

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, April 13, 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. Doug Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

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

During public comments Mr. Will McConathy discussed the theft of numerous 911 signs on parish roads throughout the parish.

The president requested that the agenda be amended to include:  
Travel request of the secretary-treasurer  
Travel request of the OEP director

There were no public comments on the amendments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include the travel request of the secretary-treasurer and the OEP director. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to adopt the minutes of the March 9, and March 23, 2009 minutes, the March financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Paul Riley presented the engineer's report.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to repair Waldroup Road in Eros by Amethyst Construction as per 2009 material bid at a cost of \$35,750 to be paid from capital outlay funds. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Zeno to accept the low bid of Amethyst Construction Co. in the amount of \$253,400 for the 2008 LCDBG Street Project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the president to notify the Department of Transportation & Development to approve the plan change alternate for the resurfacing of La. Hwy 809. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the engineer's report. Motion carried.

Jody Stuckey presented the road report.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to accept the emergency / off schedule report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to refer to committee the AT&T invoice for line damage on Cotton Road. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to approve the sale of 45 tons of reclaimed asphalt to the Jackson Parish School Board at a cost of \$1,170. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the report of the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Robin Sessions presented the solid waste report.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the report of the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to promote Edquado Howard to Operator as recommended by the solid waste superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to approve the probationary employment of Christopher Neathery as a Truck Driver 1 as recommended by the solid waste superintendent pending physical/drug screening and background check. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to take under advisement the draft of the Gate City Sewer District ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to refer the draft of the amendments to the Liquor Ordinance to committee. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Zeno and seconded by Ms. Monroe:

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is

hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (TAX RENEWAL)

Summary: 10 year 5.06 mills property tax renewal of the Parish of Jackson for the purpose of maintenance of Parish roads and bridges.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a five and six hundredths (5.06) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$900,680 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2010 and ending with the year 2019, for the purpose of maintenance of Parish roads and bridges?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (TAX RENEWAL)

Summary: 10 year 4.40 mills property tax renewal of the Parish of Jackson for the purpose of asphaltting and paving roads and maintenance of such roads.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a four and forty hundredths (4.40) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$783,200 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2010 and ending with the year 2019, for the purpose of asphaltting and paving roads and maintenance of such roads?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Jackson Independent*, a weekly (Thursday) newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Jonesboro, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Jackson Parish Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Monday, December 14, 2009, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Jackson Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Jackson Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
Tom Goss	X			
Eddie Langston	X			
Kent Hightower	X			
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.	X			

Maxie F. Monroe	X
David Ray Duck, Jr.	X
Troy L. Smith	X

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

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/s/ Kenneth Pardue  
Secretary-Treasurer

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/s/ Eddie Langston  
President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 13, 2009, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

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POLLING PLACES

Precinct	Location
01	Quitman Village Hall
02	Quitman Village Hall
03	Quitman Fire Station
04	Clay Fire Station
05	Vernon Fire Station
05A	Vernon Fire Station
06	Eros Village Hall
07	Eros Village Hall
08	Chatham Town Hall
08A	Chatham Town Hall
09	Chatham Town Hall
10	Ward 4 Fire Station
11	Ward 4 Fire Station
13	McDonald Recreation Center
14A	Hodge Fire Station
15	North Hodge Village Hall
16	East Hodge Village Hall
17	Hodge Fire Station
17A	Hodge Fire Station
18	Hodge Fire Station
19	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
19A	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
19B	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
20	Hawk School
20A	Hawk School





STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JACKSON

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing six (6) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on April 13, 2009, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

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Kenneth Pardue  
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to conduct a public hearing Monday, May 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1233 for receiving comments from the public for increasing the compensation of the president by \$150 per month effective upon adoption. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the request of the Jackson Parish Library for use of the community center on July 30, 2009 with all fees waived. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to approve the request of the Beautification Council for use of the community center on June 20, 2008 with all fees waived. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Goss to adopt a resolution in support of the LSU Extension Service's continued funding. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to proclaim April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup> as *National Community Development Week*. Motion carried.

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

Diesel Truck Repair	\$1,500.00	Solid Waste
Hanson Fire & Safety	\$ 602.97	Local OEP
Louisiana Machinery	\$1,065.75	Road

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the travel request of the secretary-treasurer for April 28<sup>th</sup> to Baton Rouge for a millage class sponsored by the Legislative Auditor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the travel request of the OEP director for training April 23-24 in Monroe. Motion carried.

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