

September 13, 2010
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, September 13, 2010, at 5:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in 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. Ms. Monroe gave the invocation and Mr. Goss led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments:

Mr. Herbert Simmons of Greater North Louisiana CDC requested that the jury reconsider their request for a resolution in support of housing in Jackson parish.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to sit as the Board of Review for the 2010 Tax Assessment.

Mr. Eddie Gatlin, Tax Assessor presented the appeals of Compressor Systems, Inc and Valerus Compression Services, LP. He requested that the jury uphold his assessment and deny the appeals of Compressor Systems, Inc. and Valerus Compression Services, LP.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to uphold the assessment as presented by the Tax Assessor and to deny the changes to the 2010 tax roll as requested by Compressor Systems Inc. and Valerus Compression Services. Motion Carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to affirm and accept the 2010 tax roll assessment as presented by the Jackson Parish Tax Assessor. Motion Carried.

The president recognized Karey Walker, representative of White Oaks Landfill. He discussed the 2011-2013 contract for solid waste disposal.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes of the August 9, 2010, August 17, 2010 meetings, the August financial report and the payment of all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno gave the report of the Executive / Finance Committee:

“Executive / Finance
September 7, 2010

The Executive / Finance Committee met Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse in 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. Duck led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following item was offered for an amendment to the agenda:

Cost quotations for a sign at the community center.

There were no comments from the public on the amendment.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to include the quotations for the sign at the community center. All voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury require a \$2,500 security deposit for seismic work in the parish. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury issue a Letter of Support for the 2010-2011 LGAP application of the Punkin Center Hilltop Water System. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the secretary-treasurer present two proposed amendments to legal counsel for review and revision into the parish Alcohol Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury take no action on the Letter of Request from the Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury take no action on the Letter of Request from the Dugdemona Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury take no action on the Letter of Request from Greater North Louisiana CDC. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury approve the request of assistance from the Robinson-Chapel Water System to be funded through the 2009-2010 LGAP program for the installation of two master flow meters not to exceed \$3,320. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury authorize the secretary-treasurer to release the final payments to Walker Construction for the Courthouse roof project and to instruct the assistant district attorney to notify Walker Construction of the jury's intent to file a lawsuit in conjunction with water damages resulting from construction errors. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury authorize the payment of \$5,000 to Julia Breeland for damage to her private property and authorize legal counsel to prepare a Release of Liability with the payment to be made from road funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury authorize the payment of \$2,500 to Only A Buck, Inc. and authorize legal counsel to prepare a Release of Liability with payment to be made from capital outlay funds. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the September 7, 2010 Executive / Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried with Mr. Hightower voting against. Mr. Hightower stated that he voted against the approval of the minutes because he opposed the payment of \$5,000 to Julia Breeland for damages to her private property.

The following amendment was offered.

Issue a resolution in support of Greater North Louisiana CDC's proposed 32 units of single family low income housing project. There were no comments from the public.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include a resolution of support for Greater North Louisiana CDC's proposed 32 units of single family low income housing project. Motion carried.

The secretary-treasurer gave the report of the Building & Grounds Committee:

“Building & Grounds
September 7, 2010

The Building & Grounds Committee met Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:15 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room. Members present, Mr. Goss, Mr. Hightower and Ms. Monroe. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury authorize the building superintendent to obtain quotations for the following projects concerning the Clerk of Court's office: 1) Remote thermostat in the return air duct. 2) Venting wall for return air. 3) Window tinting. The building superintendent is instructed to remove all grill cloth that prohibits air flow. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to table discussion on the extension of the maintenance storage building. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury authorize the building superintendent to schedule maintenance staff employees for work on all election dates. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury obtain a written quote from the Town of Jonesboro for the cost of lighting the courthouse for the Christmas holidays, and that lighting be performed only on walls, with no lighting attached to the new roof structure. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the September 7, 2010 Building & Grounds Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Monroe presented the report of the Solid Waste Committee:

“Solid Waste
September 7, 2010

The Solid Waste Committee met Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:45 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room. Members present: Mr. Hightower, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Langston and Mr. Zeno.

The meeting was called to order by the chairwoman, Ms. Monroe. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the solid waste superintendent to hire a dozer contractor to repair bin sites. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the donation of 35 yards of reclaimed asphalt to the Town of Chatham, with the town using their own truck to pick up the material at the parish landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury implement an Economic Development Incentive Credit Program in the amount of \$4,800 for the Family Dollar store in Chatham, with the credit to be used for solid waste commercial collection with the solid waste department being reimbursed from the capital outlay fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the superintendent to obtain quotes for a metal / white goods bin for placement at the Chatham Model bin site. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the September 7, 2010 Solid Waste Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley presented the engineer's report.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to authorize The Riley Company of Louisiana to officially seek quotations for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant funded through the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to approve the change order for the Tolar Street Project increasing the cost not to exceed \$2,060 for a total of \$66,060. Motion carried.

Mr. Jody Stuckey presented the road report.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Hightower to approve the emergency / off schedule report for the month of August. Motion carried.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to support Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corporation's application for the proposed 32 units of single family housing as planned for Jackson parish. All voted in favor.

Mr. Robin Sessions presented the solid waste report.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to accept the donation of the following from Trailblazers, Inc.:

1 - 48ft box trailer & loading ramp

230 - 96 gal. toter bins

Recycling signs

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the travel request for Glen Henderson and Edquado Howard to attend the solid waste re-certification training course in Shreveport on October 20-21st. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to request permission from the Department of Environmental Quality to utilize a portion of the surplus Landfill Closure funds for the purchase of a grinder for the parish landfill. Motion carried.

The following amendment was offered:

Accept resignation of Chris Neathery from the solid waste department.

There were no public comments

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to amend the agenda to accept the resignation of Chris Neathery from the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to accept the resignation of Chris Neathery from the solid waste department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to engage North Delta Regional Authority to prepare the necessary ordinance amendment to relocate the following polling location at the request of the Hodge Town Council: Hodge Fire Department to the Hodge Town Hall Annex.
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Hightower to engage North Delta Regional Authority to prepare the necessary ordinance amendment to relocate the following polling location at the request of the Clerk of Court: McDonald Recreation Building to the new Council on Aging Building.
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to rescind the appointment of Ms. Alyce Colvin to the Jackson Parish Heritage Museum. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to appoint Thurston Allen to a full term on the Jackson Parish Heritage Museum. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to issue a quietus on the 2009 Tax Roll. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to purchase a new sign for the community center from Frank Horrell Signs at a cost of \$2,520.00. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to authorize legal counsel to request an Attorney General's Opinion to determine the proper governmental agency that is responsible for funding the payment of off-duty law enforcement witness fees. Motion carried.

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

J & S Auto	650.00	Solid Waste
Scott Truck Co.	750.00	Solid Waste
Fair's Diesel	2,500.00	Solid Waste
Ag-Con	1,300.00	Asphalt
Taylor Machine Works	450.00	Solid Waste
Amethyst Construction	25,000.00	Asphalt
Walpole Tire	950.00	Road
Cooper Truck	1,200.00	Solid Waste
Southern Air Conditioning	475.00	General
NaturChem	7,500.00	Road

Motion carried.

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