

May 11, 2009  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met Monday, May 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana to conduct a public hearing in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1233 for the proposed adoption of an ordinance increasing the monthly compensation of the Jackson Parish Police Jury President by an additional amount of \$150 per month effective upon adoption. 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. The invocation was given by Mr. Smith and Mr. Goss led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president declared the public hearing open. There were no comments from the public.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, May 11, 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. Langston.

There were no public comments.

The president recognized Mr. Chad Caskey, Ward 2 Fire District Chief. He presented a request on behalf of the Ward Two fire district concerning the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The following items were presented as amendments to the agenda:

Authorize advertisement for the purchase of 700/800 MHz radios.  
Letter of Support for the construction of the Tiger Pipeline Project  
Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure

There were no comments from the public on the amendments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include:

Authorize advertisement for the purchase of 700/800 MHz radios.  
Letter of Support for the construction of the Tiger Pipeline Project  
Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure  
All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2009 minutes, the April financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The president called for the committee reports.

Mr. Zeno gave the report of the Finance Committee.

“Finance  
April 20, 2009

The Finance Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno, and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Goss, Mr. Hightower, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Zeno. Mr. Zeno gave the invocation and Mr. Langston led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Robert Greer made public comments about the proposed covered pavilion.

The following items were requested to be placed as amendments to the agenda:

2003 Road Certificates of Indebtedness  
Watershed Permits  
2009 Municipal Appropriations

There were no comments from the public on the three items.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to include:

2003 Road Certificates of Indebtedness  
Watershed Permits  
2009 Municipal Appropriations  
All voted in favor.

The rules governing use of the community center were discussed. The president will present recommendations for the committee's review.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that legal counsel prepare two additional amendments to the Liquor Ordinance for presentation for the jury's approval:

1. Allow for a comment period before the secretary-treasurer review and approve applications. After the comment period, the secretary-treasurer shall take appropriate

action on each permit. Those entities disagreeing with the ruling of the secretary-treasurer may appeal to the Jackson Parish Police Jury.

2. Authorize an annual criminal background check to be performed by the sheriff on each applicant.

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury amend the draft of the Gate City Sewer District as follows:

Section 1.3 (C) The Board may establish and provide for such other officers, agents and employees as it may deem necessary and appropriate for the accomplishment of its object and purpose, and define and fix the duties, terms and compensation thereof. Each member of the Board, **but only with the approval of the Board**, shall be entitled to receive a stated per diem, which shall not be in excess of Fifty (\$50.00) fifty dollars, and a travel allowance not to exceed the amount fixed by statute.

Section 1.4 The DISTRICT shall comprise all unincorporated areas of Jackson Parish, Louisiana located South of the southern limits of the Village of Hodge, North of the centerline of the of the drainage canal draining into the Dugdemona as it exists at the time this ordinance is passed and within 2000 feet west of the centerline of U.S. Highway #167 as it exists at the time this ordinance is passed. The composition of the DISTRICT may be expanded by the Jackson Parish Police Jury, at the request of the DISTRICT but only after a vote of the Jackson Parish Police Jury to do so at a public meeting, notice of which will be provided to the public.

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury make the following amendments to the 2009 Consolidated Budget for financing the payment of the courthouse roof project:

1. Amend the General fund budget deleting the transfer of \$200,000 to the Capital Outlay Fund and increasing the General Fund capital projects line item by \$200,000.
2. Amend the Statutory Reserve Fund by transferring up to \$150,000 to the General Fund and increasing the capital projects line item by \$150,000.

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury approve the quotation of BlueCross BlueShield for employee hospitalization and life insurance for the 2009-2010 year.  
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury allow voluntary payroll deduction for supplemental insurance by AFLAC agent Jan Beville. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to begin the process of canvassing governmental agencies for participation in the YES Program. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston left the committee meeting to attend a meeting of the Library Board Meeting and the Watershed Commission.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury institute proceedings in a Nuisance Ordinance complaint against Michael Marler on property located at 400 Spillway Estates, Chatham, Louisiana. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury authorize the Jackson Parish Watershed to utilize the Police Jury office as a point of contact where citizens can pick up permit forms and other information during the normal working hours of 7:30 AM through 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury require municipalities to specify individual projects for reimbursement of the \$7,500 jury appropriation. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

The secretary gave the report of the Road Committee.

“Road  
April 20, 2009

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Goss and Mr. Hightower. Absent: Mr. Langston. Also present: Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Hightower. Public comments were made concerning the need for ditching on roads.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the road superintendent to advertising for the purchase of a heated tank to be paid from road and asphalt funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the experimental treatment using Poly-Con at an approximate cost of \$40,000, with the treatment to be placed on Mt. Mariah Church Road (.4 mile) and Mariah Road (.6 mile) as recommended by the parish engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the repair bill from AT&T for line damage be referred to legal counsel for advisement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development for the receipt of approximately 276 cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt from their LA. Hwy 148 project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the quote of LaGrandier Fencing to construct a fence and gate across the jury's property on Pardue Loop at a cost of \$3,290. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury schedule a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the removal of Rayner Road from the parish road system. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury approve the request of Pine Belt Head Start for repairing pot holes in the Union Bee Head Start parking lot. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury engage Harvey Sumner for beaver control on designated parish roads with a bounty fee of \$25 per beaver with a maximum amount of \$500 to be expended. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Road Committee. Motion carried.

Jody Stuckey presented the road report.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to accept the road report. Motion carried.

Robin Sessions presented the solid waste report.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to accept the monthly report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to approve the placement of an aluminum can bin for recycling. Motion carried.

Paul Walsworth presented the Office of Emergency Preparedness report.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize a temporary loan up to \$15,000 for operation of the local OEP office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to take the bids for generators under advisement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to advertise for the purchase of 700/800 MHz radios to be paid from OEP funds. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-0511-2009  
GATE CITY SEWER DISTRICT**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CREATING THE GATE CITY SEWER DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO GOVERN SAID DISTRICT; APPOINTING THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of an unincorporated area of Jackson Parish known as Gate City have, for many years, been dealing with sewer problems on their own and with the assistance of the Village of Hodge and the Town of Jonesboro, neither of which are legally obligated to assist with those sewer problems since the residents of Gate City are not citizens of either the Village of Hodge or the Town of Jonesboro; and

**WHEREAS**, the assistance with sewer problems provided by the Village of Hodge is becoming more and more unavailable due to the increasing need for sewer services by the residents of Gate City and the continuing deterioration of sewer facilities in Gate City which for years have been inadequate to protect the public health of the residents of Gate City to extent those citizens desire; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Gate City have requested that the Jackson Parish Police Jury create a sewer district for the purpose of allowing the sewer district thereby created to try and create and thereafter operate a sanitary sewer system for the citizens of Gate City:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, convened in regular session on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, that the following Ordinance is hereby enacted:

SECTION 1

**Section 1.1 Creation**

There is hereby created, under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 22:7832 et. seq. a sanitary sewer district which is to be called the GATE CITY SEWER DISTRICT, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the DISTRICT.

### **Section 1.2 Powers**

The DISTRICT shall have all powers of sanitary sewer districts provided under Louisiana, including but not limited to those set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7834.

### **Section 1.3 Governance**

- (A) The DISTRICT shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of five (5) persons, each of whom shall be appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury for terms of two (2) years. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7833 the members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the governing authority of the Jackson Parish Police Jury.
- (B) The Board shall elect its officers which shall include a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer may be, but shall not be required to be, a member of the Board. All other officers shall be members of the Board.
- (C) The Board may establish and provide for such other officers, agents and employees as it may deem necessary and appropriate for the accomplishment of its object and purpose, and define and fix the duties, terms and compensation thereof. Each member of the Board, **but only with the approval of the Board**, shall be entitled to receive a stated per diem, which shall not be in excess of Fifty (\$50.00) fifty dollars, and a travel allowance not to exceed the amount fixed by statute.

### **Section 1.4 Territorial Composition**

The DISTRICT shall comprise all unincorporated areas of Jackson Parish, Louisiana located South of the southern limits of the Village of Hodge, North of the centerline of the of the drainage canal draining into the Dugdemona as it exists at the time this ordinance is passed and within 2000 feet west of the centerline of U.S. Highway #167 as it exists at the time this ordinance is passed. The composition of the DISTRICT may be expanded by the Jackson Parish Police Jury, at the request of the DISTRICT but only after a vote of the Jackson Parish Police Jury to do so at a public meeting, notice of which will be provided to the public.

### **Section 1.5 Duration**

The DISTRICT shall exist and continue and shall have and enjoy existence and succession for a period of the later of ninety-nine years from the date of its creation or until all of its

contractual obligations have been performed and all debts securities issued by it have been fully paid.

SECTION 2

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Parish of Jackson without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance was read and considered by sections and as a whole, and on motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Monroe was adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
Kenneth O. Pardue  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Eddie Langston  
Eddie Langston  
President

CERTIFICATE

I, KENNETH O. PARDUE, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Jackson Parish Police Jury declare that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Jackson Parish Police Jury at a legal meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 at which a quorum was present and voting.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
KENNETH O. PARDUE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

The following was offer by Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-0511-2009**

**AMENDMENT TO JACKSON PARISH LIQUOR  
ORDINANCE ADOPTED OCTOBER 5, 1992 AS AMENDED IN ORDINANCES  
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 1, 1994 AND JUNE 7, 1999**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY AMENDING THE JACKSON PARISH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCES AS REFLECTED IN ORDINANCES ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 5, 1992, FEBRUARY 1, 1994 AND JUNE 7, 1999 REVISING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF YEARLY LICENSES, PROVIDING FOR APPEALS FOR THE DENIAL OR ISSUANCE OF SAID LICENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS the Jackson Parish Police Jury desires to amend its existing Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance s as to amend Section 5 of the portions of that Ordinance as it exists now which was adopted on October 5, 1992 so as to have that section provide that permits are to be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Jackson Parish Police Jury subject to the review by the Jackson Parish Police Jury of such issuance or denial:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Jackson Parish, in regular session, duly convened on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance of the Jackson Parish Police Jury adopted on October 5, 1992, as amended on February 1, 1995 and June 7, 1999, be and is hereby modified as follows:

SECTION 1

To delete Section 5 of the Ordinance as it presently exists adopted on October 5, 1992 and to substitute therefore the following Section 5, to-wit:

“Section 5: (A) All the applications for the permits for new businesses shall be filed with the Police Jury and shall be accompanied by a cashier’s check or money order in the proper amount payable to the Police Jury of Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

(B) All applications for renewal of a license and permit shall be filed with the Police Jury’s office on or before the first day of November of each year and the remittance must accompany all applications. Immediately upon the filing of an application for a renewal or for the issuance of a new permit the Secretary-Treasurer shall request that the Sheriff of Jackson Parish conduct, at the expense of the Applicant, a criminal background check and communicate the results of that criminal background check to the Secretary-Treasurer immediately.

(C) Upon receipt of any application for a new or for a renewal the Secretary-Treasurer shall place the matter upon the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Jackson Parish Police Jury for the purpose of allowing public comments on the application. After the meeting at which public comments are allowed on the application the Secretary-Treasurer shall promptly review the application and the results of the criminal background check. The Secretary-Treasurer shall determine whether or not the applicant has complied with the provisions of this ordinance and is, as a result, entitled to the issuance or renewal of that license. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, within ten (10) days of deciding to issue or deny the license advise the applicant and the members of the Jackson Parish Police Jury of the decision. The Applicant or any member of the Jackson Parish Police Jury can file a written objection to the decision of the Secretary-Treasurer. The written objection must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury within five (5) days of being notified of the decision. If an objection is filed the Jackson Parish Police Jury shall, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, decide whether to affirm or reverse the decision of the Secretary-Treasurer to issue or deny the license. If the Secretary-Treasurer determines that a license should be issued and if no objection is timely filed the Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately issue the license. No license shall be issued until the period for an objection to the Secretary-Treasurer’s decision has lapsed without the filing of an objection, or, if an objection is filed, the decision has been affirmed or reversed.

## SECTION 2

Except as herein modified all previously enacted provisions of the above referred to Ordinance be and the same shall hereby remain unchanged.



Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this 11th day of May, 2009.

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
KENNETH O. PARDUE, SECRETARY

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Zeno and seconded by Mr. Duck:

**ORDINANCE 03-0511-2009**

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 32:1233, which provides for the adoption of an ordinance increasing the compensation of the Jackson Parish Police Jury President, the Jackson Parish Police Jury hereby increases the compensation of the president by an additional amount of \$150 per month effective upon adoption.

YEAS: Mr. Smith, Mr. Duck, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Zeno, Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower  
NAYS: Mr. Goss  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None

WHEREUPON said ordinance was declared adopted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, at Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to declare the property located at 400 Spillway Estates, Chatham, Louisiana in violation of the parish's Nuisance Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to appoint the *Jackson Independent* as Official Journal for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to accept the resignation of Ray Anderson from the Hodge Fire Protection District #1 Board of Directors effective May 12, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Zeno to appoint Gerald Foster to fill the unexpired term of Ray Anderson on the Hodge Fire Protection District #1 Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to reappoint Brenda Jefferson to the Jackson Parish Tourism Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Zeno to accept the quotation of Trenchless Methods, Inc in the amount of \$16,742 for the relocation of water lines and meter at the Jackson Parish Landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to sign a Letter of Intent to submit applications under the Recovery Act – Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for 770 yards of reclaimed asphalt from the 167 project north of Quitman. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to sign the rights of way agreements for the Tolar Street drainage project. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to employ ten youth in the YES program for a period of ten weeks, with the participants to be paid at minimum wage. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the purchase of ESRI Software in the amount of \$3,012.44 from Homeland Security funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the purchase of ESRI Software in the amount of \$8,510.71 to be paid from the LTAP Road Safety Grant Program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to approve the payment of \$3,500 to GNF Management for the 2008 LCDBG Street Project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to transfer \$5,000 from the general fund to the Petit Jury / Grand Jury fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Smith to approve the payment of \$1,500 to the *Jackson Independent* for the special issue highlighting Jackson parish. Motion carried.

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

Hanson Fire & Safety	\$3,041.00	Local OEP
Quarles Plumbing	\$ 850.00	Solid Waste
Diesel Truck Repair	\$1,200.00	Solid Waste
Hydra Tech Systems	\$ 800.00	Solid Waste
Curry's	\$4,200.00	Solid Waste
Contech Construction	\$1,100.00	Road
Irrigation Mart	\$1,600.00	Road
Thorn's Communication	\$ 432.00	Health Unit

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to authorize the president to issue a Letter of Support for the Tiger Pipeline Project scheduled for construction in 2010-2011. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the president to send a letter to the governor, state senator and representative opposing the Financial Disclosure laws pertaining to board members and commissioners. Motion carried.

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