

February 23, 2004
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, February 23, 2004, at 6:00 P.M. in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Mr. Leslie Thompson, Dr. Charles Garrett 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. Magee led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to amend the agenda to include a presentation by Mayor Don Essmeier on Economic Development. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Terry Hayden, president of the Robinson-Chapel Water System requested that the water system be placed in line for a Rural Development Grant.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Langston to place the Robinson-Chapel Water System in line for a Rural Development Grant. Motion carried.

Mrs. Fannie Williams, Chairperson of the Jackson Parish Hospital Board updated the Jury on the condition of the Jackson Parish Hospital. No action was taken.

Mayor Essmeier discussed the need for a parish wide economic development program.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Dr. Garrett to request that local legislators introduce legislation to grant Jackson Parish an exemption to exceed the legal limit of sales tax with the intention to call a sales tax election for the purpose of supporting economic development in Jackson Parish.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ward 1 – Yea, Ward 2 – Yea, Ward 3 – Yea, Ward 4 – Yea, Ward 5 – Yea, Ward 6 – Yea, Ward 7 – Yea

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2004 jury meeting. Motion carried.

Dr. Garrett presented the minutes of the February 18, 2004 Finance Committee meeting:

“Finance Committee
February 18, 2004

The Finance Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Zeno and Dr. Garrett. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Magee, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Smith.

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

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to amend the agenda to include:

Purchase of mapping software

Purchase of hand held GPS units

Advertisement of bids for a portable decontamination unit

Motion carried.

Mrs. Nell Stadlander discussed Council on Aging's plan for a proposed millage election.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury redirect \$100,000 from Road Equipment Purchases to the 2004 Road Program from the Capital Outlay Fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury authorize the Parish Engineer to prepare specifications for the advertisement of bids for:

1. Expansion of the Community Center parking lot
2. Expansion of the Community Center facility

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury authorize the advertisement for the purchase of a wood chipper from Solid Waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the Jury authorize the purchase of VRiskMap software at a cost of \$8,500 for compliance with FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan requirement and to be purchased from Office of Emergency Preparedness funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the Jury authorize the purchase of 3 hand held GPS units from Office of Emergency Preparedness funds at a cost not to exceed \$200 each. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the Jury authorize the advertisement of bids for the purchase of one (1) Mobile Decontamination Tent Shelter System to be purchased through a Regional HHS and Office of Emergency Preparedness Grant. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 Finance Committee as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno relinquished the chair to the vice president as he gave the report of the February 18, 2004 Personnel Committee:

"Personnel Committee
February 18, 2004

The Personnel Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 1:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Zeno, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Smith. Also present: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Langston, Mr. Magee and Dr. Garrett.

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

Public comments were made by Henry Kimp.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to amend the agenda to include the letter from Village of Hodge regarding their appointee to the Jackson Parish Recreation Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to accept the resignation of John Dye from the Jackson Parish Watershed Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to amend the agenda to recognize Tim Wyatt, Jonesboro Fire Chief. Motion carried.

Mr. Wyatt discussed the Jonesboro Fire District #1 Board and their lack of attendance at meetings.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the Jury reappoint Mr. James Bradford as the Private Sector Representative on the Workforce Investment Board SDA-83 Board of Directors. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of February 18, 2004 Personnel Committee and refer action pertaining to the appointment to the Workforce Investment Board back to committee. Motion carried.

The vice president relinquished the chair to president.

Mr. Thompson presented the report of the February 18, 2004 Building & Grounds Committee meeting:

“Building and Grounds Committee
February 18, 2004

The Building and Grounds Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 2:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Magee and Mr. Thompson. Also present: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Zeno, Dr. Garrett and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Thompson.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to amend the agenda to discuss the Memorial Bricks at the Veterans Park. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the Jury authorize the Building Superintendent to proceed with the stripping and waxing of floors at the Health Unit utilizing the parish’s building employee and payment of overtime for said project; and all associated cost be paid from Health Unit funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the Jury authorize the Building Superintendent to construct needed shelving at the Health Unit with all associated costs charged to the Health Unit. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to request that the Building Superintendent inspect the stove in the parish jail and provide recommendations and associated costs of repair or replacement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the Jury reimburse the Jackson Parish Sheriff’s Department for registration fees for one (1) deputy/jailer attendance at a required food safety class upon presentation of the required La. State Food Safety Certificate. Motion carried.

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

”Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 Building and Grounds Committee as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston presented the minutes of the February 18, 2004 Road Committee meeting:

"Road Committee
February 18, 2004

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 2:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Langston and Dr. Garrett. Also present: Mr. Magee, Mr. Zeno and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Langston.

Public comments were made by Jerreld Robison, Bobby Greer and Emma Jones.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury accept the engineer's recommendation that the blacktopping of Zoar Road end 350 feet past the last residence. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury approve the request of the Village of Eros for one truckload of gravel and one load of cold mix. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury approve the request of the Village of North Hodge for two loads of gravel and two loads of cold mix; and that the parish engineer inspect the bridge on Fifth Street and make a recommendation on the repair of the bridge. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury approve the request of the School Board for a bus turnaround at 621 Hall Road. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury authorize the bounty of \$25 per beaver killed in Jackson Parish and that \$1,000 be initially dedicated to the eradication project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Dr. Garrett to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 Road Committee meeting. Motion carried.

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

Parish Printers	\$1,200.00	General
Software & Services	855.00	General
J. D. Caver	40,400.00	Road
Hydraulic Depot	250.00	Solid Waste
Winn Rock	517.50	Road
Covington Sales & Service	890.00	Road
Hixson Autoplex	115.00	Solid Waste
Sharpco	160.00	Solid Waste
Business Products & Designs	978.00	Health Unit
Insight	549.00	Health Unit

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to authorize payment of \$3,030 to the Veteran's Affairs office for the semi-annual payment. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried.