

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 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. Michael Delatte, 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, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman  
Mr. Louis Richard  
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta  
Mr. Matt Matherne  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. Phillip Gouaux  
Mr. Rodney Doucet  
Ms. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

**ABSENT:** Mr. Daniel Lorraine

Chairman Delatte announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Jerry Jones. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Louis Richard.

### APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2008 Regular Session meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

### PRESENTATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Dr. Laura Badeaux, President of the Lafourche Parish Commission for Women; member of the Governor's Commission on Policy and Research for Women; member of Bylaws Committee of the National Association on Commissions on Women to present an annual report. *No one was present at the time, so this item was brought up later in the meeting, by deviation.*

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Dmitri Wasilewski, of CBO Financial to give a presentation on "New Market Tax Credits". *No one was present at the time, so this item was brought up later in the meeting, by deviation.*

The next item (4) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Shanna Champagne of Nextel to give a report regarding cell phones. Mr. Fertitta stated that he talked to Ms. Crystal Chiasson, Parish Administrator, and she had requested that this item be pulled, in which they wanted to have the Engineers present to answer any questions. Mr. Fertitta then made a **motion** to *defer this item to the next meeting*, being November 11, 2008, seconded by Mr. Jones, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to *enter into Executive Session*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The next item (5) on the agenda was an Executive Session pursuant to USAA Subrogation Dept./ Mark J. Roy III, P. O. Box 659476, San Antonio, Texas 78265-9476. *It should be noted for the record that the Councilmen, Parish President Charlotte Randolph, and Parish Administrator Crystal Chiasson were all present in the Executive Session.*

The next item (6) on the agenda was an Executive Session pursuant to a discussion on 08-3490 CR Fazio and Mildred Fazio v Beverly Arabie & Lafourche Parish Public Library. (As of July 2008, C. J. Cheramie is representing the Parish in this case. Plaintiffs claim that on May 18, 2007 they were banned from the use of all branches of the Lafourche Parish Library System causing public ridicule, loss of income and emotional distress.) *It should be noted for the record that the Councilmen, Parish President Charlotte Randolph, Parish Administrator Crystal Chiasson, Risk Manager Faye Smith, Attorney C. J. Cheramie representing the Parish, Library Director Susanna LeBouef and Library Board President Jimmy Cantrelle were all present in the Executive Session.*

A **motion** was made by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to *reconvene the meeting*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

A **motion** was then made by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to *take any necessary action*, if any regarding the matters discussed in the Executive Session, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The next item (7) on the agenda was a resolution requesting that the Lafourche Parish Government approve and authorize Gulf South Risk Services, Inc. to settle Claim #10845AD on behalf of the Lafourche Parish Government for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta and seconded by Mr. Toups. The amount given by Mr. Doucet to *fill in the blank* was \$8,874.82. The resolution then **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas; (0) nays; (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Jones; and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.  
**RES. NO. 08-326 SETTLEMENT - CLAIM #10845AD - GULF SOUTH RISK SERVICES, INC.**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, to *deviate* back to "Presentations", *items 2 and 3*, being that the presenters were now in attendance, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Dr. Laura Badeaux, President of the Lafourche Parish Commission for Women; member of the Governor's Commission on Policy and Research for Women; member of Bylaws Committee of the National Association on Commissions on Women to present an annual report. Dr. Badeaux presented a folder (*see Exhibit "A"*) to each Councilman, containing information on projects which the Lafourche Commission on Women have partnered with. She said that she would like for them to know what they have done with the Budget that the Parish has given them the previous year and what they were currently doing; and then referred to the information in the packets, listing the 2008 Center Partners. Dr. Badeaux continued listing people and governmental agencies that they have partnered with, describing the programs and sponsorships in detail.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Dmitri Wasilewski, of CBO Financial to give a presentation on "New Market Tax Credits". Mr. Wasilewski handed out a brochure to the Councilmen (*see Exhibit "B"*) in regards to what CBO Financial, Inc. was about and what they offered. He stated that he was present to speak about the Federal New Market Tax Credit Program, which was run by the Department of Treasury. Mr. Wasilewski explained that the program was designed to leverage private and public financing and economic development projects; being focused on commercial development in low income areas; further explaining same. He then said that CBO stood for Community Based Organization; in that they predominately focus on providing project management, financial services, and construction management services to nonprofits. Mr. Wasilewski went on to describe the program in detail and how it could possibly benefit the Parish, saying that he could certainly go into more detail about the program at a different time if the Council chose to do so.

Mr. Doucet mentioned to President Randolph that there was discussion of helping out with the Raceland Agricultural building, in order to increase business in the Raceland area and of motels coming in on Highway 90. He said that they were having a funding problem and that they were looking at the Parish to try to help them kick it off. President Randolph commented that there was no official agricultural group, in that there was a number of concerned Citizens, so there was no NGO (Non Government Organization) involved. She then said that as far as she could recall that the CBO may have something to do with the Louisiana Land Trust; asking Mr. Wasilewski if this was part of this in Orleans and St. Bernard. Mr. Wasilewski replied that specifically the New Market Tax Credit Program was not targeted just for nonprofits; in that it was targeted at for profit businesses and organizations that produce income, for qualified low income businesses; further explaining same in detail.

A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Matherne, to *return to the regular agenda*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

The next item (8) on the agenda was Parish President, Mrs. Charlotte Randolph to present a report. President Randolph stated that she was formally submitting the 2009 Budget to the Councilmen, in that they have informally been given copies; saying that she would like to discuss some of it with them. However, there was an issue that she wanted to address prior to the Budget, being that she was absent at the last meeting and that there was some concern about the Community Action Agency. She said that she would like to take exception to some of the issues that were addressed at the last meeting; expressing that the Office of Community Action has been most participatory in assisting the needy people after the last hurricanes. President Randolph pointed out that the Office of Community Action worked with the Department of Emergency Preparedness, helping evacuate approximately 1,600 hundred people from the Parish, being people with special needs and also pets. She said that they assisted in tracking all of the people, with the OEP Department, making certain that all of the evacuees were taking care of. President Randolph further explained that when the evacuees had returned that it was the Office of Community Action that had opened the shelters in the Parish, prior to the Red Cross arriving, and had continued to

monitor the shelters in the Parish, as well as assisting residents of Terrebonne and Grand Isle. So, she wanted it to be on the record that the Office of Community Action was an Agency that has lived up to its name; in that they were an active group that has made certain that people who need assistance continue to receive assistance. President Randolph expressed that constructive criticism is always welcomed; but she thought that this agency has stretched its limit and was helping as many people as they can. She next commented that the Office of Community Action was unable to attend the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held last week because they had just received another grant for which they have applied for. President Randolph further expressed that they were a very proactive agency and was an agency that was helping the people throughout the Parish and beyond.

President Randolph then said that the Budget that was presented to the Council was the 2009 Operations and Maintenance Budget, as well as the Capital Budget. She said that as they can see from the official letter that was submitted to them that they were submitting an Operations and Maintenance Budget of \$50,122,520; compared to the 2007 amended Budget, being \$39,668,042; and with the current Budget of 2008 being \$52,877,756. President Randolph stated that the 2009 Capital Budget was proposed at \$8,647,890 for new and existing projects for an estimated \$30,105,286 of funding for proposed projects. President Randolph then pointed out that the proposed budget was prepared prior to the storms and prior to the economic crisis that was currently going on throughout the Country; commenting on oil, gas, and diesel prices soaring, peaking, and now currently being reduced. She expressed that this was good and bad news for the Parish; further saying that the Budget was based on a certain revenue for a barrel of oil, as well as the price of fuel for the vehicles; in that at the end they will have more costs and at the same time less money coming in. President Randolph said that they do anticipate that the Royalties will decrease because the price per barrel of oil has reduced; as they will see in the Financial Report to be given by Mr. Doty that it has certainly been a very good year for Royalties; but as they have seen with the Stock Market lately that the remainder of the year and perhaps in 2009 will not reflect as much Royalties as they have seen this particular year. She then explained that was why they put money into the Capital Projects, being the projects that the Councilmen have indicated that they most wanted to see accomplished in 2009. President Randolph said that it was money that was being made available through the increases in prices and the State having additional money for the Parish to use for various projects, giving some examples of such. She went on to say that they were attempting to secure as much money as possible from outside sources, to be able to do such projects; in which some of the Capital Projects were also included for grant funding applications. President Randolph further commented on what was being done and looked at.

President Randolph mentioned the resolution which was passed at the October 14th meeting for the Library Board to turn over the finances to the Administration, in that as 5 p.m. that has not been done. Mr. Jones then asked President Randolph what has to be done to have the money turned over. President Randolph replied that they have alerted the District Attorney that the time has now lapsed. Mr. Doucet commented that since it was brought up that he was going to hand some papers (*see Exhibit "C"*) to the Councilmen, being that he was the Liaison for the Library Board; explaining that it was some information and a couple of statements that he was going to make, in which he then read from. He explained that the first pages were of a item delivery form, showing all the Financial Reports that were brought to Thibodaux and was signed for them, in which were highlighted. Mr. Doucet said that they can see that they were suppose to go to Ms. Chastity Himel and to Mr. Jerry Jones; in that he definitely did not want to say that the documents that were signed for did not get to where they were suppose to be; but they were indeed adhered by the Library Board Director; further stating that he receives his reports by mail because the Council had selected him to be the Library Liaison. He then continued by reading his statements. Mr. Doucet next said that he would like to know what did this Library Board do in finances to create the Council wanting to take the finances from them, expressing that he did not understand. He stated that the resolution that the Council passed was not a direct statement, in that it was a request and not a requirement. Mr. Doucet continued by making personal comments in regards to the Library Board and further read from his handout. He then mentioned that the Library repaired the Library Headquarter's roof spending

\$300,000 out of their Capital Funds, in which they also know about the money that was spent for the roof in Galliano. President Randolph commented that the Library Board has not pay any rent on the building either; with Mr. Doucet further making statements that there was not a contract either, in that the Library has been paying the damages. Mr. Doucet went on to express his opinions on the Library; with several Councilmen making comments in regards to the information not being provided. Mr. Fertitta said that the State Law states that all the funds go to the Parish, that the bills are sent to the Library and approved by them and paid; reiterating that in accordance to the State Law that it has to run through the Parish. Detailed discussion ensued in regards to the funds and procedures that are followed.

The next item (9) on the agenda was a report from Mr. Joel Doty, Director of Finance. Mr. Doty stated that he had handed out the September 2008 Financial Reports to the Councilmen (*a complete copy is on file at the Council Clerk's Office and also available on the Parish Website*), as well as the summary that he would be reporting on (*see Exhibit "D"*), in which he did.

Mr. Fertitta questioned if "Amendment 4" was approved (referring to item 37 on this Agenda), where would the money go; with Mr. Doty replying that it would go into the General Fund. Mr. Fertitta then asked if it was used for infrastructure; with President Randolph replying that there were some restrictions on it and a certain percentage has to be used for transportation.

Mr. Doucet asked if the public had access to the proposed 2009 Budget; with Mr. Doty replying that they have a copy at the physical address at the Administration building for people to review, adding that it was also available on the internet.

The next item (10) on the agenda was an update from the Administration regarding the debris removal for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. (*This item was deferred at the October 14, 2008 meeting.*) Mr. Fertitta expressed that he felt they could cover this issue and that he would be happy to then give Mr. Lorraine an update; in which he thought that Mr. Lorraine was concerned about the Tenth Ward. He said that he also thought that the projects were being done because he could see such from activity. Chairman Delatte commented that they have made some big improvements in the last five to seven days, even in Des Allemands. Mr. Toups questioned if he had heard right in that they would be stopping on November 4th, being their last round and that they would be finishing up; asking because there was an area in Bayou Crossing that they had not been down the street yet, since the storms, in which he had been receiving complaints about. He then requested that Administration look into it. President Randolph commented that they were actually attempting to set a deadline, so that it will all be done by that particular time; saying that they were currently going through the second pass, now that people have had the opportunity to go through their yards and damaged buildings. She further explained that the Parish has two different groups working, being State as well as the Parish selected one; but they were not currently ready to make an announcement on that, not until the assessment is complete. Mr. Toups then asked if SWDI was going to put their trucks back on right after that; in which President Randolph replied that SWDI has actually been asked to begin their daily trash pickup. She said that they can distinguish between what has been out there for six weeks and some newer trash, so they have been asked to resume their regular pickups, in which she believed would be by the next week. Mr. Doucet questioned if someone would be riding throughout the Parish to be certain that the debris removal process was complete or should they as Councilmen do so and take notes about what has not been picked up. President Randolph responded that has been the process so far, in that the Parish people have been involved in determining where the problems were and still are. She said that people have also been calling making them aware that there was some debris that has been out there for some length of time; requesting that they continue to do so, so that it will all be attended to. President Randolph then stated that they will continue to pick up the debris until all is complete before actually dismissing any of the Contractors. Discussions briefly continued in regards to the debris removal.

President Randolph informed everyone that the original sale of the Wal-Mart building to the other company had fallen through, so Wal-Mart was now allowing the Parish Government to sublet the building for six months at no charge.

Mr. Gouaux asked President Randolph if Administration has been receiving calls concerning the storm related Food Stamps for Ike; in which President Randolph replied as yes. He then asked how was that being handled; asking if they were currently trying to get that for the Lafourche Parish residents. President Randolph replied that because so many employees and the Councilmen responded to the storm so well that there was not a whole lot of press given to what Lafourche Parish had experienced during the storms. She said however, they pointed out to the State Administration, as well as the Federal Government, that when it came to jobs in the area that it had particularly delayed many businesses opening after Ike because the Entergy company was in the area attempting to turn electricity on, but they had to leave because of the storm, in which they had to then come back and reassemble all over again. President Randolph further explained that they were trying to make them understand that there were people that were unable to return to work and therefore unable to earn their hourly wages and should have been included in that particular designation.

## **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 and Associates, Inc.** presented the Council with an Engineering Report (*see Exhibit "E"*), updating the Council in regards to Road Sales Tax District 2 projects, Phases 4C, 4D, and 4E; the Cote Blanche Bridge Project; and the Twin Oaks Drainage Study.

Mr. Fertitta commented that he was going to pick up Mr. Lorraine's slack, expressing that they have to help represent their fellow Councilman. He asked Mr. Picciola when did they anticipate the Punch List; with Mr. Picciola replying that there was some asphalt items to be done on this Punch List, being the major hold up with them. Mr. Picciola explained that they were holding more money, probably 20 times of what the items were, so they have an incentive to finish. Mr. Fertitta then questioned Mr. Picciola about the streets in Golden Meadow; in which Mr. Picciola responded that they were currently designing them and should have a preliminary design done soon. Mr. Picciola said that they will then meet with the Town Officials and Mr. Terry Arabie to discuss the final edition of the project plans soon after that. Mr. Doucet requested that he be made aware when that meeting will be held, in case Mr. Lorraine could not go. He then questioned the selection of the streets in Golden Meadow, asking if it was going to be by priority as far as which ones were the worst ones. Mr. Picciola replied by explaining that they have already gone through the selection process; in which it was by the worst ones and the Town had their certain requests of which ones they wanted done.

**Mr. Joseph "Jay" Caillouet** introduced himself as serving in the capacity of **Architect** for the Lafourche Parish Government on the Library Projects, as well as the Government Complex; updating the Council on the projects that have been undertaken. He began with the Larose Library; reporting that it has been substantially completed, that the punch list items have also been completed, and M&H Contractors have a requested a release of retainage, in which the paperwork will be forwarded to the Administration. Mr. Caillouet stated that the Larose Library was scheduled for an Open House on November 14th.

Mr. Caillouet then reported on the issues regarding the Sixth Ward, Raceland, and Bayou Blue Libraries with GEN-CON, in that the items were finally identified, addressed, and completed on the projects. Mr. Caillouet said that it was requested of the Library Director, Ms. Susanna LeBouef, to go ahead and please make one more pass through these projects to make sure that everything was completed to her liking, and if so to please correspond with the Administration so that they can take the necessary steps to give the retainage money to GEN-CON on said projects.

Mr. Caillouet next reported on the Lockport Library Project; stating that the main portion of the slab has been poured. He said that they were awaiting delivery of the pre-engineered metal building, which will probably be delivered some time in the next week, and that they will then install it upon arrival.

Mr. Caillouet then mentioned that there was a Change Order on the current Agenda in regards to the Government Complex; in that they have finally managed to get the utility separation/monitoring system completed with the Library and the Parish. He said that there were a couple of things that need to be tweaked out, in which he had just previously discussed with Mr. Brennan Matherne (Director of Department of Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities). Mr. Caillouet reported that they will be hooking up the AC units in the next week, to run them to the electrical to see what the status was of the six units going into the Government Complex side. He said they will have to put in a gas meter because the prior one was removed, just hooking it up for the current units which were gas fired heat with electric coolant. Mr. Caillouet further stated that the new units which were placed on the Library side were all electric. He said that they should know something shortly, within the next week or two, of the status of the existing AC units on the Government Complex side; in which there was consideration in replacing the ones that do not work or all of them. Mr. Caillouet reported that the date of completion was scheduled for November 16th; in which he did not see any reason for any rain days on this project. He said that BETCO had not requested any rain days as of yet for the two storms that had hit, in which they will if time becomes of the essence. Mr. Caillouet added that there may be some type of time request if units do indeed need to be replaced.

Mr. Doucet questioned Mr. Caillouet in regards to the Thibodaux Library, asking where were they currently on the project. Mr. Caillouet replied that he was currently awaiting a letter to proceed from the Administration in construction documents and they in turn were waiting for the resolution from the Council to proceed; in which he thought in light of that he thought that they needed some type of resolution to proceed forward. He went onto to say that was what he thought Mr. Morvant's letter had entailed, in which the process was identified. Mr. Doucet then asked if that was in accordance to the 23,000 square foot building drawing that was presented to the Council. Mr. Caillouet replied that Mr. Doucet was correct. Mr. Doucet next asked if the 23,000 square foot building was a two story building; with Mr. Caillouet replying that it has been designed to accommodate a two story building, if the Council so choose to go with a second floor. Mr. Doucet then asked who had requested these prints; with Mr. Caillouet responding that it was through ordinance and resolution that the 23,000 square foot building be designed. Mr. Doucet further asked if it was for a two story building; with Mr. Caillouet replying that it was not stated in there as a two story, but there was a May 5th meeting among Council members, Library Board members, and the Administration in which they discussed going with the possibility of a second level along with the capability for a second story. Mr. Doucet asked if that was after the fact of the 23,000 square foot building which was approved as a single story from Mr. Richard. Mr. Caillouet replied that he was not certain of that, saying he did not have all his documents before him. Mr. Doucet reiterated his original question; asking Mr. Caillouet if he was just waiting for the Council to approve of it and tell Administration to move on it; with Mr. Caillouet replying that it was. President Randolph commented that according to Mr. Morvant's report that the Library Board was set to either vote on it or present it to the Council and then present it Mr. Caillouet. She said that the Library Board had a meeting scheduled for last night, in which it was not on their agenda to approve or not approve the latest drawing. President Randolph stated that they were awaiting for the Library Board to take some action, then the Council's turn to take some action, and give some direction to the Administration thereafter. Mr. Richard exclaimed that he thought that they had agreed upon a 23,000 square foot, single story library building design and to move forward with it; asking what happened because they were supposed to go out for bids. Mr. Fertitta then commented that there was an ordinance that was passed for a 23,000 square foot building, which was Law; stating that he did not know why they would have to pass another one. He said that it was before the District Attorney had come before the Council with the procedure; but the plan had indeed been approved by the Library Board at their last meeting. Mr. Jones stated that the District Attorney had come with the Opinion that they had to put prospects in order; in that they first needed to know how much money they had, which was supposed to

be turned over to the Administration; then the Parish Council was to approve the plan that would then be forwarded to President Randolph to sign all necessary documents to Mr. Caillouet. Mr. Doucet then questioned if the District Attorney had said that they have to turn down Mr. Richard's ordinance. Mr. Caillouet stated that the resolution called for a single story, but the ordinance did not call for the single story, in that it just said 23,000. President Randolph said that on June 30, 2008 there was a resolution of this Council asking Mr. Caillouet to seek bids for a 23,000 square foot, single story Library. She said that the only time two stories has come into any discussion was with Mr. Caillouet's design with the high roof, which included the air conditioning and other mechanical equipment above the one story roof line, being a peaked roof. President Randolph went on to explain that there was space under the roof line, between the ceiling and the roof. She said that all that was suggested to Mr. Caillouet in the first discussion, while this process was in place, was of an elevator shaft; saying that there would be a need to go to the second part of this, other than the stairs, and if they need to access above the ceiling and below the roof that they need to get up there. President Randolph exclaimed that it was one set of stairs and simply an elevator shaft; but when they started discussing it further they questioned if they eventually wanted to develop that level of the building, can it be done. She said that Mr. Caillouet had said yes, in that there would be additional space available in this building. President Randolph continued by saying that all Mr. Caillouet was going to do was design an alternate foundation for a potential second story, in that he did not design a two story building; being Alternate #3 in the bid process. She went on to say that Mr. Morvant had then come in and said that he would prefer that the Library Advisory Board fully weigh on this, send it to the Council so that they may also approve it, and then Administration would then give Mr. Caillouet the Notice to Proceed to Construction. President Randolph said the other ordinance referred to was of July 7, 2008, in which the Council had instructed Mr. Caillouet to construct, furnish, stock, and staff a 23,000 square foot Library within 18 months. She said that she was just putting information out there for them, but she did not know what their questions were; reiterating that Mr. Morvant was simply saying to do this in the proper order. President Randolph stated that the proper order was for Mr. Caillouet to present this to the Library Board, the Library Board to make a recommendation to the Council, and then the Council directing the Administration as to what to do. Mr. Doucet then asked Mr. Caillouet what was the height of the ceiling on the eaves of the 23,000 square foot building plan. Mr. Caillouet replied that it was around 12 to 14 feet. Mr. Doucet then asked what was the height above from that to the roof pitch; in which Mr. Caillouet responded that he would say that the roof ridge was at right about 32 to 35 feet, on the outer most portion of the building. Mr. Doucet commented that 35 feet was a two story building. Mr. Matherne questioned the actions that were taken two meetings back when the Council voted on taking it away from the Library Board because the Council and the Administration was not having any success meeting with the Library Board; asking what happened to that action. Mr. Jones commented that they were just starting back over with the recommendation of the District Attorney.

## LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

[The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor.](#) *No one was present to speak.*

## MOTION

[The next item \(11\) on the agenda was a motion to reconsider the First Budget Hearing scheduled for October 28, 2008 changing it to November 10, 2008.](#) Ms. Carleen Babin, Council Clerk, explained that the Official Journal, being the Daily Comet, was not able to publish the notice of First Budget Public Hearing within the timeline as dictated by the Home Rule Charter; therefore she was requesting that the first date be changed, to keep in line with the Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was then made by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Jones, *rescheduling the 1st Budget Public Hearing to November 10, 2008*, being a Special Meeting, which *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The next item (12) on the agenda was a **Public Hearing** for public comments on the **proposed 2009 Operations and Capital Budgets** for the Lafourche Parish Council. *This item was pulled.*

### ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance **providing a variance** from Section 19:352.A.1.(i), (ii), (iii.) of the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on **Tract R-1, property belonging to Jesse Sapia** (Ward 7, District 2) as **not recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their July 31, 2008 Commission meeting.** (This item was deferred at the September 23, 2008 and October 14, 2008 meetings.) A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Fertitta relinquished time to **Mr. Jesse Sapia**, stating he would like to ask him a few questions. Chairman Delatte requested that since Mr. Sapia was represented by an Attorney for him to also approach. Mr. Sapia approached, as well as his Attorney, who introduced himself as **Mr. Timothy Marcel** from Luling. Mr. Fertitta stated that he has done some research and has also spoken to the Planning Commission and the Permit Office; in which he now had a few questions for Mr. Sapia. He first asked Mr. Sapia if there was any way to make a connection to Highway 90 from his property. Mr. Sapia replied as to yes Sir, going through Brian Lane to Catfish Lane to Highway 90. Mr. Fertitta then asked specifically from his property to Highway 90, not using Catfish Lane, if there was a way that it can be done. Mr. Sapia replied as to no Sir. Mr. Fertitta next asked if there was not a culvert or a bridge that can be installed to access Highway 90. Mr. Sapia responded by saying that the land developer had access to the right hand side there; yes Sir. Attorney Marcel then spoke; further explaining that Tract R1, which was owned by Mr. Sapia, possesses a servitude of passage, meaning that the owner of that tract of land has the right to access Highway 90 using the thoroughfares. Very detailed discussions and debates ensued in regards to the property and of the private road; clarifying the variance request, accesses, servitudes, standards, restrictions and of Parish requirements; with several Councilmen expressing their concerns and Ms. Pat Matherne from the Planning Commission further explaining Parish restrictions and answering various questions being asked. Mr. Sapia requested that he just be told what he has to do to meet the requirements and he will do so; with discussion and clarifications continuing. Ms. Matherne said Mr. Sapia would have to present to the Planning Commission that everything was according to regulations; the running of a waterline approved by the Water District, the necessary fire hydrant, the coring and the width of the street. She added that the Department of Public Works would then also have to review it. Further detailed discussion continued. Chairman Delatte then requested that Ms. Matherne list the necessary items needed on a sheet of paper, if possible, getting it to Mr. Sapia and also giving a copy to the Councilmen, so that when he comes with his documentation at another meeting they can all check it off and they can all be on the same page at the same time. He went on to say that once Mr. Sapia has done those items that he will know that he does not have more to do. Ms. Matherne agreed that it would be possible to do as requested.

*The original motion and second was then removed;* so a brief discussion then ensued in regards as to how to handle this item. A **motion** was next made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Matherne, to *defer this item, until it comes back from the Planning Commission*, which **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**DEFERRED**

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to **open** the *Public Hearing*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance recognizing the Tacit Dedication of an additional 300 feet at the rear of West 107th Place in Cut Off, LA, Ward (10), District (8), into the Parish System; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents. (2nd Public Hearing since receiving 100% notification from all parties involved.) A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Gouaux. Mr. Gouaux then moved that they defer this item; questioning if they did not have to have three Public Hearings. Ms. Carleen Babin, Council Clerk, responded that she was not sure, in that she thought that they should check with the Parish Administrator on that; in which she thought that the ordinance says that they defer twice. President Randolph and several Councilmen commented as, “three times”. The original motion and second were removed. A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Gouaux, to *defer* this item to the *November 11, 2008 meeting*, seconded by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**DEFERRED**

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance recognizing the Tacit Dedication of the turn around at the end of Elvira Drive located in Bon Ton Villa Subdivision, into the Parish System; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents. (2nd public hearing since receiving 100% notification from all parties involved.) A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, to *defer* this item, seconded by Mr. Matherne. Hearing no discussion on the deferment, Chairman Delatte moved for a vote. Mr. Gouaux called for a point of order, stating that Chairman Delatte had not called for the Public Hearing. Chairman Delatte then asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance; hearing none he called for a vote, which **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Doucet. Chairman Delatte clarified that this item will be *deferred* to the *November 11, 2008 meeting*.

**DEFERRED**

The next item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a “Caution Children At Play” sign be placed at Elm Drive and Aspen Drive off of LA 1, Raceland, Louisiana; Ward (3), District (5), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for the placement of a “Caution Children At Play” sign; and providing for penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Doucet.

**ORD. NO. 4410 CAUTION CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGN - ELM DRIVE & ASPEN DRIVE**

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on Holly Drive, Bayou Blue, Ward (11), District (5), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for the placement of “Speed Limit” and “Children At Play” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Gouaux.

An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Matherne, to state “*Caution, Children at Play*”, which **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Doucet.

The *amended* ordinance then **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Doucet.

**ORD. NO. 4411 SPEED LIMIT - 15 MILES PER HOUR - HOLLY DRIVE**

The next item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance requesting that Traffic Calming Devices be installed on East 25th Street, Larose, Louisiana, (Ward 10, Districts 7 and 8), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet and Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne.

President Randolph stated Mr. Gouaux had discussed with her some drainage issues on this street for the cross street; then asked if the Traffic Calming Devices would interfere with a plan to put a culvert in the cross street. Mr. Gouaux explained that the Traffic Calming Devices would be on the main drag, in that the culvert for incidental drainage would be on the cross street.

The ordinance *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.  
**ORD. NO. 4412      TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES - EAST 25TH STREET**

The next item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein. (Ward 11, Precinct 2, located in Lafourche Parish; Polling Place is Bayou Blue Recreation District No. 11, 200 Mazerac Street, Houma Louisiana.) A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne and seconded by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte called for any discussions.

Mr. Matherne questioned if this was in Lafourche Parish; with Mr. Fertitta explaining that they had combined the two Fire Districts several years ago because there was a conflict in who was going to service the people, so it was advantageous to do so. Brief examples were then given of such.

The ordinance *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.  
**ORD. NO. 4413      ELECTION - NOVEMBER 4, 2008 - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5**

The next item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of Public Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, of Road Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of providing financing for roads, bridges and drainage works within the Road Sales Tax District No. 2; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet.

Mr. Richard questioned competitive options and then expressed his opinions and concerns on such; President Randolph gave an explanation, *but was not quite audible*.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gouaux, *to accept the substitute Ordinance submitted by Stephens, Inc.*, and seconded by Mr. Toups.

Mr. Fertitta called for a point of order; stating that they have to do one or the other, in that they can not vote on both at the same time. Chairman Delatte then asked if there was any other discussion on ordinance 20, hearing none he called for a vote; which *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas; (0) nays; (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Richard; and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

The **motion** which was made by Mr. Gouaux, *to accept the substitute Ordinance submitted by Stephens, Inc.*, and seconded by Mr. Toups, was restated by Chairman Delatte. He then asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Several comments were made by Councilmen, *but were in audible*. Chairman Delatte then asked if Ms. Carleen Babin, Council Clerk, could maybe explain it. Ms. Babin stated that the substitute ordinance would be taking the place of the original ordinance; explaining that the original ordinance was presented and proposed at the last meeting with blanks. She said that Mr. Jones (with Stephens, Inc.) has since then filled in the blanks, which was why they were now using the substitute ordinance, giving all the necessary figures and changes that had to be made.

Ms. Babin further explained that was why they had a motion to accept the substitute ordinance, and not a motion to accept the motion.

The ordinance *as substituted* then **carried** by a vote of (6) yeas; (1) nay, that being of Mr. Fertitta; (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Richard; and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**ORD. NO. 4414      ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$10 MILLION - RSTD#2**

The next item (21) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-039) within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget to increase the amount budgeted for the Head Start grant based on Financial Assistance Award 2 received from the Department of Health and Human Services and a private grant received from H&R Block 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. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**ORD. NO. 4415      SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - HEAD START GRANT**

The next item (22) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting the donation of one used vehicle from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Jones. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Richard, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**ORD. NO. 4416      VEHICLE DONATION - LAFOURCHE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The next item (23) on the agenda was an ordinance providing a variance from Section 19:351.B.2 (iii) of the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on Tract B-1 of the Estate of Constant Pitre (Ward 10, District 8), as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their August 28, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Matherne questioned Ms. Pat Matherne with the Planning Commission of what this variance consisted of; in which Ms. Matherne explained the setback restrictions in detail. Discussion, questions and explanations, further ensued in regards to restrictions and the process of variances to be granted.

The ordinance **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**ORD. NO. 4417      VARIANCE - TRACT B-1, CONSTANT PITRE ESTATE**

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to **close** the *Public Hearing*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gouaux, to *recess for five minutes*, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

A **motion** was then made by Mr. Doucet, to *return from the five minute recess*, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## RESOLUTIONS

The next item (24) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office monitor the street lights throughout the Parish and report outages to Entergy or to the Lafourche Parish Government. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux.

An **amendment** was made by Mr. Toups, to include "SLECA", seconded by Mr. Matherne, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

The *amended* resolution then **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-327 SHERIFF'S OFFICE - MONITOR STREET LIGHTS, REPORT OUTAGES**

The next item (25) on the agenda was a resolution requesting Governor Bobby Jindal to move on his ratification of his appointment to the North Lafourche Levee, Conservation and Drainage District, due to residents on Highway 308 side of Bayou Lafourche not being represented by people residing in their District. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-328 APPOINTMENT RATIFICATION - GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL - NORTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE, CONSERVATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

The next item (26) on the agenda was a resolution requesting that all teachers and school employees in the Parish of Lafourche be drug tested at random. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups.

Mr. Gouaux made a **motion to defer** it; but after being questioned as to why deferment, he agreed to second it for discussion.

Mr. Fertitta commented besides violating the 4th and 14th Amendment of the Constitution, there was the School Board that should police their own employees; in that he did not think that the Parish Council has the right to impose things onto another entity. He expressed that if the School Board would want to do it, to let them do so; but the Parish should not be involved in doing it. Mr. Fertitta further stated that he would have to vote no. Mr. Toups commented that the School Board was not doing so because they were scared, in that they claimed that it would be political suicide. He then exclaimed that anybody that would not want to vote for this resolution must also be scared or hiding something. Mr. Toups continued by saying that all they were asking was that they drug test the teachers and the workers of the school; to send this to the Legislation and let them take over, in that the Council can not pass this Law. He said that noone could tell him that they did not have drugs in school, in that he knew that there was; stating that they pull students out of classes at school and drug test them, giving an example of such. Mr. Toups further expressed his opinions on the matter.

Mr. Matherne commented that it may not be constitutional as Mr. Fertitta had stated; but if it was he would like to include the Councilmen, the Administration, and the Parish employees. He said that if the school should have to that they should too. Several comments were then made in regards to who does already and who does not.

Mr. Gouaux stated that he had an **amendment**, reading as, "*Resolution requesting State Legislation pass Legislation that would require all public officials as well as anyone employed by the State or Parish Government to be drug and alcohol tested. This testing should be done on a random basis by a third party and include anyone being paid by State or Parish millage. This Legislation shall include a program that would require anyone testing positive for illegal drugs shall undergo treatment with penalties of unsuccessful response to treatment.*" The amendment was seconded by Mr. Doucet.

Mr. Richard stated that he would like to **move** that they *defer this item for two weeks*, so that they can get feedback from their Constituents. Chairman Delatte then said that they already have a motion and a second on the floor for an amendment, stating that they will have to make a decision on that first.

*The motion and second for the amendment was then removed;* with Chairman Delatte explaining that they were back to the original motion.

*The original motion and second was also removed;* with Mr. Toups expressing that he would not mind deferring it for two weeks, putting it on the next Agenda. Mr. Toups said that he went on the radio show that day and 85% of the people had said that they could go along with it; in which he did not see anything wrong with it. Mr. Gouaux then requested that Mr. Toups come back with the amended version instead of the original wording; with Chairman Delatte stating that they can get together and do so. A brief discussion then ensued on how they would like to handle this item coming back; with a decision being made to *pull this item* and come back with another version.

**PULLED**

The next item (27) on the agenda was a resolution requesting a Committee be formed with Eldon Martin, Vin Matherne, Kenneth Rattly, D. Guidry and Albert Martin to address drainage concerns on Lake Long Drive, Bayou Blue, Louisiana, Ward (11), District (5), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne and seconded by Mr. Fertitta.

President Randolph questioned if they were aware that this Committee would be subject to all of the Public Meeting rules, posting meeting dates and public notices. Chairman Delatte further explained that it would have to follow all the laws and regulations of the Open Meeting Laws.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-329 FORMING DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

The next item (28) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Lafourche Parish Commission for Women. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, nominating Ms. Shannon Chiasson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-330 APPOINTMENT - COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

The next item (29) on the agenda was a resolution ratifying the appointment of Mr. Marcel Lovelace to represent the Lafourche Parish Bar Association on the Lafourche Parish Civil Service Board.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-331 APPOINTMENT RATIFICATION - CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

The next item (30) on the agenda was a resolution approving the program offered by the State of Louisiana Department of Education in order to carry out the purpose of Section 17 of the National School Lunch Act as amended, the Regulations Governing the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) issued thereunder (7 CFR Part 226) and Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as amended and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-332 LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 2 to Volute, Inc. as an increase in length of contract time by 21 days for installation of the Courthouse Chiller; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-333 CHANGE ORDER #2 - VOLUTE, INC. - COURTHOUSE CHILLER**

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution requesting approval for the Lafourche Parish Government to enter into a contract with Gulf South Risk Services, Inc. to administer auto, general and professional liability claims; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-334 GULF SOUTH RISK SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT - LIABILITY CLAIMS**

The next item (33) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the project entitled "Galliano Government Complex" increasing the contract price by \$9,012.30; 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. Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Richard.

**RES. NO. 08-335 CHANGE ORDER #1 - GALLIANO GOVERNMENT COMPLEX PROJECT**

The next item (34) on the agenda was a resolution to accept the contract between the Louisiana Department of Social Services/Office of Family Support and Lafourche Parish Council Office of Community Action Agency to implement the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)/Free Tax Assistance Program in Lafourche Parish and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Richard.

**RES. NO. 08-336 EITC/FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that they have and will continue to comply with all FHWA/DOTD requirements regarding performance of interim inspections, calculating the load carrying capacity and load posting deficient bridges under their jurisdiction for 2008. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Richard.

**RES. NO. 08-337 LADOTD - FHWA/DOTD REQUIREMENTS COMPLIANCE**

The next item (36) on the agenda was a resolution approving the purchase of one (1) John Deere Tractor with one (1) Tiger Boom Mower, and Rear Boom Grass Head and one (1) John Deere MX7 Rotary Cutter (Bush Hog) for the Department of Public Works Field Offices and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Toups.

Mr. Toups questioned where the tractor would be stationed. Mr. Ronnie Robichaux, Department of Public Works Director, replied that it would be housed at the Lockport Field Office.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Richard.

**RES. NO. 08-338 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FIELD OFFICES' EQUIPMENT**

The next item (37) on the agenda was a resolution expressing its support of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 4 on the upcoming November 4, 2008 Election Ballot, in order to allow Parish Governments and Police Juries contributing to the energy needs of Louisiana and the entire country to receive their fair share of additional General Severance Tax Revenue in addition to protecting the natural resources of our State. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta and seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Fertitta expressed the importance of the people of the Parish and the State to support this amendment; in that it gives the Parishes a lot more of the money that they deserve from their natural resources; stating figures of such. He then requested that the people please vote yes.

Chairman Delatte then requested support from all of the Councilmen on this resolution and also of the general public to go and support this on November 4th.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.  
**RES. NO. 08-339     SUPPORTING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4**

## **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

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

**Mr. Clinton Bowen** from Harmony Street in New Orleans addressed the Council to introduce himself as a Public Insurance Adjuster, licensed by the Louisiana State Department of Insurance. He stated that he wanted to offer the Parish a professional review of the insurance claims on some of the buildings; further explaining his intent and credentials.

Chairman Delatte said that maybe he can set up an appointment with the Administration at a later date. President Randolph then stated that they have met with many people who have offered to do the same. She then said that unless and until they felt that FEMA was not providing feedback that she can not say when or if she would need additional services.

Mr. Gouaux asked Mr. Bowen as to how did he charge, asking if it was a percentage; in which Mr. Bowen explained such in detail.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

The next item (38) on the agenda was a discussion regarding the cell phone system for the Parish.

Mr. Fertitta stated that he would like to defer this item until the next meeting, for the simple reason that the people from the cell phone company could not get to the meeting.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Toups, to *open* a *Unanimous Agenda*, and *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## **UNANIMOUS AGENDA**

The first item (1) on the Unanimous Agenda was a proposed ordinance levying and imposing taxes for 2008 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Lafourche (Council on Aging). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the proposed ordinance.

The next item (2) on the Unanimous Agenda was a resolution approving the hiring of Bill Pousson of Tarpon Appraisal for the purpose of appraising the property of Mr. Charles Crosby (current residence); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all relevant documents.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet and seconded by Mr. Toups.

President Randolph stated that Mr. Pousson was chosen because he did similar work on the Crosby property south of the Crosby residence for Drainage District No. 1, in that he had also done some work for the Parish on another property in the same situation.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.  
**RES. NO. 08-340     HIRING BILL POUSSON - TARPON APPRAISAL - CROSBY PROPERTY**

The next item, brought up from the floor, was a resolution hiring Richard G. Weimer, AIA Architect, for architectural design services for repairs to the old Historic Courthouse and the Sondra Barrios building; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Jones.

President Randolph stated that Mr. Weimer was chosen because of his past Courthouse history and of the Sondra Barrios building, having the prior knowledge on the buildings, being advantageous to the Parish to hiring him because of such.

Mr. Fertitta expressed that he believed that this motion from the floor violated the Sunshine Law; stating that it was not on any agenda, not on the Unanimous Agenda or the Regular Agenda. He said that he did not think that they could make a motion from the floor. Several Councilmen and members from the Administration made comments that they have done so before.

A brief explanation then ensued in regards to the scope of the project.

The resolution then **carried** by a vote of (7) yeas; (1) nay, that being of Mr. Fertitta; and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-341      RICHARD WEIMER - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES - REPAIRS - HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND SONDRÁ BARRIOS BUILDING**

A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, *to close the Unanimous Agenda and return to the Regular Agenda*, and **carried** by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of **October 28, 2008 adjourned 8:31 p.m.**

MICHAEL F. DELATTE, CHAIRMAN  
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CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
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Nov. 14-15, 2008

Baton Rouge, Louisiana



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Exhibit "A"

**LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

**HONORARY CHAIRS**

**REP. NITA HUTTER**

*Chair  
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*Vice Chair  
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Lafourche Commission on Women  
Governor's Office on Women's Policy  
American Majority Inc., Louisiana

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008**

**Louisiana State Archives**

3851 Essen Lane  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**4:30 - 6:30 PM .....RECEPTION**

LCWG and Nicholls State University honor Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu along with former Governors Mike Foster, Buddy Roemer, and David Treen.

**HONORARY CHAIRS**

*former Governor Kathleen Blanco  
former Lt. Governor Melinda Schwegmann*

**7 PM. .... LCWG LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008**

**Holiday Inn Select**

4723 Constitution Ave.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**8:30 AM ..... BREAKFAST**

**The Art of War**

Learn how women violate the most important strategies in conflict situations.

**Speaker: Phyllis Mayo, former special assistant on women's policy to Governor Blanco.**

**9:45 AM .....GENERAL SESSION**

**After the Reveille, What Next?**

Learn how to keep your team together when the enthusiasm wears off: specific managerial and political skills to move your agenda through an organization.



**Speaker: Dr. Sam Bacharach, Cornell University professor and best-selling author of Get Them on Your Side and Keep Them on Your Side.**

**11 AM.....GENERAL SESSION**

**Speaker: Jay Dardenne, Louisiana Secretary of State and former State Senator from suburban Baton Rouge.**

**NOON ..... LUNCHEON**

**Keynote Speaker: Hoda Kotb, NBC News journalist and Today show co-anchor**

**Remarks: Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, president, Nicholls State University**

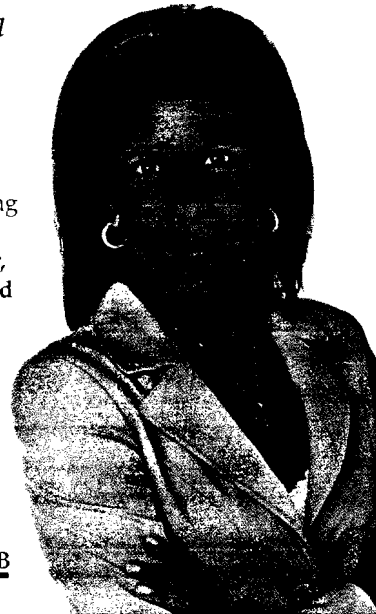
**Mistress of Ceremony: Beth Courtney, president and CEO, Louisiana Public Broadcasting**

**Invited Honorary Chair: Supriya Jindal, First Lady of Louisiana**

**1:30 PM ..... CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Media Damage Control**

**Panelists: Eric Paulsen, WWL-TV New Orleans morning show host and news anchor; Laura Buchtel, WWL-TV meteorologist and morning show personality; Carl Redman, executive editor, Baton Rouge Advocate; Ed Buggs, Baton Rouge talk radio host.**



**HODA KOTB**

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### War Room

A presentation by a nationally known consultant on conflict resolution, then women leaders put a crisis on the table for discussion and dialogue.

**Speaker:** Fred Dent, former Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions

### 3 PM..... CLOSING SESSION



#### *A New Kind of Leadership: Strategies Learned from Columbine*

**Speaker:** Nicole Nowlen, a former Columbine High School student who survived the 1999 massacre and has shared her story with audiences across the United States.

### ALL DAY..... MEDIA TRAINING

Leaders get in front of the camera to see themselves as the public sees them—and get critiques from professional media trainers.

**Facilitator:** American Majority Inc., Louisiana

## PRESENTERS

### DR. SAM BACHARACH

Samuel B. Bacharach, McKelvey-Grant professor of organizational behavior at Cornell University, directs Cornell's Manhattan-based Institute for Workplace Studies. He is also a senior partner in the Kaaterskill Group, a consulting firm. Bacharach is the author of over 100 articles and author or editor of over 20 books, including *Get Them on Your Side: Win Support, Convert Skeptics and Get Results* (2005) and *Keep Them on Your Side: Leading and Managing for Momentum* (2006).

### LAURA BUCHTEL

Born and raised in Metairie, Laura Buchtel attended Mississippi State University in Starkville, earning a degree in broadcast meteorology in 2003. Buchtel interned at WWL-TV in New Orleans during the summer of her senior year at MSU. Buchtel's first on-air job put her in the role of weekend meteorologist for KOLR in Springfield, Missouri.

She moved back to New Orleans just five days before Hurricane Katrina. In December 2005, WWL asked Buchtel to work in the Channel 4 Weather Center for a week while the meteorology staff got a much-needed break. She serves as the weekday meteorologist for the Eyewitness Morning News.

### ED BUGGS

Ed Buggs began his broadcasting career at WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge as a reporter in 1974. Three years later he was anchoring the early evening news in Dallas-Fort Worth. Later, there would be anchor-reporter stops in New Orleans and, in 1983, Buggs returned to anchor the evening news in Baton Rouge. Following in his parents' footsteps, Buggs is also a businessman. While holding down the anchor desk in Baton Rouge, he purchased the former Jantzen swimwear plant in Eunice, where 155 people worked. From 1990 to 1996, it was the largest minority-owned apparel manufacturing plant in America.

Awards won by the news team during Buggs's television career at WBRZ include the Pulitzer, Scripps-Howard, Dupont-Columbia and Associated Press for best newscast in Louisiana. However, it was after television news that Buggs found his niche in talk radio. He began his career in talk radio in 1997 and by 2001 he had twice been named one of the "Top 100" talk show hosts in America. Today, Buggs's radio talk show is televised in 72 cities, from New York to Los Angeles, on the Urban America television network.

### JAY DARDENNE

Jay Dardenne was sworn in as secretary of state of Louisiana in November 2006, filling the remaining year on an unexpired term and ending a 15-year career in the state Senate. In the 2007 primary election he received 64% of the vote.

During his legislative service, he chaired the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, which oversees ethics and election laws. In 2003, he was named National Republican Legislator of the Year. He is an active community volunteer, having hosted the Jerry Lewis Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for more than 25 years. He served for two years on the national MDA board of directors. In addition, Dardenne chaired the local organizing committee for the National Senior Olympics and received the community leadership award from Leadership Greater Baton Rouge.

### FRED C. DENT JR.

Fred C. Dent Jr. is CEO of Financial and Management Services, a Baton Rouge management consulting firm. Dent served as state commissioner of financial institutions under the administrations of Governors Edwin Edwards and Buddy Roemer. He was responsible for all state-chartered banks, savings and loans, credit unions, independent finance companies and all securities activities in Louisiana.

### HODA KOTB

Hoda Kotb was named co-anchor of the Today show in August 2007. She has also been a Dateline NBC correspondent since April 1998 and the host of the weekly syndicated series *Your Total Health* since September 2004. In her years at NBC, Kotb has covered a wide variety of domestic and international stories. In 2005 and 2006, she covered the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The story was very personal to Kotb, who lived in New Orleans for six years, 1992-98, while working at WWL-TV. In addition, she has reported on the war in Iraq, the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank

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and Gaza, and the war on terror in Afghanistan.

Kotb also co-anchored an MSNBC special on race, *Shades of Hope...Shadows of Hate*, which was reported from Birmingham, Ala., at the former site of a Klan bombing. Kotb has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award and the prestigious Peabody in 2006 for her Dateline NBC report "The Education of Ms. Groves." The four-time Emmy nominee also won the 2004 Headliner Award, 2003 Gracie Award, and the 2002 Edward R. Murrow Award.

### PHYLLIS MAYO

Mayo served as senior advisor and special assistant on women's policy to former Governor Kathleen Blanco. In 2004, she organized the first Gathering of Louisiana Women Leaders which featured women of achievement in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Several regional conferences followed and included facilitated conversation on women's issues and concerns. To support these efforts, Mayo activated and reorganized the Louisiana Women's Foundation, a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to improve the quality of life of Louisiana women. Through it and in collaboration with others, Mayo wrote and produced Louisiana Leading Ladies, a readers' theater highlighting women from the state's earliest days to the mid-20th century. She serves on the foundation's board of directors and as treasurer.

### NICOLE NOWLEN

Nowlen is a former Columbine High School student who was in the school's library on April 20, 1999, when 13 people were murdered and 24 wounded by two gunmen who then committed suicide. After surviving being shot in the abdomen by the gunmen, Nowlen graduated from Columbine in 2001. Since her graduation, she has shared her story with hundreds of thousands of people. Nowlen has been featured in *People* and *Teen People* magazines as well as on the Today show and the Montel Williams Show.

### ERIC PAULSEN

Eric Paulsen is an anchorman for WWL-TV in New Orleans. Paulsen is one of southeast Louisiana's most familiar faces, the one folks have been waking up with since 1985 on the country's number one-rated local morning newscast, *Eyewitness Morning News*. Paulsen also anchors WWL's twelve o'clock news program.

### CARL REDMAN

Carl Redman is executive editor of *The Advocate* newspaper in Baton Rouge. Before being named executive editor in 2007, Redman was the newspaper's managing editor after spending nearly 17 years with the paper's capitol news bureau covering state government and politics.

Redman has been at *The Advocate* since December 1980. In addition to state government and politics, Redman has reported extensively on the Louisiana economy, on higher education, on local government, and on tax issues. Before coming to *The Advocate*, he worked for weekly newspapers in the New Orleans area as well as for daily newspapers in Slidell, Alexandria, and Shreveport.

The Louisiana Center for Women and Government (LCWG) at Nicholls State University was established in 1990 to help encourage the future leadership of women by preparing them for public service through nonpartisan provision and support of education. As part of the center's mission, it develops programs to make women more aware of the governmental process in general and urges women to participate actively in that process on an ongoing basis. The center sponsors internships in state government offices in Baton Rouge to college students from around the state.

[www.nicholls.edu/lcwg](http://www.nicholls.edu/lcwg)

The center's next annual Hall of Fame ceremony takes place on **Saturday, March 28, 2009**. Speakers: James Carville and Mary Matalin, political strategists.

#### STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

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Co-Chair: Dale Norred

#### MEMBERS

Linda Talbert, Gayle Truly, Julie Robinson, Jerry Pinsel, Denise Torrence, Erollyn Jackson, Dr. Shanta Proctor, Capital Area LC Chair Jean Armstrong, LCWG Director Dr. Laura Badaeux

### REGISTRATION

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Registration fee: \$50, including the Friday reception and Saturday breakfast and lunch.

Please indicate your attendance:  Friday reception  Saturday breakfast  Saturday lunch

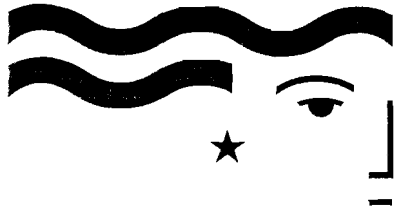
For room reservations at the Holiday Inn Select, phone 225.930.0130 and mention the LCWG event.

Please make checks payable to the NSU Foundation.

Mail to: Louisiana Center for Women and Government,  
P. O. Box 2062  
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Please mail by Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 to ensure registration. If you wish to use a credit card or for more information, call 985.448.4770 or e-mail [lcwg.info@nicholls.edu](mailto:lcwg.info@nicholls.edu).

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**T**he Louisiana Center for Women & Government at Nicholls State University encourages and promotes the leadership of women by providing resources and non-partisan support through educational workshops, training seminars and outreach programs. The center is committed to promoting women in government and public service, to acknowledging achievements of women and to teaching all citizens about the importance of public service and responsible citizenship.

### Internship Program

The Louisiana Center for Women & Government, in cooperation with the Nicholls Department of History and Social Sciences, offers the only statewide internship program for Louisiana college students who desire to learn more about the governmental process. Students gain practical experience by working in the legislature or a governmental agency in Baton Rouge.



### Regional Leadership Councils

The center's statewide Leadership Council is composed of approximately 500 women leaders representing eight regions: Acadiana, Alexandria/Natchitoches, Bayou, Capital, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Northeast and Shreveport. The council represents a diverse network of women dedicated to promoting leadership and volunteerism throughout the state. The council conducts regional workshops such as the Bayou Region's "Common Cents and Common Sense for Non-Profits," a workshop featuring keynote speaker John Maginnis.



### Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony

Each year, the center recognizes up to four Louisiana women who have made contributions to our state, nation and world by inducting them into the Louisiana Center for Women & Government Hall of Fame. The induction takes place in the spring and has had such distinguished speakers as Lindy Boggs, former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican; Mary Bono, congresswoman from California; Connie Chung, television news reporter and anchor; Vickie Reggie Kennedy, wife of Sen. Edward Kennedy; Hoda Kotb, co-anchor of the "Today" show; Cokie Roberts, senior news analyst for National Public Radio; Kathleen Sebelius, Governor of Kansas; and Christine Todd Whitman, former administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.



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## Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy Program is a statewide initiative for girls entering 7th through 12th grades. The program is held each summer and covers a range of topics designed



to build confidence, leadership skills and an interest in public service. Girls who participate in the program engage in a variety of team-building and interactive projects. In addition, participants are introduced to basic political concepts and the fundamental principles of good citizenship.

## "Women's Perspective" on "Bayou Time"

The center hosts a weekly television segment on HTV, a Houma, La., television station, where invited guests discuss critical public policy issues and answer questions from callers. The center's goal is to promote the "Women's Perspective" television segment statewide.

## Campaign Institute

The Campaign Institute is an intensive workshop designed to provide interested individuals with practical information about the governmental



process and public leadership. In the past, the institute has conducted workshops on the art and science of campaign strategy, campaign finance law, volunteer management, fundraising and media relations. The institute features nationally known experts in the field of government.

## Regional Celebrity Fundraiser

In 2008, the New Orleans Leadership Council organized the center's first celebrity fundraiser to benefit the Louisiana Center for Women & Government's internships and programming initiatives. Local celebrities – media personalities, sports icons, business leaders



and elected officials – joined together to raise money and entertain over 300 guests. The 2009 celebrity fundraising event – Celebrities, Cocktails, and Comedy – will be hosted by the Bayou Region Leadership Council.



## Congress to Campus

The center, in partnership with the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress and the Stennis Center for Public Service,



arranges for two bipartisan former members of Congress to visit a Louisiana college campus for two days each spring. The former members of Congress meet with local students, community leaders and media to promote an interest in public service and encourage future leaders.

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## National Women's Leadership Summit

September 2009 is the target date for the center's first bipartisan National Women's Leadership Summit to be chaired by one democrat and one republican U.S. senator in cooperation with members of Louisiana's congressional delegation. Two hundred leaders from across the country will be invited to participate in an open dialogue about America's high priority issues. The topic of discussion for the 2009 summit is energy. Following the annual summit, discussion results will be reported to the appropriate state and/or national leaders.

## Legislative Women's Luncheon

Under the direction of the Capital Area Leadership Council, the center hosts an annual luncheon honoring Louisiana's women legislators and cabinet appointees.

### 2008 Center Partners

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Lafourche Parish Commission for Women

New Orleans Leadership Council of the Louisiana Center for Women & Government

South Louisiana Economic Council

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**Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy**  
**2009 Components**  
*Light the Torch and Lead*

**WHY:** The vision of the Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy (LGLA) is to develop future leaders in community and public service through responsible citizenship. Girls will network with peers and mentor experienced women to develop knowledge, skills and ability for future leadership roles. LGLA program focus:

- Communication
- Situational Leadership
- Public Service and Responsible Citizenship
- Current Issues

**WHO:** Acceptance is a selective process. The following criteria will be considered: 1) participation in service and leadership organizations in school, community or church; 2) offices held in organizations; 3) honors and awards received; 4) school GPA (minimum 2.6); and 5) letter of recommendation from nominator (at least one). **Registration deadline January 23, 2009. Girls entering 8 – 11 grades.** LGLA participants will be selected by the LCWG Leadership Councils.

**WHAT:** Program curriculum...Communication: Language and Behavior, Using language to: promote understanding, gain cooperation, motivate and persuade, Crafting a message, Electronic Communication and Image Building; Situational Leadership: Building relationships, Leadership styles: gender, leaders and followers, and emotional maturity, Building Teams: managing peer pressure and managing conflict, Understanding Power: building power, managing power, and the abuse of power, and Leading a Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure; Public Service and Responsible Citizenship: Managing a Service Project, Local Government (8th and 9th grade), State Government (10th and 11th grade), and the ABC's of Running for Office; Current Issues: Emotional and Physical Well Being: Emotional Well Being and Substance Abuse, Energy and Environment Each year LGLA will include a Leadership Service Project that will provide application of learned concepts. **KEYNOTE speaker:** Craig Scott – Columbine Survivor, [www.rachelschallenge.com](http://www.rachelschallenge.com)

**WHEN:** June 18 – 20, 2009 **REGISTRATION FEE:** TBA

**TIMELINE:** November 17, 2008 – Mail to marketing materials and application to Superintendents and Leadership Councils; December 19, 2008 – packets distributed to nominees; February 14, 2009 – nominees submit application to LCWG; March 6, 2009 – LCWG disseminates application packets to councils; April 6, 2009 – councils provide selections to LCWG; April 30, 2009 – selected nominees notified; May 15, 2009 – selected nominees acceptance deadline.

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If what you do uplifts and creates opportunities for residents of disadvantaged communities, then you're a community benefit organization - a CBO. And like many CBOs, you probably have big plans. Maybe it's expanding services. A new building. A big move. A little gap financing to finish the job. And you don't know how to get from here to there.

**WE CAN HELP YOU BE OF GREATER SERVICE.**

We're CBO Financial. We help community benefit organizations like yours turn big dreams into big plans, and big plans into new realities. When it's time to establish a new facility, we're here to help.

What we offer:

- Project Planning - When you want to build, relocate, or renovate, we can map out a winning strategy.
- Financing - When you need financing, we can guide you through the process, identify new avenues for funding, or provide the loan directly.
- Construction Management - When it's time to break ground, we can manage your project from groundbreaking to ribbon cutting.
- New Markets Tax Credit Program - A CBO Financial subsidiary is one of a handful of organizations nationwide that can offer New Markets Tax Credits to provide highly flexible rates and terms for projects in distressed communities.

We're also your guide to federal funding. Gulf Opportunity Zone initiatives, USDA Community Facilities Loan Guarantees, and other special programs can transform the scale and scope of your project.

A new facility can provide new energy. New funds can open new doors. CBO Financial helps you help more people.

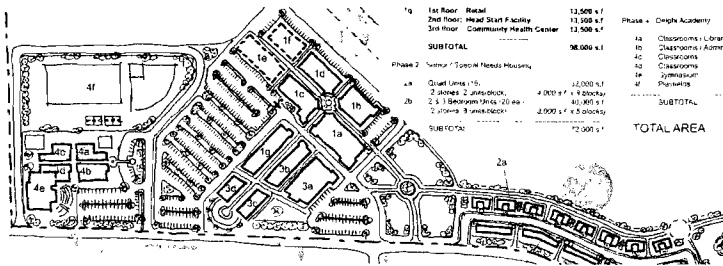
*"We were lucky to have CBO Financial come into our area after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated our community. Up until then, we did not know about New Markets Tax Credits and how they could play a role in our recovery. CBO's planning expertise and perseverance have been instrumental in helping our community get back on its feet."*

Susanne Christoferson  
Specialized Real Estate Services  
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What's the difference between a mirage and a vision?  
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Before you begin a project, partner with CBO Financial to draw up a comprehensive Project & Financing Plan. Together we'll map out a plan of action, including:

- Project plan development
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- Site selection strategy
- Financial analysis, projections, and models
- Financing strategies
- Construction management

...and more. We'll also search for potential sources of grants and determine your eligibility for special government programs.

With CBO Financial's help, your organization will have a roadmap to a more secure future.

*"CBO Financial has led the way in moving our dream forward to build a film production and workforce training facility. Their leadership, dedication and predevelopment financing have been crucial to our success."*

Efram Lopez Nervis, President  
CinemaPR Universal Inc.  
Film Studio & Vocational Training Center  
Caguas, Puerto Rico

Nonprofits and other community benefit organizations, CBOs, have unique financing requirements. They are also all too often underserved by conventional sources. That's where we can help.

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- "Gap" financing

We'll help your organization tap into new funding sources that can help make your vision a reality. CBO Financial can cut through the numerous obstacles that thwart many organizations when they decide to build or acquire a new facility.

CBO Financial is dedicated to taking a leadership role in making your project succeed.

*"The professionals at CBO Financial played a key role in attracting New Markets Tax Credits and conventional financing to our project, which needed a substantial subsidy in order to be financially viable. Their team provided crucial support through funding of what was a highly complex transaction that in the end made owning our own school facility possible."*

Alex Harvatak, Chief Financial Officer  
Volunteers of America  
New York, NY

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26	9-22-08	BOSS premium notice, delinquent notice	Kristy	Michelle	Mae
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28	9/24/08	Deliberia drawings		Deliberia	
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Financial  
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10/15	memo Financial Report	Carleen Babin	Michelle Adams	D. Clement
10/20	Financial Report (Board meeting)	Jerry Jones Carleen Babin Chasity Hime	Michelle Adams	D. Clement *also shown as MA put in mail slots
10/22	GIP Report Finance (check) checks	Finance Dept.	Michelle Adams	A. Skidney
10/27	Finance Department	Joel Doty	D. Ischete	Dana Clement

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The finances of the Library Board have come under scrutiny by members of the Lafourche Parish Council with no clear motive to take over the Library's finances.

- The Library Board has had unqualified opinions over the past 20 years and in recent years been praised for its invoicing and receipt management. The Parish Council has been apprised of audits and financial reports. And more recently, upon request from the Parish Council the current Library Director has been providing monthly financial information.
- One of your own Councilmen, the Library Liaison, sits with the Library Board and is privy to all matters. Would he not have spoken loudly if there was an indication of mismanagement?
- Louisiana State Law requires the Library Board to approve all expenditures therefore the Library Director must report to the Library Board the distribution of any library related funds.
- Each Lafourche Parish Councilman has had a hand in selecting the members of the Library Board and now you are implying they are not trustworthy.
- 10 years ago, Lafourche Parish Government financial department was doing the Library's payroll. It was decided that it was not cost effective and was burdensome to the Lafourche Parish government. This duty was given to the Library.
- We would be creating a duplication of work load at the expense of our taxpayers. The Library must continue to maintain a finance department due to required reporting to the State Legislative auditors and State Library reports.
- Did the Lafourche Parish Government plan to provide the services of its finance department for free or is there a plan to bill the library for services or hire additional personnel? This is not a wise use of taxpayers' money.
- If you are taking over the Library Boards finances then all other Boards' finances should be taken over.

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The Library Board of Control in its capacity as advisor to the Lafourche Parish Council concerning the Thibodaux Library Building project following the guidelines dictated by the District Attorney's Opinion No. 08-023 on October 9, 2008 recommends the following:

- The budget for the project was set by Lafourche Parish Ordinance No. # 4101 for \$4.2 million
- The size of the library was assigned as 23,000 square feet under the enacted Ordinance No. # 4324 adopted June 19, 2008 by this council
- The Library Board accepts both these provisions and recommends the Lafourche Parish Council stay within these Ordinances
- A proposed second floor of 7,200 ft with elevator shaft space on the first floor is an addition that is supported by your administration and the architect
- The Library Board recommends, if the Lafourche Parish Council wishes this second floor addition, then the Lafourche Parish Council should accept the financial obligation that comes with this addition.
- The second floor addition is not outlined in either of the Thibodaux Library building project ordinances # 4101 or # 4324; therefore, the Library Board does not feel it's a financially feasible addition.
- The Library Board wishes to support this project by encouraging the Lafourche Parish Council to make decisions that will move this project to a conclusion.

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Finance Report  
October 27, 2008

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*Joel Doty, Finance Director*

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**Financial Reports**

- Royalty Revenue Report
- Sales Tax Revenue Report
- Parish Transportation Report
- Operating Statements & Fund Recap

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**Royalty Revenues**

	2007	2008
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	1,062,863	1,774,396
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	1,185,506	1,733,132
• July	426,445	677,858
• August	562,011	731,859
• September	471,992	778,273
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>3,708,817</b>	<b>5,695,518</b>

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Exhibit "D"

Road Sales Tax District #2		
	2007	2008
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	1,335,411	965,657
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	1,177,255	777,307
• July	562,870	321,412
• August	491,300	244,534
• September	507,810	255,409
• Total YTD	<b>4,074,646</b>	<b>2,564,319</b>

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Road Sales Tax District A		
	2007	2008
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	839,258	880,714
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	962,080	981,628
• July	358,035	329,201
• August	318,097	314,410
• September	323,146	574,228
Total YTD	<b>2,800,616</b>	<b>3,080,181</b>

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Solid Waste		
	2007	2008
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	1,626,736	1,643,298
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	1,741,421	1,826,431
• July	669,820	700,986
• August	588,304	575,736
• September	600,182	574,228
Total YTD	<b>5,226,463</b>	<b>5,320,679</b>

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Parish Transportation Revenue		
	2007	2008
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	192,094	151,787
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	165,130	149,642
• August	36,992	98,802
 Total YTD	<b>394,216</b>	<b>400,231</b>

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2009 Budget	
• Pending action item 11, Budget hearings have been scheduled for Public Review	

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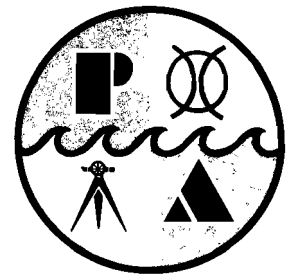
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J.C. PICCIOLA, II, P.E., L.S.

## Lafourche Parish Government ENGINEERING REPORT

October 28, 2008

### Road Sales Tax District No. 2 – Phase 4C

The Contractor on this project is Sealevel Construction, Inc. The contractor is substantially complete with this project. All of the work is complete except for a few minor punch list items.

### Road Sales Tax District No. 2 – Phase 4D

The Contractor on this project is Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. The asphalt portion of the work is complete. The contractor is working on the incidental drainage work.

### Cote Blanche Bridge

All of the topographic surveying is complete. Engineering plans are approximately 90% complete. We expect the Machinery and Electrical Plans to be completed shortly.

### Road Sales Tax District No. 2 – Phase 4E (Town of Golden Meadow)

All of the street surveying is complete. We are approximately 50% complete with the project plans.

### Twin Oaks Drainage Study

All of the surveying is complete. We are currently modeling the drainage structures and should complete a report shortly.

Submitted by:

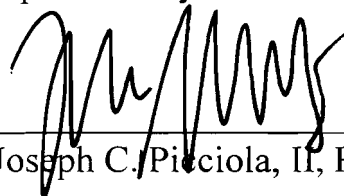
  
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