

August 11, 2008  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury conducted a public hearing Monday, August 11, 2008 at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana to receive comments from the public in compliance with R.S. 33:12133 for increasing the compensation of jurors from \$1,200 per month to \$1,600 per month and an additional amount of \$100 for the president per month, with an effective date of September 1, 2008. 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. Zeno. Mr. Hightower gave the invocation and Ms. Monroe led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to open the public comments. Those citizens making comments were:

Donald Johns  
Jo Masters  
Pat Plunkett  
Jerreld Robison  
Richard Barlow  
Stephen Treadway  
Dean Rushing  
Dewanna Pipes  
Frank Eddines  
Franklin Williams  
Dorothy Riddle  
Bobby Lolley

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

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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, August 11, 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, 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. Zeno.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include:  
Request of sick leave without pay for Curtis Blakely  
Legal opinion on the jury's liability of allowing alcohol consumption in the community center  
Legal opinion concerning use of asphalt funds for cracked fuel oil process  
Motion carried.

Public comments:  
Renee Stringer

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes of the July 14, 2008 jury meeting, the July financial report and the payment of all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston presented the report of the UCC Committee meeting of July 17, 2008:

"Universal Construction Code  
July 17, 2008

The Universal Construction Code Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Ray Duck, Jr. Absent: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Also present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Kent Hightower, Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith.

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

The committee discussed the minimum requirements required by legislation adopted by the State of Louisiana.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury delete the permitting and inspection process for installation of hot water heaters and air conditioning systems. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned."

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the UCC Committee meeting of July 17, 2008. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston presented the report of the Road Committee meeting of July 24, 2008:

“Road Committee  
July 24, 2008

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Ray Duck. Also present: Mr. Kent Hightower and Mr. Troy Smith.

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

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury approve the president to sign a Change Order not to exceed \$15,000 for repairs to Styles Ranch Road, and to submit an invoice to Entergy for cost of repairs caused by highline crews. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury perform another experimental test utilizing cracked fuel oil on Olive Grove Road from the end of the blacktopped surface to the intersection with La. 556. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury purchase two mixers from Goldman Equipment, LLC at a cost of \$20,000 to be paid from road/asphalt funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury advertise for the purchase of a used roller to be paid from the road fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that he jury extend the rental of a small grader by 2 months. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury transfer ownership of the unused building code pickup from the building code department to the general fund equipment classification and that the vehicle be assigned to the road department. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Road Committee meeting of July 24, 2008. Motion carried.

Paul Riley presented the Engineer’s Report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the engineer to advertise for the Southeast Hodge Water System’s LGAP project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to accept the Engineer’s Report. Motion carried.

Robin Sessions presented the Solid Waste report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to accept the Solid Waste Report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to request permission from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to grind/chip lumber products at the parish landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to approve travel of Glen Henderson, Edquado Howard and Walter Lee Johnson September 24-25<sup>th</sup> for required DEQ training. Motion carried.

Jody Stuckey presented the Road Report.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to advertise for purchase a new asphalt reclaimer. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to advertise for purchase a used heavy duty truck and trailer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to approve the fulltime employment of Chris Johnson effective August 11, 2008 in the road department as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to approve the fulltime employment of David Gene Robertson effective August 25, 2008 in the road department as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to approve the purchase of Shop Work Order and Sign Module software from CompuLink LTD at a cost of \$1,750 for the road department computer system. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Langston to authorize the road department to place reclaimed asphalt at the end of Shalimar Drive for a school bus turnaround. Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to table the prior motion and authorize the road superintendent to contact the Jackson Parish School Board concerning the feasibility of a bus turnaround of Shalimar Road in the Quitman school district. Motion carried.

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

Gerald O'Haver presented the Building & Grounds Report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to approve the installation of new flooring in the courtroom by Pardue Builders at a cost of \$5,602.67. Motion carried.

Paul Walsworth presented the Road Permit Report and the OEP Report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Langston to accept the Road Permit / OEP Report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to table the appointments to the Jackson Parish Industrial District. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Goss to reappoint Alma Lee Williams and Joe Vail to a full term on the Jackson Parish Ambulance District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to approve the request for sick leave of John Ross until released from his doctor's care. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to accept the resignation of Patsy Bullock from the Jackson Parish Tourism Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to request an opinion of legal counsel relating to Tier 2.1 of the revised Ethics Code. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to amend the Jackson Parish Building Code Ordinance as follows to comply with HB 920 of the 2008 Regular Session:

Section 1- 5 Permits:

Building: 1

1. One-story detached accessory structures without utilities used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 500 square feet (35.65 m<sup>2</sup>).

Motion carried.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 19, 2008, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

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. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, (the "Parish"), on SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. ProclIs Verbal. A *ProclIs Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for

the Parish of Jackson, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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>
Thomas Goss	X			
Eddie Mack 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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/s/ Kenneth Pardue  
Secretary-Treasurer

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/s/ Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.  
President

PROCOS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF JACKSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, August 11, 2008, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Jackson Parish Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, 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"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, July 19, 2008, with the following members present:

Thomas Goss, Eddie Mack Langston, Kent Hightower, Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Maxie F. Monroe, David Ray Duck, Jr. and Troy L. Smith;

There being absent: None;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PARISHWIDE LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 8.94 MILLS PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON FOR PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND SUPPORT OF THE JACKSON PARISH LIBRARY AND BOOKMOBILE.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a eight and ninety four hundredths (8.94) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,430,000 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 2009 and ending with the year 2018, for the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, operation (including acquisition of library books, materials, supplies and equipment), construction and support of the Jackson Parish Library and bookmobile in and for the Parish?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
01	Quitman Village Hall	13	10

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
02	Quitman Village Hall	29	5
03	Quitman Fire Station	16	3
04	Clay Fire Station	20	2
05	Vernon Fire Station	19	8
05A	Vernon Fire Station	0	1
06	Eros Village Hall	17	3
07	Eros Village Hall	4	2
08	Chatham Town Hall	6	0
08A	Chatham Town Hall	4	2
09	Chatham Town Hall	28	6
10	Ward 4 Fire Station	26	0
11	Ward 4 Fire Station	40	2
13	McDonald Recreation Center	30	2
14A	Hodge Fire Station	3	2
15	North Hodge Village Hall	7	2
16	East Hodge Village Hall	28	1
17	Hodge Fire Station	34	2
17A	Hodge Fire Station	8	1
18	Hodge Fire Station	7	4
19	Jonesboro-Hodge High School	36	4
19A	Jonesboro-Hodge High School	13	1
19B	Jonesboro-Hodge High School	7	0
20	Hawk School	16	1
20A	Hawk School	42	1

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
22	Jonesboro-Hodge Middle School	40	6
24	Ward 4 Fire Station	5	0
25	Southside School	53	8
26A	Southside School	2	0
ABSENTEE		72	11
TOTALS		625	90
MAJORITY FOR		535	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **625** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **90** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **535** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, July 19, 2008.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

ATTEST:

/s/ Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.

President

/s/ Kenneth Pardue

Secretary-Treasurer

### PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, July 19, 2008, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *ProcIts Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

/s/ Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.

President

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 three (3) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Proc/Is Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on Monday, August 11, 2008, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, July 19, 2008, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

Secretary-Treasurer

(SEAL)

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Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to approve the annual software / hardware contract of Software and Services in the amount of \$4,103. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to approve the payment of \$3,370 to the Jackson Parish Sheriff for litter pickup for the month of June. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to authorize the president to sign the LGAP grant application of the Walker Community Water System in the amount of \$27,000 and authorize the president to sign a Letter of Support. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Langston to authorize the president to sign the LGAP grant application of the Weston Water System in the amount of \$25,000 and authorize the president to sign a Letter of Support. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve professional travel of Rasheda Combs and Patricia Joye on August 20-22 for the Organization of Parish Officials Annual Conference and September 22-23 for Certification Training for Building Permit Technicians. Motion carried.

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

Tri-State Consultants	\$ 698.00	General
Ag-Con	\$ 510.00	Ashpalt
Ram Truck Equipment	\$ 700.00	Solid Waste
Goldman Equipment LLC	\$21,990.00	Road
D & J Construction	\$25,000.00	Asphalt
G. T. Michelli Co.	\$ 1,315.87	Solid Waste
Ag-Con	\$ 600.00	Asphalt
Jett Business Systems	\$ 3,980.00	Solid Waste
Southern Air Conditioning	\$ 3,600.00	Health Unit
Service 1 <sup>st</sup> , Inc.	\$ 495.00	General
Pardue Builders	\$ 5,602.67	General
D & J Construction	\$ 7,140.00	Asphalt

Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to approve the use and consumption of alcohol beverages in the Jackson Parish Community Center.

YEAS: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Duck

NAYS: Mr. Goss, Mr. Hightower and Mr. Smith

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to pay \$10,682.07 to the Town of Jonesboro for expenses of the Jonesboro Airport for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to grant Curtis Blakely sick leave without pay for 90 days. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to request an opinion from legal counsel on expenditure of asphalt funds for the cracked fuel oil process. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Smith to request an opinion from legal counsel on the jury's liability exposure from allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages by renters utilizing the Jackson Parish Community Center. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include a letter of complaint from Edquado Howard. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to acknowledge receipt of the letter of complaint from Edquado Howard. Motion carried.

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