NEW IBERIA — Total purchase price of the property at the former Naval Auxiliary Air Station is approximately $1,750,000, excluding that designated for the airport and for Gulf South Research Institute. This was revealed in the closing minutes of a long regular Police Jury meeting Monday afternoon.

The property appraisal estimates from General Services Administration was presented in parcels, and confirmed telephone conversations.

Juror Francis Doerle gave details of the letter and said one portion included 972 acres and one building, and was appraised by GSA at $725,000; another portion included 1515 acres for $550,000; the 25 acres and buildings including the large hangar, operations or control tower buildings, fire stations, etc. was appraised at $475,000. Utilities and sanitary sewerage systems were itemized separately and it is anticipated these can be quickly disposed of.

The parish has six months after the government officially notifies final appraisal to act on the purchase option under which the parish has provided protection and maintenance of the property since last spring.

In other action in the meeting which opened nearly an hour late and was in executive session for a hour and five minutes, the jurors purchased two draglines and traded in two old machines but rejected bids received on a bulldozer. The purchase of the bulldozer will be advertised but without stipulations for maximum repairs over a five year term and a guaranteed repurchase at the end of this period. In addition specifications will be such that all manufacturers can submit bids.

Parish employees will get a 10 per cent raise effective April 1 and bridge tenders raised to $200 if economically feasible. Dennis David urged the resolution joining Iberia Parish in the LSU Agricultural Extention Service Giant Step program. This is a five year plan to improve agriculture, homemaking and youth activities. W. E. Williams, county agent, introduced subcommittee chairman of the project.

Dennis David urged more participation in the Louisiana Texas Mexico Hug - The - Coast Association. David pointed out there was much request from tourists for the Louisiana portion of the highway which extends as Highway 11 to New Orleans, west on US 90 to New Iberia then through Abbeville and along the present Hwy. 90 to Cameron to Texas. He said it bypasses Lafayette.