

March 23, 2009
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in special session Monday, March 23, 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.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Langston. Ms. Monroe gave the invocation and Mr. Smith led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

The president asked that the travel reimbursement of the justices of the peace and the constables be added to the agenda. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include the travel reimbursement of the constables and justices of the peace. All voted in favor.

Mr. Zeno requested that the agenda be amended to include obtaining an appraisal of property for consideration of a bin site at the intersection of Leon Drive and La. 542. There were no public comments on the amendment.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include obtaining an appraisal of property for consideration of a bin site at the intersection of Leon Drive and La. 542. All voted in favor.

The president recognized Mr. Jonathan Stewart, District Attorney. Mr. Stewart addressed the financial needs of his office and funding by Jackson, Bienville and Claiborne parishes.

The president recognized Mr. Perry Watson, Architect with Yeager, Watson & Associates. He discussed the bids for the courthouse roof project.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the request of an additional immediate appropriation of \$20,000 to the district attorney's office, and to increase the quarterly reimbursement to \$25,000 effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to accept the low bid of Walker Construction in the amount of \$698,753 plus an Alternate #1 bid of \$9,093 for a total of \$707,846.00 contingent upon the deductive Change Order #1 reducing the contract by \$103,898 for the reroofing of the Jackson Parish Courthouse and authorize the president to sign all contracts and documents pertaining to said contract.

Yeas: Mr. Goss, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Duck

Nays: Mr. Smith

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to appraise property located at the intersection of Leon Drive and LA 542 for a potential model bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the payment of travel reimbursements of the constables and justices of the peace for the 2009 conference in accordance with the travel policy. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to contribute \$1,500 to the Dugdemona Soil & Water Conservation District's education projects. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to sign the request of Tiger Pipeline Co. allowing access to the parish landfill for surveying the property boundaries. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the purchase of a used dump truck from J. T. Allen in the amount of \$7,500 to be paid from solid waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the solid waste superintendent to add one additional position for a CDL driver in the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to approve the payment of \$2,300 to Maxwell Construction for removal of a concrete slab and dirt work necessary to close the Springhill bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include

1. The drafting of an ordinance by legal counsel for the creation of the Gate City Sewer District.
2. The issuance of a letter to the district's Congressman in support of emergency funding for the Gate City Sewer District

There were no public comments. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize legal counsel to draft an ordinance creating the Gate City Sewer District. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the president to submit a letter to the district's Congressman in requesting emergency funding for the Gate City Sewer District. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to issue a Letter of Support in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant on behalf of the Punkin-Center Hilltop Water System. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to authorize the president to issue a Letter of Support in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant on behalf of Weston Water System. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to issue a Letter of Support in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant on behalf of Walker Water System. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to issue a Letter of Support in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant on behalf of Robinson Chapel Water System. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to cease use of parish funds for civic / social events.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to amend the motion to include the phase “unless beneficial for the parish”. Motion carried. The president called for a vote on the motion as amended. Motion carried.

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

Wastequip	\$24,000.00	Solid Waste
Alpha Tech Computers	\$ 2,680.00	Local OEP
AIS, Inc.	\$ 840.00	Local OEP
Hi-Tech Computers	\$ 1,250.00	Local OEP
Louisiana Machinery	\$ 870.00	Road
LaGrandier Fence Co.	\$ 603.00	Solid Waste

Motion carried.

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