

October 25, 2004  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, October 25, 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 Dr. Garrett and Mr. Smith led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include a resolution in support of LIHEAP. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Mr. Sean Disotell, Customer Service Manager for Entergy Corp. discussed the LIHEAP funding for assistance to low income households.

Mr. Will McConathy discussed the reclaimed asphalt program.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2004 jury meeting. Motion carried.

Dr. Garrett presented the report of the October 20, 2004 Finance Committee meeting:

“Finance Committee  
October 20, 2004

The Finance Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 6:00 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 and Mr. Leslie Thompson.

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.

Ms. Emma Jones, Constable requested that the jury consider amending the Litter Ordinance to include mandatory public service work of those ticketed for littering.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include:

Southeast Hodge Water System  
Sparta Water System  
Request of District Attorney for renovation of office

Motion carried.

Mr. Curtis Blakely presented report of his on site inspection of a wood shredder.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury concur with the Solid Waste Superintendent's decision to purchase the used wood shredder as bid by Unlimited Resources, Inc in the amount of \$102,500. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury place the Southeast Hodge Water System in line for a rural development grant and to utilize parish engineer for assistance in planning and engineering for grant application. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to amend the agenda to include discussion of providing internet service and television accessibility to the Jackson Parish Community Center to comply with recommendations of Red Cross for emergency sheltering. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the jury authorize the secretary-treasurer to initiate installation of internet service and television accessibility to the Jackson Parish Community Center to be paid from the local Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the secretary-treasurer be authorized to create a new fund within the Master Fund Account to be named "Statutory Reserve – General Fund" and that the amount of \$500,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the new fund. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to recommend that the secretary-treasurer be authorized to create a new fund for the 2005 Consolidated Budget to be named "2005 Road Program" with an initial budget of \$500,000 for overlaying/hard surfacing of parish roads according to the priority list. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Dr. Garrett to recommend that the jury approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 directly to contractors for renovations to the District Attorney's office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM"

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Thompson to adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2004 Finance Committee meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to conduct a public hearing November 8, 2004, at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on amendments to the parish Litter Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to appoint Ms. Debra Jackson to the Jackson Parish Recreation District Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the request of the Town of Jonesboro for use of the Community Center on December 10, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to authorize the president to sign the final change order for the Community Center parking lot expansion project with the final contract cost of \$122,146.75. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Dr. Garrett to authorize the president to sign the substantial completion for the Community Center parking lot expansion project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to officially accept the name of the "Walk of Honor" for the Jackson Parish Veterans' Memorial Park. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to conduct a public hearing November 8, 2004, at 5:30 PM to receive comments from the public on amending the parish Subdivision and Mobile Home Ordinance for regulations controlling dogs. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to approve the purchase requisitions:

Jonesboro Glass	\$250.00	Road
Wal-Mart	390.00	Road
Timmons Truck Center	309.38	Solid Waste
DEQ (Workshop Training)	300.00	Solid Waste
Kavanaugh Landscaping	192.00	General
Rodney Kelley	200.00	HSOEP

Kavanaugh's Landscaping	900.00	General
Kavanaugh's Landscaping	650.00	General
M & M Mechanical	519.11	General
Office Depot	166.50	General, Solid Waste, Road
Office Depot	350.00	Solid Waste
Dell, Inc.	1325.73	General
U S Postal Service	143.00	Registrar of Voters
Matrix Information Systems	295.00	HSOEP
DishNet	500.00	HSOEP
Motion carried.		

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

**WHEREAS,** The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) were established by Congress to provide block grants to states that can be used to help low income families meet home energy costs and weatherize their homes to conserve energy and reduce further energy bills; and

**WHEREAS,** While LIHEAP has been re-authorized by Congress at up to \$3.4 billion per year, it has rarely been funded at more than \$2 billion; and since the program was instituted in 1981, LIHEAP's inflation-adjusted buying power has sagged to 48 percent of its original size; and

**WHEREAS,** LIHEAP and WAP are today inadequately funded and thus incapable of addressing the growing energy assistance and conservation needs of low income families and,

**WHEREAS,** The formula by which the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services allocates LIHEAP grants to individual states severely discriminates against Louisiana and other southern states by favoring heating needs of people in northern states, ignoring the fact that extreme heat is as detrimental to the health and lives of people as extreme cold; and because the formula is driven by decades-old population, income and energy price data; and

**WHEREAS,** The federal Weatherization Assistance Program must be adequately funded to reduce energy consumption and expenditures and expenditures of families living in substandard, leaky, inefficient housing by permitting them to insulate their homes...which is critical to dealing with the blight of poverty in Louisiana.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Jackson Parish Police Jury urges Louisiana's entire congressional delegation to advocate and support federal legislation and appropriation bills that:

Increase national funding for LIHEAP, to at least \$3.4 billion annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2005;

Increase national funding for WAP to at least \$290 million annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2005;

Provide for advance funding of both LIHEAP and WAP, so as to enable states to plan more efficiently the distribution of funds for bill payment assistance and weatherization assistance;

Study the implications for families in Louisiana and other states if LIHEAP and WAP are prevented from keeping pace with growing age populations, poverty rates and natural gas prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Louisiana's Congressional delegation be urged to join with other members of the House and Senate from the South and West in support of legislation that would rectify the regional funding biases and inequities produced by the current LIHEAP distribution formulas,

which deprives Louisiana families of just and needed funds and which has not been amended since 1985.

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Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., President

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Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried.