UP UNDERNEATH DES ALLEMANDS BRIDGE

The next item (55) on the agenda was a resolution **requesting** the **Administration to partner with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries on Litter Abatement,** and to work certain problem areas in the Parish utilizing any and all State Grant monies. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-151 LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP - LITTER ABATEMENT

The next item (56) on the agenda was a resolution **to terminate the entire Library Board of Control;** and requesting the Administration to advertise for the vacancies accordingly. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Doucet, and **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas and (2) nays, that being of Mr. Gouaux and Mr. Lorraine.

PULLED

The next item (57) on the agenda was a resolution **approving the purchase of one (1) Doosan DX 180LC 45' Excavator with M & L Industries, Inc. for the Department of Public Works;** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-152 PURCHASING DOOSAN 45' EXCAVATOR - M & L INDUSTRIES, INC.

The next item (58) on the agenda was a resolution **approving the purchase of one (1) new office building for the Chackbay Field Office** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-153 PURCHASING NEW OFFICE BUILDING - CHACKBAY FIELD OFFICE

The next item (59) on the agenda was a resolution **accepting the quote of Vesco Tennis Courts, Inc. in the amount of twelve thousand, four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$12,477.00) for the repair and resurfacing of the tennis courts located in Choctaw and Kramer;** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer associated documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte, seconded by Mr. Richard, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-154 VESCO TENNIS COURTS, INC. - CHOCTAW/KRAMER COURT REPAIRS

The next item (60) on the agenda was a resolution approving **Change Order No. 3** for the project entitled "**Roadway and Drainage Improvements in Road Sales Tax District No. 2, Project 4D**" to balance all pay items to reflect the actual items installed; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order and any and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-155 CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 - RSTD#2, PROJECT 4D

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The next item on the agenda was the **Public Wishing to Address the Council.**

Mr. Ronald and Mamie Vincent from Danos Street in Raceland addressed the Council in regards to the trouble they were having with the property owner behind their property. He explained that he had built a 60 x 14 foot back porch, putting it one inch off of the line, where it would not be on his property.

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Steven Folse had gone out there last week and started a grade, in that they were ready to put a drainage ditch six inches away from his porch. He said that people know how dirt washes around that area; asking what was going to happen to his porch. Further stating that his daughter had 590 feet of pasture fence and 190 feet of wooden fence that was going to do the same thing; adding that his neighbor also had 190 feet of pasture fence that was going to do the same thing. Mr. Vincent questioned as to who was going to be responsible for this, if that would happen, digging that close to their porch. He said that a right of way was given on the property; asking why did they have to get so close. Mr. Vincent directed a comment at President Randolph, being the Parish President; saying that his wife had put in four calls to her and had not gotten any answers back. He said that he had then called Mr. Matherne; in which he had told them about the Council meeting and asked if they would come up to speak. Mr. Vincent went on to say that he had told Mr. Matherne that he would come before the Council because he wanted to know what could be done about the situation.

Mr. Toups asked Mr. Vincent how far off of the property line did he build his porch; Mr. Vincent reiterated that it was one inch off of the property line. Mr. Toups then commented that he would not have built it that close. Mr. Vincent stated that the other property owners have a ditch 20 feet over, that has trees in it, that could be cleaned out and use it as a drainage ditch; making other comments in regards to the area. Mr. Toups questioned if that was legal to build or dig that close to another property owner. Mr. Vincent commented that they were told that it had to be two feet, but he did not know the Parish regulation. Mr. Ronnie Robichaux, Director of the Department of Public Works, explained that there was a length between the front, the back, and the two sides; in that he would say that the back was either 5 or 10 feet; but he would get the answer to that question. He said that he believed that in this situation, that the ditch was being aligned with the property, in which the existing ditch varied off into the owner's pasture or field; that they were wanting to realign it along the property line. Mr. Robichaux went on to say that some of the houses and structures were right on the property line; so, there may be a way that they could somewhat shift the ditch over, to get away from the structures that are built up to the property line, such as this owners' patio.

Discussion then ensued in regards to what had been previously discussed with the property owners, to see if any other remedies could be suggested or accomplished. Mr. Matherne asked Mr. Robichaux if there would be any problems with putting in culverts; and what size culverts would be needed if somebody was willing to pay for them and if the neighbor would accept them. Mr. Robichaux replied that he would have to get the Raceland Field Office to make that determination; in which Mr. Matherne then requested that he do so and let Mr. Vincent know of it. Mr. Vincent commented that if they would dig it, he would buy the culverts, if they would then cover it up with the dirt that they took out of it. He expressed that he would work with them because he did not want his porch gone. Mr. Robichaux stated that if the Parish had a right of way, that he believed that they would have the dirt to cover the culverts that would be purchased. Brief clarification then ensued in regards to the comments that were made.

Mr. Michael Triggs from St. Phillip Street in Raceland addressed the Council in regards to drainage problems on his street; saying he had previously come before the Council, spoken to several people about the issues, including Mr. Robichaux and Mr. Hebert. He said he was sure they were doing the best that they could; but keep getting told that they were having trouble getting right of ways. Mr. Triggs expressed, that to him, it was all excuses; that water was continuously getting into their houses; saying that he did not know what could be done. He said he personally keeps talking to people about it; that he did not want President Randolph to get upset, but he has called her office about 20 times and has never gotten a phone call returned. Mr. Triggs exclaimed that to him, being a person that lives in this Parish, that was totally unacceptable. He said that he calls so many times that President Randolph's secretary recognizes his voice; further saying that he was trying to hold his composure, in that he did not know who was in charge. Mr. Triggs stated that there were good people on St. Louis and St. Phillip Streets, regardless how people thought the area was. He said that he speaks for the people when he says that they need solutions, not excuses. Mr. Triggs went on to say that it was a nightmare, always having to worry about water accumulating in their yards every time it rains. He continued to express his concerns and discontent of the issues not be resolved.

President Randolph addressed Mr. Triggs; saying that the last time that he had called her office, that she had spoken to Mr. Robichaux (DPW Director) that same morning, to find out what the status was of that project. She said that she was told by Mr. Robichaux that he had already spoken to Mr. Triggs that very morning. President Randolph exclaimed that she could not tell Mr. Triggs anything more than the Director of the Department of Public Works could tell him; and if Mr. Triggs had spoken to Mr. Hebert, as he had mentioned, that he was the Supervisor of the Field Office which coordinates with that area. So, to talk to her, was simply to say to Mr. Robichaux, "What is the situation there". President Randolph said that Mr. Triggs could call all of them 20 times, but right of ways were legal documents, and if people refuse to serve them that they were not excuses. She then informed Mr. Triggs that they could expropriate the property, which was also going through a legal process. President Randolph further exclaimed that they have a very good right of way team working for the Parish, constantly working on issues; mentioning Danos Street and other issues, and how they were getting them accomplished. She said that she knew that Mr. Robichaux would have more technical explanations; in that speaking to her would not offer him more, that it would actually offer him less. President Randolph reiterated that Mr. Triggs had spoken to Mr. Robichaux that very morning that he had called, giving him much more thorough information that she could have given by returning his call. Mr. Triggs then questioned if that was acceptable; commenting that out of common courtesy it would have seemed that she should have returned at least one of his 20 calls. President Randolph then apologized for not doing so.

Mr. Robichaux then addressed Mr. Triggs; stating that people were indeed concerned, that Councilman Matherne had been there, and Councilman Jones had also been there. He said that they had met several times, in that they were looking at installing culverts in some of the ditches, trying to get the funds for such, that they were having problems with people that would not give them right of ways or refusing to take down fences, blocking the whole thing. Mr. Robichaux stated that there were also problems with some trees, in that they can not get to them without the proper right of ways. He said that Mr. Norman Hebert was currently trying to find a tree trimmer that could come in and get the trees out of the ditches ahead of the rest of the project; then only having about 10 feet of soil to sit on. Mr. Robichaux exclaimed that they were not making excuses; but they were indeed working on resolving the situations; reiterating that people were really concerned and that they were working on it; unfortunately it takes a little time.

Mr. Matherne stated that he had been to Mr. Triggs' house a couple of times; with Mr. Triggs commenting that he was right. Mr. Matherne said he was there during the election, that Mr. Triggs had then explained the problems; which he then brought to Mr. Robichaux and Mr. Hebert; going thereafter several times. He added they had since gotten together in the last six months or so; agreeing that it was a problem. Mr. Matherne continued by voicing his opinions on the amount of phone calls and how that was handled. He then said he was going to go over to the area again, asking that Mr. Robichaux go with him, and look at it again. Mr. Matherne then questioned Mr. Robichaux; asking if they were hung up because of the right of ways, were they at a dead stop, did they still have some hope that they could get the required right of ways, or did they need to expropriate. He further exclaimed that they have got to finish the drainage ditch. Mr. Robichaux replied that they do have right of ways, that they were very narrow, that they have people with fences and buildings very close to the ditch, in which they can not get around them. He said that if they could not go through the people's yards to get back the ditch, that they then could not work on it. Mr. Robichaux guessed that there may be ways to take the buildings down, because they were not supposed to have permanent structures on right of ways. He said they would hate to get to that point, but it was pretty much where they currently were, having to take fences down. Mr. Robichaux explained that they had major trees in the ditch, it had not been cleaned in 40 or 50 years; stating that was some of the problems they were having. He exclaimed that it could get done, if they get the cooperation of the landowners. Mr. Matherne said it has been long enough, hurricane season was coming, it being a rainy season, and the ditch ducts could be dug; he then asked what could be done to expediate getting the ditch dug. Mr. Robichaux replied that the only way he saw now was to strong arm it, taking the fences down and getting in with whatever equipment that they could. He said they also want to put culverts in that ditch; needing 200 feet of six feet culverts; in which they would have to go out for bids on such, having no funding to do so.

Mr. Matherne next asked Mr. Robichaux if they did not have a Compliance Officer to look into this; with Mr. Robichaux replying that they do and that they had been there many times. Mr. Matherne then made comments in regards to finding funds; asking that the Administration look to see if they could possibly come up with the funds to buy whatever culverts needed, up to 200 feet, so they can stop these people from flooding. He exclaimed that something has to be done.

Mr. Doucet then questioned Mr. Robichaux in regards to a project in his area, which they had previously spoken about, concerning an area that had caved-in, being really inexpensive. He said that it would then relieve the Parish of not having to buy the large culverts, if they could go into those bags, maybe using that, instead of using culverts, they would have a total cement ditch. Mr. Doucet asked if that would relieve some of the problems, especially with the buildings being really close. Mr. Robichaux replied that it most certainly would, in that anything would be better than what they currently have. He said that there were steel sheets in the ditch, being only about 2 ½ feet wide, having pipe going across, in which someone had put that stuff in years and years ago; in which all that stuff would have to come out. Mr. Robichaux reported that the soil behind the houses were slipping into the ditch, the fences were built right up to the edge of the property lines, having a lot of issues there. He said that they have spoken to quite a few of the landowners, which agreed that they would have to take their fences down for the Parish to get the work done; but several others do not want the Parish touching it. Mr. Doucet then stated that he believed with the matting process they needed 1 ½ or 2 feet, needing it to envelope to the other side. He then referred to the Council; saying that there was a new product that had come out, that he looked at when he went to the Convention, being a fiber mesh bag that would be put out in the ditch, which envelopes on the side of the edges, and after it is out, it is pumped with cement inside the bag, then forming a drainage ditch. Mr. Doucet stated that the gentlemen uses it in Assumption, Plaquemines, and part of Jefferson Parishes; being how they formed their ditches, being total cement. He explained that it stops erosion, having to clean them out with Bobcats or whatever, cleaning out whatever debris would be in there. Mr. Doucet reiterated that it was very inexpensive; in looking at four projects in his District, to stop buildings and houses from falling in, he was given a price of about \$50,000, being almost 2,000 feet of length of said cloth. He said that trustees could be used to help with the labor. Mr. Doucet went on to say that he was going to try to pass a resolution at the next meeting to do one person's place, just to see how it works; using Road Sales Tax District #2's monies, in order to save a lady's house.

Ms. Pam LeCompte from LeBlanc Drive in Lockport addressed the Council in regards to drainage at the Parr Pump Station. She first conveyed to Mr. Lorraine that he knew how many years she has been before the Council, jokingly saying they grew up together there. Ms. LeCompte then directed a question to Mr. Ronnie Robichaux, Director of the Department of Public Works; asking where or what they were currently doing on the Parr Station Pumps. Mr. Robichaux replied that the second pump had been rebuilt, which was put in last Thursday of Friday prior. He said they were currently getting ready to go out for bids on lengthening the pumps by six feet, in that the bid specs were not yet complete, but should be by the next day and put out; explaining that it would then take about five to six weeks to get the bids in. Mr. Robichaux explained that it would then take another couple or three weeks to get each one individually rebuilt; in which they would put each at the station as they were rebuilt. He went on to say that they will then take the second one out, lengthened, and put it in station. Ms. LeCompte questioned Mr. Robichaux as to what was taking them so long; asking if the money had not already been approved months and months ago, in that they should have been working on the pumps to keep them from flooding. Mr. Robichaux commented that funds were a big issue, but they had them now. Ms. LeCompte expressed that having funds did not get the projects done; with Mr. Robichaux stating that at the time they did not have the funds; further comments continued. She then asked about the pumps, which they had just put in, that were about six feet off the ground. Mr. Robichaux explained what the project plan was. Ms. LeCompte then asked when it was going to be done; in which Mr. Robichaux replied that was the portion that was currently going to go out for bids. Further comments continued; with Mr. Robichaux further explaining the process.

Ms. LeCompte continued to question Mr. Robichaux; asking about Nic's Subdivision, in Lockport, being behind her house. She stated that they (DPW) had sunk a sheet of metal, to keep the levees from breaking; asking if anything further was done with that or where they still waiting for it to break. Mr. Robichaux replied that was one of the points that they were going to be hauling dirt, that the dirt was being hauled in from Houma. He explained that they were going to pull the sheet of steel out and then fix the levee. Ms. LeCompte expressed her concern of the dirt having to sit and settle in order for it to pack and have grass starting to grow. Mr. Robichaux further explained that before they could do the project, they had to get the dirt tested, to make sure that it was not contaminated, in that it had just been approved. He went on to report that lots and lots of dirt had been given to the Parish by a shipyard in Houma, that they started moving it last week, bringing the wet dirt to the Raceland Landfill so it will dry out. Mr. Robichaux exclaimed that it was excellent dirt for the levees; saying that some was also going to the Delaune area where one of the culverts had blown out, to the back of Gheens, to Edna, and to the Pointe-aux-Chene levee. He said that they have five points to bring the dirt to. Ms. LeCompte further expressed her concerns and stated her opinions of the pump not working, the length of time that it has not been repaired, and of it not being fixed as of yet. Mr. Robichaux stated that it has been under construction, in that the entire pump station has been rebuilt, having a brand new 48 inch pump that would be coming in the early part of the next month, within the first week of May. Ms. LeCompte again expressed her opinions of it not getting completed in a timely manner; in which Mr. Robichaux said that he realized that the sequence of all the work previously being done there was "shotty". Mr. Robichaux explained that it was hard to point a finger of what has happened; but he could now tell exactly what is happening day to day because it is a major concern of the department, to make sure that they get pumps into that station. He said that it has not happened yet; reasons being of the public bid laws that have to be followed, the length of time for advertisements, the time it takes for it to get on the agenda to get it approved, and such. Mr. Robichaux exclaimed that all such things really stops the department from getting things done quickly. Ms. LeCompte further expressed her opinions in regards to the flooding that could have been prevented; asking why they were not having some type of emergency or portable pumps currently sitting there. Mr. Robichaux replied that he had spoken to an Engineer in regards to 24 inch portable pumps, which were each about \$14,000 to \$15,000; saying that he believed that the Parish should purchase at least 10 of them. He went on to say that everybody and their brother has these 24 inch pumps or the bigger pumps already rented when storms occur, and when the Parish needs some they could only get the six or eight inch pumps. Mr. Robichaux expressed that it was time for Lafourche Parish to have pumps of their own, especially as much as they use them; and when they need them they could be thrown at a site and get them running. Discussion and debate briefly continued in regards to the length of time this was all taking.

Ms. LeCompte next questioned President Randolph; asking what in the world was going on with LeBlanc Drive, with FEMA paying to have the subdivision dug up and have the drainage fixed. She asked if FEMA was going to pay to have this done, now that it was on hold again. President Randolph replied that LeBlanc Drive was not on hold, that the project was bid that week, in which the Parish was lacking about \$30,000 to do the project, which was currently being discussed with the Engineer, as to how it could be adjusted in some sort of way to have the appropriate amount of money. Ms. LeCompte commented on how she believed the Parish could get the \$30,000 needed; saying that meat could be hung in the building they were currently in and that it was lit up like a Christmas tree. She said no matter what time of the day, the lights were always on; asking why were they on all night long. President Randolph replied that it was for security reasons. Ms. LeCompte then referred back to her questions. President Randolph explained they had received money from Tropical Storm Cindy, to repair LeBlanc Drive; they received the bids, and bids were \$30,000 higher than what was budgeted. She said the Parish contributed 25% and FEMA the remainder; being a project of about or over \$280,000. President Randolph reiterated they were currently working with the Engineer to either rebid the project or for him to adjust the contract so the Parish would have the right amount of money to make the project go forward. Ms. LeCompte commented that they had to go to at least in the front of her house, not because it was the front of her house, in that it has always been the problem of flooding, from the day they started closing in the culverts, going too small across the street.

Discussion then ensued in regards to the length of the project. Ms. LeCompte said that her side of the street was fine, but the other side of the street was what was flooding them because they were having their water to go on their side of the ditch. She then asked if the Parish was going to stop the project two houses from hers or were they going to pass her house and clear where the problems were at. President Randolph replied that she could not currently tell Ms. LeCompte because she did not have the diagram before her, in that she did not know how far. She then asked if Mr. Gouaux knew; in which he said that he thought that the project would fall short of Ms. LeCompte's house. Mr. Gouaux stated that he agreed, which they had talked about it, in that the first phase was a little short of the problem area. He said that was why they discussed ways to extend the project; in which President Randolph commented that an alternate was to extend it all the way to the front, but was also \$180,000. Ms. LeCompte reiterated that the problem was across the street, explaining where the water was blocked and coming into her ditch. She said that they were all culverts, having gone to small; in which she refused to cover her ditches because of so.

Discussion continued in regards to FEMA; with Ms. LeCompte asking if they had given a timeline and/or an expiration date to where they would lose the funding. President Randolph replied that would not happen, that the agencies were very gracious with extensions when they were requested. She explained that they were not even close to being near the timeline on this project; stating that the money was not awarded until the end of last year. Comments were then made concerning the last rain and of the flooding it caused. Ms. LeCompte then expressed how upset she was because they were supposed to have the FEMA project started the next week; but it was on hold again. President Randolph stated that they could not go forward with the project if they did not have sufficient funds in the account for that particular project. Further discussion continued as to when the project may begin; with President Randolph explaining procedures for doing so. Mr. Gouaux expressed his concerns on the situation; saying that they have been having relatively dry weather, with the exception of the last rain storm. He said that he knew that the landowner would be very, very cautious of the Parish messing up his road to repair the levee; in that the dry weather was ideal for hauling dirt and patching the levee. Mr. Robichaux reported that he had just authorized that limestones be put on the road being mentioned; in that the road was used during the storm, in which the Parish had not had an opportunity to fix it, but they were currently in the process of doing so. He added that there would be a project worksheet on it. Mr. Gouaux mentioned that the Parish had also agreed to redig the outfall canal, on the back side of LeBlanc Subdivision. Mr. Robichaux then commented that they had the required right of ways and was ready to start digging it. A brief discussion continued.

Mr. Brennan Matherne, Director of Department of Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities, made a statement to the Council; preempting any questions before it would be asked, first in regards to the reasons why the lights were always kept on. He said that the reason, aside from security, was because the building was not wired to be an office. So, it was not like they could just turn off light switches when they leave an office. Mr. Matherne stated that they did have plans to do about \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of electrical upgrades there to make it more of an office; but were hesitant to spend such, not knowing where they were going to be in a year from now. Secondly, they have contacted WalMart in regards to fixing the air-conditioning; in that they had already sent people out three or four times. He said that they continue to have problems with it, which was why they were considering it a possible expense, if they did indeed decide to purchase said building. Mr. Matherne explained the units have been malfunctioning since day one in the building, that they have continuously called, almost every week, in order to get someone out to fix them. He said they were stuck with the current situation; but they were indeed doing the best that they could.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Toups, to *open* a *Unanimous Agenda*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

UNANIMOUS AGENDA

The first item (1) on the Unanimous Agenda was a resolution **accepting the low bid** from **Huey Stockstill, Inc.**, in the amount of \$770,873.50 for the project entitled **Farm to Market Road (Raceland Sugars (Phases A and B), Gheens Shortcut Road (Phase A), and Raceland Senior Citizens Parking Lot)**; and **authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and associated documents.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-156 HUEY STOCKSTILL, INC. - FARM TO MARKET ROAD

The next item (2) on the Unanimous Agenda was a resolution **accepting the low bid** from **Huey Stockstill, Inc.**, in the amount of \$1,443,574.60 for the project entitled **Roadway and Drainage Improvements in Road Sales Tax District No. 2 - Phase 4E** and **authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and associated documents.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 09-157 HUEY STOCKSTILL, INC. - RSTD#2-PHASE 4E

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Toups, to *close the Unanimous Agenda and return to the Regular Agenda*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Fertitta and seconded by Mr. Richard, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of **April 28, 2009 adjourned 7:50 p.m.**

JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

“Proclamation”

Parish of Lafourche

Whereas, we have been endowed not only with the blessings and benefits of our animal friends, who give us companionship and great pleasure in our daily lives, but also with a firm responsibility to protect these fellow creatures, with whom we share the Earth, from pain and suffering; and

Whereas, we recognize that instilling attitudes of kindness, consideration and respect for all living things through humane education in schools and the community helps provide basic values on which a humane and civilized society is built; and

Whereas, the people in this community are deeply indebted to the animal care and control agencies for their invaluable contribution in caring for lost and homeless animals and promoting a true spirit of kindness and consideration for animals in the minds and hearts of all people; and

Whereas, the first full week of May has been established by American Humane as the annual celebration of the philosophy of kindness to animals for the 95th year in 2009;

Now, therefore, I, Jerry Jones, Chairman of the Lafourche Parish Council, and I, Charlotte Randolph, President of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, on behalf of the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby proclaim:

Be Kind To Animals Week

May 3-9, 2009

On behalf of the Lafourche Parish Council and President Charlotte Randolph, we do hereby affix our signature this 28th Day of April, 2009.

*Jerry Jones, Chairman
Lafourche Parish Council*



*Charlotte Randolph, Parish President
Lafourche Parish Government*

Exhibit "A"

Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 2
Ochsner Bayou, L.L.C.
Ochsner St. Anne General Hospital
2009 Report to Lafourche Parish Council

I. Capital Improvements

- a. Completed projects – 2008
 - i. PACS - \$750,000
 - ii. Window Replacement - \$210,000
 - iii. Digital Mammography- \$380,000
 - iv. Cath Lab Renovation - \$250,000
 - v. IT Infrastructure - \$200,000
 - vi. Miscellaneous - \$100,000
- b. Budgeted projects – 2009
 - i. MOB Renovations - \$1,000,000
 - ii. Stroke Tele-Medicine - \$100,000
 - iii. Miscellaneous - \$250,000

II. Other Issues

- a. New physicians – in 2008
 - i. Family practice
 - ii. Neurology
 - iii. Internal Medicine
 - iv. Psychiatry
- b. Specialty Clinics
 - i. Pediatric Endocrinologist
 - ii. Pediatric Pulmonologist
 - iii. Pediatric Genetics
 - iv. Pediatric Nephrologist
- c. Re-opened cath lab in December 2008
- d. Lafourche Parish Sales tax paid during 2008 is approximately \$90,000. Lafourche parish sales tax paid in the first quarter of 2009 is \$22,000.
- e. Attained 99th percentile ranking for hospital and clinic patient satisfaction on Press Ganey surveys
- f. Led Ochsner Health System in Quality Core Measure scores.
- g. Affiliations with Chabert, Terrebonne General and Lady of the Sea.

III. 2009 Initiatives for Ochsner St. Anne

- a. Perform 2200 health screens
- b. Conduct 2 health fairs
- c. Search initiated for 4 physicians
- d. Two OB/GYN physicians contracted to begin practice, August 1st and September 1st.
- e. Nurse Practitioner began practice in March 2009.
- f. Colon Rectal surgeon began practice in March, 2009. Second colon rectal surgeon to begin in May 2009.
- g. General surgeon to begin in 4th quarter, 2009
- h. Vascular surgeon to begin in May, 2009
- i. Pediatric cardiology clinic to open in second quarter
- j. Medical office building to be completed by the end of the year.

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IV. Future Initiatives

Actively exploring on-going relationship with a medical school with the hopes of providing clinical rotations for 3rd and 4th year medical students primarily in the field of Internal Medicine and Family Practice

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Annual Report to Lafourche Parish Council
Presented April 28, 2009

I will begin by highlighting various sections that are listed on the Table of Contents of the document presented to you.

Our Mission Statement reflects the national library philosophy of being in the business of service to our community.

Sections 2 & 3 provides contact information for the board and our libraries

Section 4 is the monthly calendar for 2009

Section 5 list by type programs available to the public

Section 6 is the 2008 budget with the 2009 proposed budget.

The 2008 budget which is currently under review by the auditors was prepared by the previous Library Director. Because of my ultra conservative position, the 2008 audit will reflect a surplus of funds which I was able to realign in the 2009 budget to implement my philosophy. I feel we need to put more money into programs, staff development, update our library collections and continue to upgrade technology.

This week, I was notified by the State Library, a 73% cut in State Aid to libraries is in the 2009-10 State Budget. The state fiscal year begins July 1. Most of these cuts will have to be off-set with the Library's 2010 budget. I anticipate we will have to finance our own Prime Time, Summer Reading Program and Broadband services. I was notified in early January of potential cuts; therefore, when I applied for Federal E-rate I included the loss of State Library funds. We are awaiting approval; this covers a \$ 200,000 Internet service expense. E-Rate would provide 80%.

Moving on to the transfer of Library funds to the Parish Government accounts: the transfer is on target.

1st step was the establishment of a transition team which included the Parish's Finance dept. and Human Resources and the Library's Finance Manager and myself. We held organizational meetings to discuss procedural details. We now communicate by email and phone.

Exhibit "C"

2nd step was to establish a timeline. The Human Resource dept. established our target date of May. The goal of the team was to convert the existing system over to the Parish's format with the least intrusive affect on the employees. May is the most realistic timeframe because it has 3 pay periods. Human Resource's is now imputing personnel data which was collected from employees such as employee enrollment sheets, W2s, and I9s. We did not have to redo insurances because the Library System was on the Parish's contracts.

3rd step was to present the banker with the necessary documentation. I did have to re-submit one of the documents because it did not meet the protocol font size. The last document requested was signed and presented to the library board for approval which was given last night at the Board's monthly meeting. This document was certified mailed and faxed today. The banker was out of his office today, but we communicated by phone. Chasity Himel was kept abreast of this last procedure.

Section 7 is the mandated Annual Report to the State Library. You may notice a drop in some numbers. Remember, Lockport Branch was closed Sept. 2008 and it did adversely affect some of our statistics. We sustained a 16% loss of materials. The 2009 book budget has a designated \$50,000 replacement for Lockport. Lockport is also receiving its normal portion of new materials which is on going, thus by 2010 Lockport's collection should be in full recovery.

Sections 8, 9, 10 are the Library Board's current meeting schedule and a copy of 2008 agendas and minutes. The Minutes were printed in the Daily Comet, the official journal of Lafourche Parish.

Section 11 is an audit note. The auditors will finalize and provide copies to the Council by the May 8 mandatory deadline.

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**LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT
2010 BUDGET CALENDAR**

May 29, 2009 Capital Projects/Needs Assessments due

May 25, 2009 1st Set of expenditures due in Munis

433000 - 433999 - Professional Services - ALL
443003 - Repair & Service Contracts
444100 - Rental - Land & Buildings
434002 - Weed Control
434003 - Mosquito Abatement Program
434004 - Technical Services - Official's Fees
434005 - Technical Services - Trucking
489000 - 489090 - Depreciation
490001 - 490004 - Debt Service

June 1, 2009 2nd Set of expenditures due in Munis

456000 - Membership Dues/Subscriptions
457000 - Professional Development
457001 - 457003 - T & T/A
457004 - 457005 - Training
457010 - 457020 - Professional Development
457999 - Incidental Repair Supplies
458000 - 458930 - Travel Items
459000 - Fees, Permits & Licenses
459433 - Spay and Neuter

June 8, 2009 3rd Set of expenditures due in Munis

461000 - 461007 - Operating Supplies
461008 - Equipment & Vehicle Repair Parts
461098 - Incidental Repair Supplies
461099 - Operating Supplies - Lafourche on the Move
461100 - Equipment Other
461300 - Materials
461399 - Boat Launch Expenses
461400 - Disabilities Supplies
461500 - Awards
461999 - Health & Safety Supplies
463001 - 463002 - Child & Adult Meals
463003 - CACFP Provider Account
463004 - CF & N Vouchers
463005 - Emergency Food & Shelter

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**LAFORCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT
2010 BUDGET CALENDAR**

3rd Set of expenditures continued...

- 463999 - Board Meetings
- 464000 - Books & Periodicals
- 465000 - Postage
- 466000 - Gravel, Sand, Dirt & Shell
- 466100 - Structural Steel & Iron
- 466200 - Culverts & Catch Basins
- 466400 - Lumber, Wood Products
- 466500 - Tree Clearing
- 466700 - Asphalt & Asphalt Filler
- 466800 - Chemicals Spraying
- 481000 - Intergovernmental Expense
- 481001 - Feed & Maint of Prisoners
- 481002 - Transporting of Prisoners
- 481003 - Court Attendance
- 481004 - Feed & Maint of Juveniles
- 481005 - Prisoners - Guard Services
- 481006 - Activities
- 481007 - Coastal Restoration
- 481990 - District Expenditures
- 481991 - FINS Contributions
- 481992 - Exp Reimb State of LA
- 484000 - Election Expense
- 485000 - Judgments & Damages
- 486000 - Federal Grants Match
- 486001 - 486007 - Grants
- 487001 - 487002 - In-Kind
- 488000 - Other Parent Services
- 488100 - Transition Services
- 489900 - Activity Vouchers
- 489901 - Emergency Vouchers

June 15, 2009

Salary projections due

June 22, 2009

4th Set of expenditures due in Munis

- 441000 - 442103 - Utilities
- 462200 - Utilities - electricity
- 442104 - LACAP Vendor Payments
- 443001 - 443002 - R&M Equipment & Vehicle
- 443004 - 443008 - R&M Pumps, Bridge, Building, Occupancy, Installation
- 444200 - Rental - Equipment & Vehicles
- 445001 - Construction

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2010 BUDGET CALENDAR**

4th Set of expenditures continued...

445002 - Renovations
445004 - Renovations - Library
445999 - Construction In Progress
457006 - T & T/A
461009 - Animal Food
452000 - 452200 - Liability Insurance - FINANCE WILL CALCULATE
453000 - Communications
454000 - Advertising
455000 - Printing, Duplicating & Binding
462600 - Gasoline & Diesel
470000 - 479000 - Capital Outlay - ALL
481993 - 483999 - Transfers Out - FINANCE/ADMIN WILL HANDLE

June 30, 2009	Deadline for Managers to meet with Fund Accountant
July 9, 2009	Last day for Finance to review budget
July 13, 2009	Roll budget up to Department Heads
July 30, 2009	Budget due to Finance from Department Heads Deadline to submit salary increases
August 10, 2009	Roll budget to Parish Administrator
August 24, 2009	Roll budget to Parish President
September 22, 2009	Submit budget to Parish Council
October 13, 2009	Introduce Budget Ordinance
October 27, 2009	1st Public Hearing (Council Discretion)
November 10, 2009	2nd Public Hearing (Council Discretion)
December 2, 2009	LAST DAY (Tuesday) for Council to take action/enact the budget
December 12, 2009	Parish President to take action/enact the budget (Saturday)

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2010 NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

COUNCILMAN / DEPARTMENT HEAD / DEPARTMENT MANAGER	DISTRICT	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCILMAN <input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT HEAD <input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT MANAGER	DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL	

Please provide a list of capital improvements/acquisitions you would like to have undertaken:

Description	Total Estimated Cost of the Project	Budget Year Project is Expected to Begin	Funding Source (How is this project going to be paid?)	Justification for Project (i.e., Reduces/eliminates problem which affects "X" number of residents)	Annual Estimated Cost of Operation and Maintenance of Completed Project	Prioritize projects beginning with 1 being the most important

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Facilities Management Requests, Page 2

Facilities Management Estimated Costs and Comments		
Item	Amount	Comments
Construction		
Fixtures		
Carpet		
Painting		
Equipment		
Other		

Maintenance and Additional Information

Fiscal Year	Capital Costs	Maintenance Costs	Full Time Personnel	FTE Costs	Comments

Elected Official or Department Head Signature

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NEW POSITION REQUEST FORM
BUDGET YEAR 2010

Project Title _____

Fund #	Dept	Department				FOR BUDGET USE ONLY ID #
Contact Person		Phone	Ext	Date	Dept Priority Number	
Classification		P/T (Hrs)	Grade	Step	Annual Salary	Number of FTE's Requested
<p>1. Describe the work (including supervision received, general statement of duties, supervision exercised); distinguished characteristics; typical duties; knowledge, skills, and abilities; minimum qualifications of education and experience.</p>						
<p>2. Provide specific information to justify why this new position is needed. If increased workload is the basis for the new position quantifiable data must be provided.</p>						
<p>3. Have other alternative methods of staffing been considered in lieu of a new position; such as internal promotions, job enrichment, job combination of sharing, etc. Describe the alternative staffing methods considered.</p>						
<p>4. Cost Savings?</p>						
<p>5. Request related to any other Supplemental submission? If yes, use the same project title.</p>						

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VEHICLE PURCHASE REQUEST FORM
BUDGET YEAR 2010

Project Title _____

Fund #	Dept	Department			FOR BUDGET USE
Contact Person		Phone	Ext	Date	Dept Priority Number
VEHICLE BEING REPLACED					
County Tag #	Vehicle #	License #	Year	Make Model	Odometer
REQUESTED REPLACEMENT - NEW ADDITION					
Two-way Radio Yes No		Does vehicle require special equipment? 2WD? 4WD? Lights? Other?		Check One: Replace Existing Vehicle Additional Vehicle	
Type of use?			Last Year's Maintenance costs?		
Commuter miles authorized?		Yes	No	Assigned to 24 hour on-call?	
Vehicle Type		Forecast Annual Mileage		Commuter miles authorized	Estimated Cost
				Yes	No
1. Description of Need/Service Benefit.					
2. Alternative.					
3. Cost Savings.					
4. Request related to any other CIP submission? If, Yes, which projects?					
5. Elected Official or Department Head Signature					
FLEET MAINTENANCE USE ONLY					
Fleet Manager Recommendation				Fleet Manager Signature	

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Finance Report
April 28, 2009

Joel Doty, Finance Director

Financial Reports

- Royalty Revenue Report
- Road Sales Tax Revenue Reports
- Solid Waste Collection Report
- Parish Transportation Report

Financial Reports can be found at:
www.lafourchegov.org
 Finance Department

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Royalty Revenues

	2008	2009
• 1 st Quarter	1,774,396	575,925
- Jan	635,694	199,862
- Feb	591,749	225,113
- Mar	546,953	150,950
• 2 nd Quarter	1,733,132	
• 3 rd Quarter	2,187,990	
• 4 th Quarter	1,096,705	
Total YTD	6,792,223	424,975

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Road Sales Tax District #2		
	2008	2009
• Jan	522,013	316,187
• Feb	228,315	221,984
• March	215,330	209,823
Total YTD	965,658	747,994

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Road Sales Tax District A		
	2008	2009
• Jan	315,993	361,220
• Feb	294,622	285,078
• March	279,099	272,978
• Total YTD	889,714	919,276

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Solid Waste		
	2008	2009
• Jan	608,841	697,218
• Feb	521,358	528,270
• March	513,099	502,224
Total YTD	1,643,298	1,727,712

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Parish Transportation Revenue		
	2008	2009
• Jan	52,753	51,013
• Feb	49,561	58,410
• March	49,473	
Total YTD	151,787	109,423

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