

July 14, 2008
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, July 14, 2008 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, Ms. Maxie Monroe, Mr. Ray Duck and Mr. Troy Smith. Absent: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Also present: Mr. Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include: Authorization for the vice president to sign the cooperative endeavor agreement with Louisiana DOTD for reclaimed asphalt. Motion carried.

Public comments: Ms. Emma Jones discussed needed repairs to Vernon-Eros Road.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Hightower to authorize the vice president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for reclaimed asphalt on the La. Hwy 505 project. Motion carried.

The Jury recognized the following visitors:

Ms. Renee Stringer reported on the progress of the Jackson Parish Beautification Council.

Mr. Darrell Avery introduced himself as a candidate for District Attorney for the Second Judicial District.

Mr. Lynn Tubb addressed the jury concerning the Watershed Commission's action to draw down Caney Lake and urged the jury to conduct a public hearing on the drawdown.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2008 and June 19, 2008 jury meetings, the financial report for June, and the payment of all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley presented the Engineer's report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to accept the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

Mr. Curtis Blakely presented the report of the solid waste department.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to accept the solid waste report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the low bid of Scott Equipment Company in the amount of \$119,848 for a Volvo EC140CL excavator to be paid from solid waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to approve the permanent employment of Jeffrey Harlan in the solid waste department effective July 29, 2008 contingent upon completion of 90 day probationary period as recommended by the solid waste superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to approve the permanent employment of Leroy Farmer effective July 15, 2008 as recommended by the solid waste superintendent. Motion carried.

Mr. Jody Stuckey presented the report of the road department.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the emergency / off schedule report as presented.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the road report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the permanent employment of Marcus Thompson effective July 26, 2008 contingent upon completion of 90 day probationary period as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to approve the permanent employment of Carl Hopper effective July 26, 2008 contingent upon completion of 90 day probationary period as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the distribution of the 2008 fiscal appropriations:

Louisiana National Guard	\$ 1,200
Jackson Heritage Museum	\$ 7,000
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging	\$12,000
Pine Belt Multipurpose Agency	\$12,000
Trailblazer, Inc.	\$ 1,200
Town of Chatham	\$ 7,500
Village of East Hodge	\$ 7,500
Town of Eros	\$ 7,500
Village of Hodge	\$ 7,500
Town of Jonesboro	\$ 7,500
Village of North Hodge	\$ 7,500
Village of Quitman	\$ 7,500
Parish fire districts	\$30,000

Motion carried

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to amend Ordinance #01-0712-04 as follows:

Section 2. Definition

- (a) The term "subdivision," as used in this article, shall mean the division of any parcel of land shown as a unit or as contiguous units on the last preceding tax roll into two (2) or more parcels, sites, or lots, any one of which is less than two (2) acres, for the

purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership. Such term also includes the resubdivision or rearrangement of one or more lots, plots, parcels, or building sites.

(b) The term “subdivision” shall not include:

(1) The division or partition of land into parcels of more than two (2) acres, not involving any new streets or easement of access.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Mr. Zeno

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to appoint Carolyn Bolds, Bettye Pate, Christine Weeks and Dustin Hampton to a full term on the Jackson Parish Museum and Fine Arts Board. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to place the Punkin Center Hilltop Water System in line for the Governor’s Local Assistance Program for the replacement and extension of a water line on Kelley Road. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to increase the mileage reimbursement allowance to 58.5¢ per mile in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service maximum limit effective July 15, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the payment of \$19,877.91 for the second quarter reimbursement to the District Attorney’s office. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to approve rental of fans for polling locations Saturday July 19, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the president or vice president to sign Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications to be submitted to FEMA. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to conduct a public hearing Monday, August 11, 2008 at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center to receive comments from the public in compliance with R.S. 33:1233 for increasing the compensation of jurors to \$1,600 per month and an additional amount of \$100 for the president per month, with an effective date of September 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to amend the agenda to include sending a second notice to Mayor Leslie Thompson for use of the community center in March. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to send a second notice to Mayor Leslie Thompson requesting payment in the amount of \$350 for the use of the community center on March 28, 2008.

Yeas: Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith

Nays: Ms. Monroe
Absent: Mr. Zeno
Motion carried.

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

Maxwell Contractors	\$ 1,498.00	Solid Waste
Evangeline Specialties	\$ 476.00	Road
MTS	\$ 1,650.00	Road
Contech	\$10,750.00	Road
Walpole Tire	\$ 594.00	Road
V-Pac	\$ 408.00	Road

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to deny request of Village of North Hodge for financial assistance in replacing a bridge on Line Avenue. Motion carried.

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