

January 14, 2008  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Thomas Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Kent Hightower, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe, Mr. David Ray Duck, Jr. and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Zeno.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to discuss term limits of officers. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to void the standing rule preventing an officer from succeeding themselves. Motion carried.

The president yielded the chair to the vice president. The vice president opened the floor for nominations for office of President.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to elect Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. as president for 2008. Motion carried. The president resumed the chair and opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Hightower to elect Eddie Langston as vice president. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to declare the 6:00 PM on the second Monday of each month as the regular meeting time for 2008, and regular meetings to be held at the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to renew the contract for the secretary-treasurer for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

Public comments: Mr. Will McConathy (Ward 7) requested that the jury consider implementing an ordinance prohibiting the use of "jake brakes" in Jackson parish, and asked that the jury request the La. Department of Transportation to place a caution light at the intersection of La. 147 and Bear Knoll Drive.

The president recognized Ms. Amanda Sewell of the LSU Extension Office. Ms. Sewell introduced two new employees with the extension office, Ms. Diane Uzzle and Mr. Josh Wilhite. Motion carried.

The president recognized Mr. Jay Mallard of Jay Mallard Ford-Lincoln-Mercury. Mr. Mallard discussed the purchase of vehicles under state contract and requested that Jay Mallard Ford be allowed to offer piggy backing of state contracts.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the minutes of the December 10, 2007, December 19, 2007 meetings, and the December financial report and approve the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Paul Riley presented the Engineer's report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to accept the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to accept the solid waste report for December. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the resignation of Frank Lott from the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to accept the emergency / off schedule report of the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Hightower to accept the resignation of Billy Head from the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to accept the road report for December. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to reappoint Paul Johns, Chet Ramsey and Kristy Wyatt to the Ward 4 Fire Protection District Board for terms of two years. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to appoint Claudean Cartwright, Bettye Pate and Sue Denton to a full term on the Beautification Council. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the resignation of Johnny Mathews from the Hodge Fire Protection District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Goss to appoint Hal Mims to fill the unexpired term of Johnny Mathews on the Hodge Fire Protection District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the request of the Town of Jonesboro for use of the community center on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the State of the Town Address. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Goss to approve the request of the Clerk of Court for use of the community center on February 4<sup>th</sup> for pre-election poll worker training. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to initiate proceedings on a nuisance ordinance violation on property located at 400 Spillway Estates, Chatham. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Goss to authorize a temporary loan not to exceed \$125,000 to the Jackson Parish OEP (Federal) for 90 days. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to formulate a Parish Economic Development Conference for parish boards and agencies. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to approve the payment of \$400 to National Association of Counties for 2008 membership dues. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to approve the payment of \$800 to North Delta Regional Planning & Development District, Inc. for 2008 membership dues. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to approve the request of the LSU Extension agency for use of the community center on February 18<sup>th</sup> for a 4-H Cookery Contest and on February 26<sup>th</sup> for a horticulture field day open to the general public. Motion carried.

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

J. S. Burks	\$ 800.00	Road
Covington Sales	\$1,045.00	Road
Ram Truck Equipment	\$ 574.90	Solid Waste
ICC	\$ 420.00	UCC

The president presented the list of committees for 2008:

**EXECUTIVE / FINANCE**

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Chair

Eddie Langston

Kent Hightower

**ROAD COMMITTEE**

Eddie Langston, Chair

Ray Duck

Thomas Goss

**SOLID WASTE**

Maxie Monroe, Chair

Thomas Goss

Kent Hightower

**PERSONNEL**

Troy Smith, Chair

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.

Maxie Monroe

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (Ad hoc)**

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Chair

Eddie Langston

Ray Duck

**PINE BELT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Maxie Monroe

**SALES TAX BOARD**

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.

**TRAILBLAZER**

**SPARTA COMMISSION**

Todd Culpepper

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to accept the list of committees for 2008. Motion carried.

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