

January 8, 2007
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Carl Atkins, Eddie Langston, Darrell Magee, Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Troy Smith. Absent: Charles Garrett. Also present: Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Zeno. Mr. Smith gave the invocation and Mr. Atkins led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include:
Authorize letter to Fitzgerald Contractors
Revocation of resolution adopted December 7, 1992
Motion carried

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to revoke the resolution adopted on December 7, 1992 prohibiting the president and vice president from service successive terms.

YEAS: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Magee, Mr. Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno

ABSENT: Dr. Garrett

Motion carried.

The president declared the floor open for election of officers for president for 2007. The president relinquished the chair to the vice president.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Magee to elect Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. as president for 2007. Motion carried. Abstaining: Mr. Zeno.

The president assumed the chair and opened the floor for the election of vice president.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to elect Eddie Langston as vice president for 2007. Motion carried. Abstaining: Mr. Langston

Public comments:

James Earl Harvey – Requesting improvements on the solid waste bin site on La. 147.

Leslie Thompson requested that the jury appoint Marcus Hicks to fill the unexpired term of Ward 5.

Rosie Price discussed the absence of Ward 6 juror.

Larica Fair presented jurors with a request for investigation of the parish's nuisance ordinance.

Mr. Zeno introduced Mr. Marcus Hicks to the jury. Mr. Hicks stated that because of current commitments, he would not be able to fill the vacancy of Ward 5, and would **not** accept the appointment.

Mr. Eddie Gatlin, Assessor requested that the jury adopt a resolution to retain legal counsel for pipeline litigation.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is on-going litigation over the assessment and ad valorem taxation of certain pipeline property located in Jackson Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of Jackson Parish is in the process of reassessing the properties for the referenced taxpayers pursuant to Judgment issued by the 19th Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, the referenced have lodged the following appeals with the Louisiana Tax Commission challenging the Assessor's reassessed valuation for the referenced years:

TAXPAYER:	LTC DOCKET NO:	TAX YEARS:
Tennessee Gas Pipeline	06-22049-001	2000-2003
Southern Natural Gas	06-22049-002	2000-2003

WHEREAS, as this litigation proceeds it has become necessary for the Assessor to defend the assessments in legal proceedings;

WHEREAS, such a defense will necessitate the Assessor contracting with legal counsel;

WHEREAS, in an effort to limit the costs of such legal counsel, which cost is ordinarily borne proportionately by the ad valorem taxing bodies in this Parish, the Assessor intends on engaging legal counsel on a contingency fee basis, with any fees coming only from any additional taxes collected as a result of the new assessments of the above referenced tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Parish Police Jury will benefit from the collection of any additional ad valorem taxes collected with the assistance of the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson Parish Police Jury in a duly called open meeting does hereby authorize the Assessor to engage BRIAN A. EDDINGTON, Attorney at Law as legal counsel for its benefit on a contingency fee basis, not to exceed 10% of the additional taxes, interest and penalties collected for its benefit pursuant to the decision of the Louisiana Tax Commission in the above referenced proceedings or by judgment of a reviewing court and does hereby obligate and encumber an amount not to exceed 10% of the additional taxes, interest and penalties collected for its benefit for the payment of said legal fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Jackson Parish Police Jury that the Assessor and/or the Ad Valorem Tax Collector of Jackson Parish be and are hereby authorized to pay said legal fees to the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor to provide legal services in the above referenced matters prior to or contemporaneously with the disbursal of any additional taxes, interest and penalties to it.

This resolution adopted this 8th day of January, 2006 in a duly noticed meeting of the Jackson Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was presented by the following vote:

YEAS: Carl Atkins, Eddie Langston, Darrell Magee, Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Troy Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Charles Garrett

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.
President

Kenneth O. Pardue
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Magee to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2006 and December 21, 2006 jury meetings, the December financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston gave the report of the Solid Waste Committee:

“Solid Waste
January 3, 2007

The Solid Waste Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Darrell Magee. Also present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Langston. Mr. Magee gave the invocation and Mr. Langston led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Larica Fair requested that the committee consider adoption of an ordinance controlling the location of commercial poultry houses in residential areas in close proximity to homes.

Paul Riley, Parish Engineer discussed model bin sites.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the jury approve the plat, plans, and lease agreement for the construction of a model bin site in Chatham as recommended. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Atkins to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the solid waste committee meeting of January 3, 2007. Motion carried.

Mr. Atkins gave the report of the road committee:

“Road Committee
January 3, 2007

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 1:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Darrell Magee. Also present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Atkins. There were no public comments.

The parish engineer presented preliminary plans for the 2007 road project.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the jury authorize the parish engineer to prepare a draft of the Annual Road Capital Improvements Policy with prescribed changes to the Gravel Minor Roads. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the jury authorize the parish engineer to proceed with Alternate A of the 2007 Road Program subject to review. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the jury authorize the parish engineer to revise the cost estimates of the LCDBG Street Project with the jury funding the excess cost. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the minutes and recommendations of road committee meeting of January 3, 2007. Motion carried.

The vice president assumed the chair and called for the report of the personnel committee. Mr. Zeno presented the report:

“Personnel Committee
January 3, 2007

The Personnel Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 2:20 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Darrell Magee.

Public comments: Mr. Leslie Thompson appeared before the committee and requested that the jury consider the appointment of Marcus Hicks to fill the vacancy of Ward 5 Juror.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury approve the employment of Billy Head in the road department as a truck driver pending physical exam and drug test. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include the personnel recommendation of the road superintendent concerning Randy Jewitt. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury terminate the employment of Randy Jewitt as recommended by the Public Works Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury call a special election on March 31, 2007 to fill the vacancy of the Ward 5 juror. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to return to open session with no action having been taken. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include travel request of the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve travel request of road department employees to attend pipeline safety training. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include salary adjustments of supervisors. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury set the increment for supervisors at \$2.19 above their base position pay. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include the discussion of salary of the building official. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include meeting date, time and location for 2007. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury set the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM as the official regular meeting time, and that all regular meetings shall be conducted at the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Magee to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the personnel committee meeting of January 3, 2007.

The president assumed the chair and called for the report of the parish engineer.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to accept the engineer's report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to accept the report of the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the removal of white goods illegally dumped near the bin site on La. 147. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to approve the emergency / off schedule report of the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the request of the LSU Extension Service for use of the community center on February 19, 2007 for a 4-H cooking contest with fees waived. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to:

Name appointment to Ward 5 vacancy

Call special election on March 31, 2007 for Ward 5 vacancy.

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Atkins to appoint Maxie Monroe to fill the vacancy of Ward 5 Juror. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to call a special election March 31, 2007 for Ward 5 Juror. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to approve the following purchase requisitions:

Cooper Truck Center	\$ 515.00	Road
Bell South	\$ 349.95	Health Unit
Dreher Contractors	\$31,000.00	Asphalt
Southern Air Conditioning	\$ 350.00	Health Unit

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to authorize the building superintendent to communicate with Fitzgerald Contractors to negotiate a reduction in the boiler replacement contract. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include the president's presentation of committees for 2007. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to approve the president's presentation of committees for 2007:

Personnel Committee:

*Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.
Troy Smith
Darrell Magee

Finance Committee:

*Carl Atkins
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.
Eddie Langston^

Solid Waste Committee:

*Darrell Magee
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.^
Eddie Langston

Road Committee:

*Eddie Langston
Darrell Magee
Carl Atkins

Building & Grounds Committee:

*Eddie Langston
Troy Smith^
Carl Atkins

Pine Belt Oversight Committee:

*Troy Smith
Carl Atkins^
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.

Uniform Construction Code Committee:

*Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.
Carl Atkins
Eddie Langston

Trailblazer Board:

Carl Atkins
Eddie Langston

* Denotes committee chairperson

^ Denotes Ward 5 Juror

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to adjourn. Motion carried.