

January 12, 2009
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Kent Hightower, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe, Mr. Ray Duck and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

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

The president presented the following items for amendments to the agenda:

Authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for grant funding of the local OEP office.

Authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Approve the professional leave request of the OEP Director for the state OEP Directors' Conference in February.

The president called for public comments on the proposed amendments. There were none.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda as follows:

Authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for grant funding of the local OEP office.

Authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Approve the professional leave request of the OEP Director for the state OEP Directors' Conference in February.

Motion carried.

The president called for the election of officers for 2009 and opened the floor for nominations for president:

Mr. Hightower nominated Mr. Langston, and Mr. Goss seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Smith to elect Mr. Langston as president for 2009. Motion carried with Mr. Langston not voting.

Mr. Langston assumed the chair and called for nominations for vice president.

Mr. Goss nominated Mr. Hightower for vice president.

Ms. Monroe nominated Mr. Duck, and Mr. Zeno seconded the nomination of Mr. Duck. Mr. Hightower requested that his name be withdrawn.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to elect Mr. Duck as vice president for 2009. Motion carried with Mr. Duck not voting.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes of the December 8, 2008 and December 22, 2008 meetings of the jury, the December financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Goss gave the report of the Building & Grounds Committee:

"Building and Grounds
January 6, 2009

The Building and Grounds Committee met Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Goss, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Zeno and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Goss. Mr. Goss gave the invocation and Mr. Duck led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

Mr. Perry Watson of Yeager, Watson and Associates presented plans for the proposed roof for the Jackson Parish Courthouse.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury advertise for bids for the roof project for the Courthouse building. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that an additional quote be obtained for the relocation of communication towers on the courthouse roof, and that the building superintendent be authorized to engage the lowest successful quote for the removal and relocation of communication equipment on the courthouse roof on the condition that the successful bidder can meet the required timeline for construction. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of January 6, 2009 as amended. Motion carried.

Ms. Monroe presented the report of the Solid Waste Committee:

"Solid Waste
January 6, 2009

The Solid Waste Committee met Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 5:40 PM in the community center. Members present: Mr. Goss, Mr. Hightower and Ms. Monroe. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Ms. Monroe. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury accept the amendment to the Jury's Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Union Parish Police Jury for dumping fees in the Union Parish Landfill, and that the amended fee of \$25.20 per ton become effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury increase the dumping fee for disposal of waste originating outside Jackson Parish to \$35 per ton. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the professional leave travel of the solid waste superintendent to the Louisiana Solid Waste Association's Environmental Conference in Lafayette March 25-27th. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury promote Glen Henderson to supervisor in the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the January 6, 2009 Solid Waste Committee with the deletion of the appointment of a supervisor in the solid waste department; and that item to be voted on individually. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to promote Glen Henderson to the position of supervisor in the solid waste department. Motion carried with Mr. Zeno voting against.

The secretary-treasurer presented the report of the Road Committee:

"Road
January 6, 2009

The Road Committee met Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:10 PM in the community center. Members present: Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Hightower, Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Langston. Ms. Rosie Price discussed the need for additional drainage on Ed Barnes Road, and problems associated with hunting clubs in the area of Ed Barnes and Joe Road.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include an update on the LCDBG Street Project Grant. There were no public comments on the amendment. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury approve the repair of Waldroup Road with costs to be paid from Capital Outlay. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the January 6, 2009 Road Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno presented the report of the Finance Committee:

“Finance
January 6, 2009

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:40 PM in the community center. Members present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Zeno. Also present: Mr. Goss, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith.

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

Mr. Zeno presented items for amendments:

IRS mileage rate for 2009

Authorization to destroy old records

Transfer of solid waste funds

Funding of courthouse roof project

Saturday work at parish landfill by DEQ certified employees

Atmos Energy franchise

There were no public comments on the amendments.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda as presented by the chairman. All voted in favor.

Mr. Henry Kemp discussed the Jackson Parish Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury take the request of the Jackson Parish Sports Hall of Fame Foundation under advisement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury allocate \$20,000 to the Office of Addictive Disorders with the immediate expenditure of \$7,500 for the OAD. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury notify constables and justices of the peace that travel expenses for the 2009 conference would be made only for those required to attend for 2009 certification, and that the president issue a letter to all constables and justices of the peace of the notice. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the request of the Building Official for Training in 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the professional leave travel request of the building official to attend the Building Officials Annual Conference in New Orleans March 1-3. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the implementation of compensating the DEQ certified employee in charge of the Saturday shift at the parish landfill an additional 10% above their normal scale. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury set the travel reimbursement rate for 2009 at 55 cents per mile in accordance with IRS guidelines effective January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the request of Patricia Joye for sick leave beginning January 13th and extending until released by a physician. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the secretary-treasurer to destroy specified documents from permanent storage. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the transfer of \$544,504 from the solid waste fund to the 2009 road project fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury allocate Capital Outlay funds for the anticipated balance of the Courthouse roof project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury refer the proposed ordinance for Atmos Energy's franchise to legal counsel. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the January 6, 2009 Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the engineer to advertise for bids for the LCDBG Street Project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to authorize the engineer to prepare projects for submission under the president's National Stimulus Program. There were no comments from the public on the item for amendment.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the engineer to prepare projects for submission under the president's National Stimulus Program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the emergency / off schedule report of the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to accept the road report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to accept the solid waste report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to approve the payment of \$19,877.91 for the 4th quarter of 2008 to the Second Judicial District Attorney's office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to take the presented nuisance violations under advisement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to approve the following purchase orders:

Flags USA	\$ 661.00	General
Dreher Contracting	\$21,250.00	Asphalt
Evangeline Specialties	\$ 1,128.00	Road
Northern Tool	\$ 450.00	Road

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to set the second Monday of each Month at 6:00 PM as the regular meeting date for 2009, and all regular meetings to be held at the Jackson Parish Community Center. Motion carried.

The president presented the committees and appointments for 2009:

Executive / Finance:

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Chair
Eddie Langston
Ray Duck

Road:

Kent Hightower, Chair
Tom Goss
Eddie Langston

Solid Waste:

Ray Duck, Chair
Eddie Langston
Maxie Monroe

Personnel:

Troy Smith, Chair
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.
Mr. Duck

Building & Grounds:

Maxie Monroe, Chair
Tom Goss
Kent Hightower

Pine Belt MPAA Board of Directors:

Maxie Monroe

Jackson Parish Sales Tax Collection Board:

Eddie Langston

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to accept the president's committee and board appointments for 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for grant funding of the local OEP office for 2008-2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the professional leave / travel request of the OEP Director to attend the mandated state OEP Director's Conference in February. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to adjourn. Motion carried.