

August 23, 2004  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, August 23, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Mr. Leslie Thompson, Dr. Charles Garrett and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include:

Accept bids for an elevated water apparatus

Use of Community Center September 30<sup>th</sup> – Sparta Public Hearing

Motion carried.

Public comments: Mr. Mike Wilson – Ward 3 – relocation of Chatham bin sites

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2004 regular jury meeting. Motion carried.

The president called for the reports of the committees.

Mr. Smith gave the report of the August 11, 2004 Solid Waste Committee meeting:

“Solid Waste Committee  
August 11, 2004

The Solid Waste Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 12:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Leslie Thompson and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Dr. Charles Garrett.

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

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the president issue a memo of assurance to all employees of the solid waste department concerning the ongoing operation of the landfill and parish-wide solid waste collection. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley presented the preliminary plans for re-building Landfill Road and the transfer station.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury accept the engineer’s proposed plans and authorize the preparation of the final plans and proceed with advertisement and bid specifications. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes and recommendations of the August 11, 2004 Solid Waste Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno yielded the chair to the vice president to give the report of the August 11, 2004 Personnel Committee meeting:

“Personnel Committee  
August 11, 2004

The Personnel Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Mr. Leslie Thompson and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee and Dr. Charles Garrett.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Zeno. There were no public comments.

The chairman presented a preliminary draft of the job description for the Solid Waste Superintendent for review and comment.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury approve the temporary employment (90 days) of Frederick Lewis and Demarrio Lewis in the Solid Waste Department at \$6.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the jury employ Robin Sessions as an Operator I in the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the jury employ Jackie Potts as Mechanic in the solid waste department, and that John Ross be assigned full time as Mechanic for the road department.. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend the permanent employment of Gary Layfield as recommended by the solid waste superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that jury amend the personnel policy authorizing the payment of overtime (time and one-half) on all emergency callouts. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the minutes and the recommendations as amended of the August 11, 2004 Personnel Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno presented the report of the Special Projects Committee:

“Special Projects Committee  
August 11, 2004

The Special Projects Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 2:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., and Dr. Charles Garrett. Also present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Leslie Thompson, and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Zeno. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to go into executive session to discuss strategic planning and economic development with no action to be taken. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Dr. Garrett to return to open session with no action having been taken. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Langston to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Special Projects Committee meeting of August 11, 2004. Motion carried.

The president resumed the chair.

Paul Riley presented the Engineer's Report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

Gerald O'Haver presented the Building Superintendent's report.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the quotation of Alexander Construction in the amount of \$3,632 for curbing of the Veterans' Memorial Park to be paid from Capital Outlay. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the report of the building superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to conduct a public hearing Monday, September 13, 2004, to receive public comment on the amendment to the Jackson Parish Precinct Ordinance to comply with regulations of the Louisiana Secretary of State. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Dr. Garrett to advertise for the purchase of a used wood shredder for the parish landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Magee to grant the request of the Clerk of Court for use of the Community Center on October 26, 2004 for Elections Commissioner School. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to grant use of the Veterans' Memorial Park for "See You At The Pole" prayer rally on September 15, 2004 from 7:00 – 8:30 AM. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to authorize the parish OEP Director to submit an application to the Office of Domestic Preparedness to expend \$18,000 of the 2003 FY funds for review and updating of the parish's Emergency Plan by consultant Hatch Mott McDonald. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to authorize the parish OEP Director to submit an application to the Office of Domestic Preparedness to expend \$20,000 of the 2004 FY funds for preparation and implementation of a full scale parish wide emergency drill utilizing consultant Hatch Mott McDonald. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the following resolution and submit to the Police Jury Association for adoption:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution requires that twenty percent (20%) of all general severance taxes collected by Louisiana's state governments be returned to the parishes where the resource was produced; and

WHEREAS, the drafters of our Constitution put this provision into the law to insure that local governments would receive at least some revenues raised as a result of mineral production in their parishes to compensate them for the additional demands that natural resource industry activities place on local services and local infrastructures such as roads, bridges, drainage and the like; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides that local governments are prohibited from levying severance taxes; and

WHEREAS, the severance tax distribution to the parishes is further limited by an annual cap or ceiling which for years was set at \$500,000 per year, but which recently was raised to \$750,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the combined effects of these caps and the corrosive effect of inflation, the effective value of the parishes portion of this dedication has diminished, and will continue to diminish until appropriate reforms are instituted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson Parish Police Jury that it does hereby urge and request that the Louisiana Legislature to sponsor legislation amending the Louisiana Constitution to insure that parish governments receive a more equitable distribution of the taxes produced by the severance of minerals mined or produced from lands within their respective territorial jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at a minimum, the Constitution should be amended to provide that the annual cap or ceiling be raised to at least \$1,750,000 and that this cap be indexed to inflation so that as the cost of living increases and the value of the dollar decreases, the parishes' funds would automatically increase to take into account such changes.

YEAS: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Langston, Mr. Magee, Mr. Zeno, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Garrett, Mr. Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: None

The above resolution adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2004, 2004

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Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.  
President

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to approve the following purchase requisitions:

Norred Fire Systems	\$2,500.00	Jail
Jonesboro Motor Supply	600.00	Solid Waste
Curry's Truck Repair	6,200.00	Solid Waste
Walpole Tire	322.60	Road
Frost Trailer Co.	425.00	Road
Alexander Construction Co.	1,420.00	Capital Outlay
Terminix	600.00	General

Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Langston to accept the bid of F & F in the amount of \$52,500 for the purchase of a used elevated water apparatus to be paid from Rural Development funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Smith to grant the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources use of the Community Center on September 30, 2004 for a public hearing on the Sparta Aquifer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include road personnel shortages and schedule. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to grant the road superintendent the authority to work Saturdays until the reclaimed asphalt is distributed. Motion carried.

Motion seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.