

December 10, 2007
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury convened Monday, December 10, 2007 at 5:45 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2008 Consolidated Budget. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith. Absent: Dr. Charles Garrett.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Mr. Smith gave the invocation and Mr. Atkins led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public hearing on the 2008 Consolidated Budget was opened. The secretary-treasurer presented an overview of the proposed budget.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to recess for five minutes. Motion carried.

The president closed the recess and called resumed the hearing. There were no comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Langston to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Police Community Center. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Darrell Magee, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith. Absent: Dr. Charles Garrett.

The president called to meeting to order.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes of the November 12, 2007 meeting, the November financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Paul Riley presented the Engineer's Report.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the engineer to prepare the final change order with a reduction in the contract cost for the Eros bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to sign the substantial completion for the Eros bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include:

Approve electrical work at Eros bin site

Approve purchase and installation of automatic stationary generator from Homeland Security funds

Approve purchase of portable building from homeland security funds
Approve purchase of reclaimed asphalt
2008-2009 LCDBG Project
Letter of Support for Town of Jonesboro
Motion carried.

The solid waste superintendent presented the monthly report.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Atkins to accept the solid waste report. Motion carried.

The road superintendent presented the monthly report.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to approve the emergency / off schedule work as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the resignation of Israel Smith. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to accept the road report. Motion carried.

The building superintendent presented his report.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to approve the payment of \$2,580 to Entergy Corporation for the relocation of the primary power line at the Eros bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the purchase of a portable building from Bayou Portable Buildings in the amount of \$1,795 for the Eros bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the resolution for the library tax renewal. Motion carried. Mr. Zeno abstained.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt a resolution authorizing the president to sign all approved documents for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and all other agencies. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to amend the 2008 Consolidated Budget to authorize the secretary-treasurer to place a cap of \$1,000,000 on the Statutory Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 02-1211-06

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the following ordinance for the 2008 Consolidated Budget:

2008 Consolidated Budget

Section 1: The attached detailed estimates of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008, are hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget (Modified Accrual Basis) of Revenue for the Parish.

Section 2: The adoption of this Operating Budget is hereby declared as an

appropriation of the amounts herein set forth within the term of budget classifications.

Section 3: Amounts are available for expenditure only to the extent included within the 2008 Budget.

Section 4: Budget line items may be adjusted as long as they do not exceed the total revenue/expenditures approved for that fund.

REVENUE	
Taxes	3,275,000
Hotel/Motel Tax	2,500
Hotel/Motel State	2,500
Alcohol Bev Tax	10,500
Ins Prem Tax	50,000
Alcohol Bev Lic	3,000
Fire Ins Rebate	55,000
La. Dept of Public Safety / JP's & Constables	12,000
State Rev Sharing	103,000
Rural Dev Grant	0
State of La./Dept of Defense Grants	78,000
Severance Tax	1,450,000
Sheriff Court Fees/ Witness Fees	20,000
Interest	431,150
Rent/Royalty	5,000
Refunds	1,200
Fund Transfers	0
Misc Rev	600
State Road Fund	240,650
Asphalt Sales Tax	900,000
Fines	16,000
Grants	45,228
Solid Waste S Tax	1,475,000
Fees Charged	7,500
Sale of Scrap	0
S W Commercial Fees	85,000
Sale of Recycled Wood Products	2,500
Telecomm Permits	0
Community Center Fees	21,600
State of La. / Office of Community Development	0
Emergency Preparedness	0
Insurance Claims	0
Hazard Mitigation Plan (State)	0
TOTAL REV	8,292,928
FUND BAL (01/01)	7,625,389
TOTAL FUNDS	15,898,217

EXPENDITURES	
Police Jury	126,800
Publications	15,000
Gov't Organizations	9,200
District Court	25,000
District Attorney	89,000
Clerk of Court	10,000
Coroner	28,100
JPs/Constables	27,850
Registrar of Voters	20,300
Elections	25,000
General Finance	210,900
Insurance	140,000
Building Code Enforcement	72,170
Gov't Bldg	284,600
Community Center	30,500
Sheriff/Jail	375,000
Fire Protection	85,000
Office of Emergency Preparedness	88,500
National Guard	1,200
Pine Belt CAA	12,000
Ret/Pen Deductions	180,500
Rural Dev Grant	0
Jackson Parish Master Plan	0
Veterans Affairs	7,200
Council on Aging	12,000
Animal Control	500
County Agent	13,100
Airport	6,000
Municipality Appropriations	52,500
Audit/Contengency	24,000
Beautification Bd	2,500
Jackson Heritage Museum	7,000
Road-Op/Maint	879,000
Road-Asphalt	683,600
Solid Waste	1,683,950
Library	771,800
Health Unit	68,300
Capital Outlay	300,000
Debt Service	660,800
Tourism	21,500
Chamber of Commerce	4,000
Nuisance Ordinance Expenses	5,000
YES Program	10,000
Office of Addictive Disorders	20,000
Property Purchase	0

LCDBG Program Projects	37,500
Sparta Commission	1,500
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	0
Permit Office (Roads/Rights-of-way)	30,000
Court Witness Fees	20,000
TOTAL EXP	7,158,370
FUND BAL (12/31)	8,739,847
TOTAL	15,898,217

YEAS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: 6
 ABSTAIN: None

The above ordinance is hereby adopted this 10th day of December, 2007.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the 2008 Workers Compensation in the amount of \$51,540 from Community Financial. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to reconsider the Library Tax Resolution. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Langston and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR 8.94 MILLS PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON FOR PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND SUPPORT OF THE JACKSON PARISH LIBRARY AND BOOKMOBILE.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a eight and ninety four hundredths (8.94) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,430,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2009 and ending with the year 2018, for the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, operation (including acquisition of library books, materials, supplies and equipment), construction and support of the Jackson Parish Library and bookmobile in and for the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Jackson Independent*, a weekly (Thursday) newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Jonesboro, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Jackson Parish Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Monday, August 11, 2008, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Jackson Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Jackson Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Consolidation of Polling Places. This Governing Authority does hereby request that the Parish Board of Election Supervisors (the "Board") consolidate the polling places and reduce the number of commissioners per polling place so far as the Board seems practical in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:1261.1.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
Carl L. Atkins	X			
Eddie Mack Langston	X			
Darrell J. Magee	X			
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.				X
Maxie F. Monroe	X			
Charles H. Garrett			X	
Troy L. Smith	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of December, 2007.

Secretary-Treasurer

President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on December 10, 2007, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
01	Quitman Village Hall
02	Quitman Village Hall
03	Quitman Fire Station
04	Clay Fire Station
05	Vernon Fire Station
05A	Vernon Fire Station
06	Eros Village Hall

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
07	Eros Village Hall
08	Chatham Town Hall
08A	Chatham Town Hall
09	Chatham Town Hall
10	Ward 4 Fire Station
11	Ward 4 Fire Station
13	McDonald Recreation Center
14A	Hodge Fire Station
15	North Hodge Village Hall
16	East Hodge Village Hall
17	Hodge Fire Station
17A	Hodge Fire Station
18	Hodge Fire Station
19	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
19A	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
19B	Jonesboro-Hodge High School
20	Hawk School
20A	Hawk School
22	Jonesboro-Hodge Middle School
24	Ward 4 Fire Station
25	Southside School
26A	Southside School

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Jackson Parish Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2007.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary-Treasurer

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JACKSON

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing six (6) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on December 10, 2007, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2007.

Secretary-Treasurer

(SEAL)

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the resignation of Midge Willis from the Jackson Beautification Council. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Magee to approve the request of the Jonesboro Police Department for use of the community center on December 15, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to accept the resignation of Brenda Atkins and Leona Jeter from the Quitman Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried with Mr. Atkins abstaining.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Ms. Monroe to table appointments to fill the unexpired vacancies on the Quitman Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the secretary-treasurer to open four (4) checking accounts at Jonesboro State Bank as listed below as sign all necessary documents and to authorize the secretary-treasurer to provide necessary federal and state tax identification information.

Jackson Parish Police Jury Master Fund

Jackson Parish Police Jury Payroll

Jackson Parish Police Jury LCDBG (Federal)

Jackson Parish Police Jury Homeland Security (Federal)

Motion carried with Mr. Magee abstaining.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to approve the 2008 budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Langston to approve the following purchase orders:

La. Machinery	\$485.16	Road
J & M Auto Repair	3800.00	Road
Richard Comeaux	650.00	Road
WasteQuip	14,528.00	Solid Waste
Covington Sales	831.47	Road
La. Machinery	626.90	Asphalt
J. D. Caver	28,899.00	Road/Asphalt
James Group	86,934.33	Road/Asphalt

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve electrical work at the Eros bin site in the amount of \$1,411.40 by Dodson Enterprise. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the purchase and installation of a stationary automatic generator from Homeland Security (Federal) fund at a cost of \$17,450 from Albritton Electric. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Magee to approve the purchase of a portable building at a cost of \$1,795 from Bayou Portable Buildings to be paid from Homeland Security (Federal) funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Atkins to purchase 6,440 tons of reclaimed asphalt at the 2007 bid price from James Group with shipping by J. D. Caver at bid price. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith , seconded by Mr. Langston, the following resolution was offered for adoption:

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE
PROPOSED FY 2008 - FY 2009 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Jackson Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2008 - FY 2009 LCDBG program for streets; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all engineering costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury has hired the engineering firm of The Riley Company, to assist in the preparation of said application for a fee of \$1,500.00. An additional fee of \$57,570.00 will be paid to the engineering firm of The Riley Company, for subsequent program implementation of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2008 or the FY 2009 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other engineering costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2008 - FY 2009 LCDBG program.

The above resolution having been read and a vote taken as adopted by unanimous vote on this 10th day of December, 2007.

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., President

Kenneth O. Pardue, Secretary/Treasurer

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Langston, the following resolution was offered for adoption:

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF
THE PROPOSED FY 2008 - FY 2009 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Jackson Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2008 - FY 2009 LCDBG program for streets; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury has hired the firms of GNF Management Company, Inc. and The Riley Company, to assist in the preparation of said application for the fees of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively. An additional fee of \$35,000.00 will be paid to the administrative firm of GNF Management Company, Inc., for subsequent program administration of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2008 or the FY 2009 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other administrative costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2008 - FY 2009 LCDBG program.

The above resolution having been read and a vote taken as adopted by unanimous vote on this 10th day of December, 2007.

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., President

Kenneth Pardue, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to submit a Letter of Support on behalf of the Town of Jonesboro's Capital Outlay Project application for the rehabilitation of the town's sewer system. Motion carried.

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

