

September 27, 2004  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, September 27, 2004, at 6:00 PM 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. The invocation was given by Mr. Magee and Mr. Thompson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Authorize the president to sign the final change order on the Library bookmobile storage project.

Authorize the president to sign the certificate of substantial completion on the Library bookmobile storage project.

Authorize the president to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Monroe for the transfer of ownership of a mobile decontamination unit, enclosed trailer and supplies purchased through Region 8 Homeland Security Grant funds.

Correspondence of Pat Staggs

Request of Town of Jonesboro – Rural Development Grant Application

Motion carried.

Public comments: None

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to enter into Public Hearing to sit as Board of Review for the 2004 Tax Roll. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to uphold the assessments as presented by the tax assessor and to deny the changes to the 2004 tax roll as requested by Affiliated Tax Consultants on behalf of the following companies: Camterra Resources, Inc., Cypress Operating Company, Inc., Hilcorp Energy Company, Hilliard Petroleum, Inc., Rio Bravo Exploration Company, Texas Petroleum Investments, Will-Drill Production, Inc., and Williamson Oil and Gas Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Dr. Garrett to uphold the assessments as presented by the tax assessor and to deny the changes to the 2004 tax roll as requested by Gaynell and Catherine Stokes. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Atkins to affirm and accept the 2004 tax roll assessment as presented by the Jackson Parish Tax Assessor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Magee to declare a 5 minute recess. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Magee to return to regular session. Motion carried.

The president called for the committee reports:

Dr. Garrett gave the report of the September 15, 2004 finance committee meeting:

“Finance Committee  
September 15, 2004

The Finance Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr.

Carl Atkins, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Dr. Charles Garrett. Also present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Leslie Thompson and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garrett. Mr. Zeno gave the invocation and Mr. Atkins led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Eddie Gatlin, Tax Assessor, discussed the 2004 reassessment of property.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury roll back 2004 millages based on reassessment as presented by the assessor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to amend the agenda to include:  
Letter of request from the Jackson Parish School Board  
Advertisement of Material Bids  
Jonesboro-Hodge Middle School culvert  
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury reimburse the Sheriff's Office up to \$1,500 for the repair of the department's boat housed on Caney Lake pending letter of request from the Sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to authorize the Road Superintendent to purchase a 30" x 40' culvert for the Jackson Parish School Board with the School Board to reimburse the cost. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury advertise for materials for the 2005 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the culvert for the emergency exit at Jonesboro-Hodge Middle School be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury increase the travel allowance to thirty-six cents (\$.36) per mile effective October 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the Jury authorize the parish engineer to begin the process for submittal of the following projects for the Capital Outlay Program:  
New Hope-St. Clair Water System  
Multi-purpose Building  
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to approve the recommendations and minutes as amended Finance Committee meeting of September 15, 2004 finance committee meeting.

The president yielded the chair to the vice president to give the report of the September 15, 2004 personnel committee meeting:

"Personnel Committee  
September 15, 2004

The Personnel Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at 1:30 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 and Mr. Darrell Magee.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Zeno.

There were no public comments.

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

Watershed Commission Legislation

Veterans' Memorial Park

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury approve the job description for the position of Solid Waste Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the probationary period for the position of Solid Waste Superintendent be set at ninety days. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the compensation for the position of Solid Waste Superintendent be set at a salary based on \$16.21 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include appointment to the Ward Two Fire District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury reappoint Mrs. Brenda Atkins to a full term on the Jackson Parish Tourism Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the jury reappoint Mrs. Sharon Satcher to the Jackson Parish Beautification Council. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to recommend that the jury appoint Mr. Joe Stewart to the Ward Two Fire Protection District Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury request that Representative Fannin and Senator Kostelka introduce legislation in the next session to amend the current regulations pertaining to the terms of office of the Jackson Parish Watershed Commission to allow a member to be removed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury for just cause. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Zeno to approve the minutes and recommendations of the September 15, 2004 Personnel Committee as amended.

Yeas: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Nays: None

Abstained: 1

Motion carried.

The president assumed the chair.

Mr. Langston gave the report of the September 15, 2004 road committee meeting:

“Road Committee  
September 15 2004

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at 2:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston. Absent: Dr. Charles Garrett. Also present: Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Langston.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to include purchase of dirt for 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Walsworth, construction project inspector, gave a report of the completed 2004 Road Project.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to include:  
Heavy load haulers on parish roads  
Classification of parish roads  
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury authorize the president to communicate with major heavy load carriers and companies to schedule a group conference to discuss the hauling on parish roads. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury authorize the parish engineer and the road superintendent to begin the process of developing a classification program for the parish road system. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury include the following roads into the reclaimed asphalt program as recommended by the road superintendent:  
Wills Road  
Opal Keys Road  
Thornell Road  
Jackie Road  
Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to include the following roads in the reclaimed asphalt program:  
Spillers Road  
Jake Anding Road  
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Magee to approve the minutes and recommendations of the September 15, 2004 Road Committee as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley gave the Engineer’s report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to authorize the president to sign the substantial completion certificate for the Library bookmobile storage project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to authorize the president to sign the final change order for the extension of contract days for the Library bookmobile storage project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Langston to approve the Engineer’s Report. Motion carried.

Litter enforcement was discussed. Constable John Williams discussed the need for enforcement of the parish ordinance.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2004 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Jackson Parish Police Jury:

	<u>Millage</u>
General Fund Tax	4.48
Road & Bridge Tax	4.81
Asphalt Tax	4.18
Library Tax	8.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as herein above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2004, and to make the collection of the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAINED: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct and exact copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting held on September 27, 2004, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

PARISH SEAL:

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 Kenneth O. Pardue  
 Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to grant the request of Jonesboro-Hodge High School to use the Jackson Parish Veterans' Memorial Park for a homecoming pep rally on October 7, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to grant solid waste personnel permission to attend the Recycling Planners conference on September 29, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Thompson to accept the resignation of James Matt Vail from the road department effective September 23, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Thompson to request the secretary-treasurer to validate the telephone poll conducted on September 20, 2004 to grant the Jackson parish Watershed Commission use of the Fain Building for their official meeting location on the Thursday after the first Monday of each month.

Ward 1 – Yes, Ward 2 – Yes, Ward 3 – Yes, Ward 4 – Yes, Ward 5 – Yes, Ward 6 – Yes, Ward 7 – Yes

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to certify the telephone poll of September 20, 2004, and to grant the Jackson parish Watershed Commission use of the Fain Building for their official meeting location on the Thursday after the first Monday of each month. Motion carried.

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

Walpole Tire	270.84	Solid Waste
Office Depot	218.96	General
Contech Construction	785.00	General
Sharpco	160.00	Road
Contech	660.00	Road
Tim's Lawnmower Shop	420.00	Solid Waste
Monroe Spring & Brake	340.00	Road
Walpole Tire	500.00	Road
Contech	825.00	Road

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to authorize the president to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Monroe for the transfer of owner of the following items purchased with Region 8 Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Preparedness funds and Department of Health and Hospitals funding for parishes of northeast Louisiana:

Mobile Decontamination Unit & decontamination supplies  
Enclosed Trailer

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Atkins to amend the General Fund Budget to include up to \$1,000.00 for travel allowance to Ms. Patricia Staggs for attendance at a conference in Nashville, Tennessee upon clarification by legal counsel. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett:

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Jackson Parish Police Jury represents the citizens of Jackson Parish; and

Whereas, the citizens of Jackson Parish desire to prosper economically and socially; and

Whereas, the availability of water is essential to economic growth and development; and

Whereas, the Jackson Parish Police Jury has a vested interest in the well-being of the Sparta Aquifer; and

Whereas, the Jackson Parish Police Jury believes that there are many unresolved issues and many unexplored solutions to increasing the well-being of the Sparta Aquifer; and

Whereas, the Jackson Parish Police Jury believes that designating the condition of the Sparta Aquifer as "Critical" will make it difficult to sustain existing industries, impossible to recruit new ones, and create undue economic hardship upon the citizens of Jackson Parish; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Jackson Parish Police Jury does hereby express its opposition to designating the Sparta Aquifer as "Critical" and encourages all elected and governmental officials and all private and public entities to assist in defeating any effort to place such a designation on the Sparta Aquifer.

Authorized in Jonesboro, Louisiana on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, by a unanimous vote of the Jackson Parish Police Jury.

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Secretary-Treasurer

President

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