

November 10, 2008  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, November 10, 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. The invocation was given by Mr. Zeno and Mr. Hightower led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the jury and the Town of Jonesboro. There were no public comments. All voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes of the October 13, 2008 jury meeting, the October financial report and the payment of all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The president called for committee reports:

The vice president assumed the chair.

Mr. Zeno gave the report of the Committee of the Whole Jury:

“Committee of the Whole Jury  
November 3, 2008

The Committee of the Whole Jury met Monday, November 3, 2008 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 and Mr. Troy Smith. Absent: Mr. Ray Duck.

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

The committee interviewed Mr. Edquado Howard and Mr. Robin Sessions, the two applicants for the vacancy of Solid Waste Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury promote Robin Sessions to the position of Solid Waste Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury reassess the need for a supervisor in the solid waste department in January 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Robin Sessions to carry over excess annual leave hours beyond maximum 160 hours into 2009. There were no public comments. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury allow Mr. Robin Session to carry over excess annual leave beyond the maximum 160 hours into 2009, and all excess to be used by December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Jury as corrected. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston presented the report of the Finance Committee:

“Finance Committee  
November 3, 2008

The Finance Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Monday, November 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Kent Hightower and Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Also present: Mr. Tom Goss, Ms. Maxie Monroe 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. Hightower to place the 2008 Amended Consolidated Budget Ordinance on the November 10, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the placement of following items in the 2009 Consolidated Budget:

Jackson Parish Heritage Museum	\$ 7,000
La. National Guard	\$ 1,200
Pine Belt MPAA	\$12,000
Jackson Chamber of Commerce	\$ 4,000
Jackson Parish Coroner's Office	\$55,700

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury include the annual 2% cost of living increment to all regular employees for 2009. Motion carried with Mr. Zeno voting against.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury include the appropriation of \$7,500 to each municipality in the 2009 budget. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury place \$30,000 in the 2009 budget to be distributed to all fire districts in the parish. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the following promotions for 2009 as recommended by the Building Superintendent:

Marolyn Bryant – Custodial II  
Tommy Coleman – Custodial II

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury authorize the OEP Director to advertise for the purchase of generators to be paid through Homeland Security Grant funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury authorize the OEP Director to purchase 700 / 800 MHz radios through state contracts in the amount of \$39,554 from Homeland Security Grant funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for the OEP Director and office expense grant in the amount of \$46,875. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include the following items:

Regional Economic Development Initiative

Office of Addictive Disorder agreement

La. Department of Labor Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

There were no public comments. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that the jury place \$7,500 in the 2009 budget for the Regional Economic Development Initiative. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury authorize the president to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Labor in the amount of \$23,000 for the operation of the Jackson Parish Workforce Office. Motion carried.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith presented the report of the Personnel Committee:

"Personnel Committee

November 6, 2008

The Personnel Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury will meet Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Smith. Also present: Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston and Mr. Duck.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zeno. Mr. Goss gave the invocation and Mr. Zeno led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury employ Ben Bradford at the rate of laborer in the road department as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include:  
Letter of resignation from Wilda Smith from the Jackson Parish Tourism Board.  
Appointment to the Jackson Watershed Commission.  
There were no public comments on the amendments. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury accept the letter of resignation of Wilda Smith from the Jackson Parish Tourism Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston, a non-member of the Personnel Committee asked that Tommy Chatham be nominated to the Jackson Parish Watershed Commission. There was no action by the committee on the nomination.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Goss presented the report of the Building and Grounds Committee:

“Building & Grounds Committee  
November 6, 2008

The Building & Grounds Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 5:10 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Goss, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno and Mr. Smith.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury authorize the purchase of four MIA flags for the Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury declare as surplus property a 5kw generator and offer the generator to the Jonesboro Police Department for use at the city's communication tower under the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Homeland Security. Motion carried.

Ms. Renee Stringer discussed the planned garden project in the Veterans Memorial Park.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury increase the Beautification Council's 2008 budget by \$3,500 and to authorize the payment in the amount of \$3,500 to Janet Wells, Landscape Architect for development of the project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

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

"Solid Waste Committee  
November 6, 2008

The Solid Waste Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 5:45 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Goss and Ms. Monroe. Absent: Mr. Hightower. Also present: Mr. Langston, Mr. Zeno and Mr. Duck.

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

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include obtaining a quote for relocation of water service line at the landfill. There were no public comments on the amendment. All voted in favor.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize solid waste crews to collect timber debris from public rights of way during and immediately after major storms and declared disasters. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize the solid waste superintendent to advertise for the purchase of a new compactor truck from the 2009 fiscal budget. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize the solid waste superintendent to advertise for the purchase of a new frameless scrap trailer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize the engineer to obtain quotes for the installation of a new water service line at the parish landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston presented the report of the Road Committee:

“Road Committee  
November 6, 2008

The Road Committee of the Jackson Parish Police Jury met Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 6:30 in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston and Mr. Duck. Also present: Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Smith.

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

Ms. Cheryl Lamkin requested that the jury adopt an ordinance for a speed limit on parish roads.

Mr. Gary Hill of Weyerhaeuser Corporation discussed heavy load issues on parish roads.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury adopt the Amended Annual Road Capital Improvements Policy. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury adopt the Parish Priority Lists for the 2009-2011 fiscal years as presented by the parish engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury authorize legal counsel to draft an ordinance setting the speed limit on parish roads at 35 miles per hour. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury authorize the engineer to obtain formal quotations for the widening of Bear Knoll Bridge. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury authorize the engineer to obtain formal quotations for a temporary replacement bridge of Country Road. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury adopt the Road Designation Definitions as presented:

#### REMOVAL OF ROADS

Because Jackson Parish has a high poverty level and many areas are sparsely populated, extreme care must be exercised prior to removing a road from the system. Vacant lots on lonely roads suddenly hold mobile homes; houses vacant today become occupied months later. Yet, each citizen adds to the tax base and helps makes the parish one of growth. These citizens expect to have access to their homes and often needed postal service is denied and school buses turn away.

When population density is low, maintenance cost per mile can be high, and the temptation to remove roads can be great; however because of the strenuous requirements for admitting roads into the system, once a road is removed, it will probably never gain readmission.

Because of these concerns and more, these definitions are offered:

- Significant Public Purpose (SPP): Any road which services a citizen and is necessary for school bus or mail service.

- Limited Public Purpose (LPP): A road which may or may not have houses, and is used as a connector. The jury has determined that the benefit to the public outweighs removal considerations.
- No Significant Public Purpose (NSPP): The jury has determined that there are no discernable public purposes (connector, postal, fire, or school bus) or that the removal will not create a significant public hardship.
- Traditional Public Purpose (TPP): Roads which have been in the system for years and at the time, was of significant public purpose. The current public value may be questionable, but the removal may cause undue hardship on others or there are no identifiable person/persons to maintain the road.
- Road in Waiting (RIW): Roads on which no one currently lives, but which has houses or a history of mobile homes. The waiting period for the period for the removal of these roads is one year.  
Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Road Committee. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the Engineer’s Report. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Hightower to accept the emergency/off schedule report of the road superintendent. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the solid waste report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Hightower to authorize the sale of surplus solid waste equipment by sealed bid. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to approve the annual bridge certification and

authorize the President to sign the “Official Listing of Off-System Bridges” for 2008.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF  
LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post these bridges under the authority of Jackson Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Jackson Parish,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of Jackson Parish that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for a period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish. Load Posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standard Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

YEAS: Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Duck, Mr. Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary-Treasurer of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Jackson Parish Police Jury on November 10, 2008.

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the following:

#### ORDINANCE 03-1110-2008

#### AMENDMENT TO JACKSON PARISH NUISANCE ORDINANCE NO. 03-1102-1998 AS AMENDED MAY 31, 2006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY AMENDING THE JACKSON PARISH ORDINANCE AS REFLECTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 03-1102-1998 AS AMENDED ON MAY 31, 2006 PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS the Jackson Parish Police Jury desires to amend its existing Nuisance Ordinance so as to amend Section 12 so as to provide additional penalties for violations of said ordinance:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Jackson Parish, in regular session, duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, that Ordinance No. 03-1102-1998, as amended on May 31, 2006, be and is hereby modified as follows:

#### SECTION 1

To delete Section 12 of the Ordinance as it presently exists and to substitute therefore the following Section 12, to-wit:

“Section 12: Additional Penalties. Any individual who, after notice, refuses to abate a nuisance as defined herein or permits the occupancy of a building in violation of Section 11 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of the violation of this Ordinance. For each such violation the individual shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 if the nuisance is abated within thirty (30) days of the notice; a fine of not more than \$300.00 if the nuisance is not abated within sixty (60) days of the notice or, if the nuisance is not abated until more than sixty-one (61) days have expired since the date of the notice to a fine of \$600.00 together with the cost of the jury abating the nuisance. In addition, the failure to abate the nuisance within thirty (30) days of being advised if the nuisance shall also subject the offender to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, in addition to any fine and costs of abatement imposed under this Section. Any fine not paid within thirty (30) days of it being imposed shall constitute grounds for the filing of a lien against the offending property in the amount of the fine and abatement cost.”

#### SECTION 2

Except as herein modified all previously enacted provisions of the above referred to Ordinance be and the same shall hereby remain unchanged.

#### SECTION 3

Should any portion, items, applications or sections of this ordinance be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions, items, applications, items, applications or sections and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

The above ordinance was read and as read, considered section by section and finally adopted as a whole by the following vote:

YEAS:	Mr. Goss, Mr. Langston, Mr. Hightower, Mr. Zeno, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Duck and Mr. Smith
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINING:	None

WHEREUPON said ordinance was declared adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

          /s/          Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.  
POLICE JURY PRESIDENT

          /s/          Kenneth O. Pardue  
POLICE JURY SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE

I, Kenneth O. Pardue, the undersigned Secretary of the Jackson Parish Police Jury declare that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a ordinance adopted by the Jury at a regular meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

/s/           Kenneth O. Pardue  
Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary

ORDINANCE 04-1110-2008

AMENDMENT TO JACKSON PARISH BUILDING CODE  
ORDINANCE NO 01-0609-2008 AS AMENDED AUGUST 11, 2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY AMENDING THE JACKSON PARISH BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE AS REFLECTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 01-0609-2008 AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 11, 2008, EXEMPTING MOBILE HOMES OR MANUFACTURED HOMES, DELETING THE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL BEFORE THE CONNECTION OF UTILITIES AND PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATED THERTO.

WHEREAS the Jackson Parish Police Jury desires to amend its existing Building Code so as to exempt mobile homes or manufactured homes from the requirements of that Code and to eliminate the requirement that utilities cannot be connected to any building until the building has been approved by the Building Official:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Jackson Parish, in regular session, duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, that Ordinance No. 01-0609-2008, as amended on August 11, 2008, be and is hereby modified as follows:

SECTION 1

Section 1-5, setting forth the work exempt from permits in the Subsection entitled Building be and is hereby amended to add a Section 8 to read:

“8. Mobile homes or manufactured homes, which as defined herein shall mean a structure transportable in one or more sections, which, in



NAYS: Mr. Hightower

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

WHEREUPON said ordinance was declared adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/ Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.  
POLICE JURY PRESIDENT

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
POLICE JURY SECRETARY

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Kenneth O. Pardue, the undersigned Secretary of the Jackson Parish Police Jury declare that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a ordinance adopted by the Jury at a regular meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

/s/ Kenneth O. Pardue  
Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Goss to cease pursuit of consideration of purchasing the old Jonesboro post office building. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Hightower to authorize the secretary-treasurer to publish a summary of the 2009 Consolidated Budget and notice of public hearing for the purpose or receiving comments from the public on the 2009 Consolidated Budget at 5:45 PM, Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to conduct a public hearing Monday, December 8, 2008, at 5:15 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center to receive

comments from the public in compliance with R.S. 33:1233 for increasing the compensation of jurors to \$1,600 per month and an additional amount of \$150 for the president per month, with an effective date of January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to advertise for material bids for 2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jonesboro for use of equipment and services. Motion carried.

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

Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office	\$3,000.00	Solid Waste (Litter pickup)
Louisiana Machinery	\$ 472.16	Road
Monroe Mack	\$ 865.00	Solid Waste
Hydra-Tech Systems	\$1,670.65	Solid Waste
Freightliner	\$ 925.00	Solid Waste
Walpole Tire	\$ 741.96	Road
Walpole Tire	\$2,500.00	Solid Waste
Brown Radiator	\$ 500.00	Solid Waste

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