

On motion by Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Lindel Toups, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-424

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT (PARISH) HIRE AN ATTORNEY AND/OR THEIR LAW FIRM, TO PERFORM ANY AND ALL LEGAL DEFENSE SERVICES FOR LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT, WHEN NEEDED, AT A RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish District Attorney serves as the Parish's Legal Advisor;
and

WHEREAS, in certain instances, outside legal counsel may be needed to handle defense or other legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lloyd Bourgeois, Mr. Carlton J. Cheramie, Mr. Scotty E. Chabert, Mr. Michael G. Gee, Mr. Henry J. Lafont, Jr., Mr. George J. Ledet, Jr., Ms. Denise A. Allemand, and Kirby P. Blanchard, Jr. have acknowledged their willingness to provide the Parish Government with legal defense and/or other legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish President would select the appropriate attorney and/or firm when one is needed; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Councilman, District 7; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council approves hiring an Attorney and/or their Law Firm to perform any and all legal defense services for the Lafourche Parish Government, when needed, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on November 24, 2009, and hereby request the Attorney General to authorize Lafourche Parish to hire any of the above listed attorneys and/or their law firm to perform any and all legal defense services for the Lafourche Parish Government, when needed, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Lafourche Parish District Attorney, P. O. Box 431, Thibodaux, LA 70302; The Lafourche Parish Government Department of Finance, the Department of Risk Management, and the Office of the Parish Administrator.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jerry Jones
Mr. Michael Delatte
Mr. Louis Richard
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 24th day of November, 2009.

**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-424, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on November 24, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**