

March 14, 2005  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, March 14, 2005, 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, Dr. Garrett. Mr. Magee gave the invocation and Mr. Zeno led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments were made by Bobby Lolley and Bill Standley.

Representative Jim Fannin requested that the jury consider the adoption of a resolution requesting the creation of a Reservoir Authority.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Langston to amend the agenda to consider the adoption of a resolution requesting the governor to create a Reservoir Authority. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to adopt a resolution requesting the governor to appoint a Reservoir Authority to study the creation of addition ground water reservoirs for Jackson Parish. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Zeno to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2005 jury meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Atkins gave the report of the road committee:

“Road Committee  
March 9, 2005

The Road Committee met Wednesday, March 09, 2005, at 1:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Carl Atkins, Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Darrell Magee. Also present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Dr. Charles Garrett and Mr. Troy Smith.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to recommend that all engineering fees and costs relative to the permitting system be paid from general fund monies. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to amend the agenda to include Stonewall and Mt. Zion Road and Lakeshore Drive. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the road superintendent to schedule the grading of the entrance to the Recreation Complex as requested by the Recreation Board. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Langston to authorize the road superintendent to schedule repair of potholes in the Town of Quitman as requested by the mayor. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the road superintendent to schedule grader and apply SB-2 gravel to Mill Loop and Chatham Lake Levee Road. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to amend the agenda to discuss use of reclaimed asphalt material. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the road superintendent to schedule the repair of a school bus turnaround on Ed Barnes Road with the school board paying one-half of the cost. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to authorize the purchase of a laptop computer, printer and necessary software for the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that Stonewall and Mt. Zion be declared an emergency and that they be included in the 2005 Road Project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the engineer prepare a cost estimate of repairing shoulders on Lakeshore Drive. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Magee to recommend that the use of reclaimed asphalt be restricted to parish roads only. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the road committee minutes of March 9, 2005. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeno presented the report of the personnel committee:

“Personnel Committee  
March 9, 2005

The Personnel Committee met Wednesday, March 09, 2005, at 2:30 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center located at 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana.  
Members present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Dr. Charles Garrett 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 Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury deny the request of the Jackson Parish Ambulance District to participate in the jury's health insurance program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Dr. Garrett to recommend that the jury create a new classification of family coverage and allow employees to add dependents to their health plan with the employee paying 100% of the cost of the dependent coverage. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to recommend that the jury accept the resignation of Charles Smith from the Jackson Parish Watershed Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be named as Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to obtain a price quotation for a file server for the jury office. Motion carried.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Smith to amend the agenda discuss the renovation of the Assessor's office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to recommend that the jury accept the change in cost of painting of the Assessor's Office due to insurance certificate. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2005 personnel committee meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Magee to accept the engineer's report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to accept the emergency/off schedule work and accept the report of the road superintendent. Motion carried.

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

## 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 sales and use 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, Section 29 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 16, 2005**, 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 propositions, to-wit:

### PROPOSITION 1 (SALES TAX RENEWAL)

SUMMARY: RENEWAL OF A .6% SALES AND USE TAX OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON FOR 10 YEARS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of six-tenths of one percent (.6%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of service in the Parish, as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning July 1, 2006, with the proceeds of the Tax, after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, to be dedicated for the purpose of waste management and to pay debt service on waste management?

### PROPOSITION 2 (SALES TAX RENEWAL)

SUMMARY: RENEWAL OF A .4% SALES AND USE TAX OF THE PARISH OF JACKSON FOR 10 YEARS FOR BLACKTOPPING AND SEALING ROADS/STREETS, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX TO BE SUBJECT TO BEING FUNDED INTO BONDS OR CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of four-tenths of one percent (.4%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of service in the Parish, as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning July 1, 2006, with the proceeds of the Tax, after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, to be dedicated for the purpose of blacktopping roads/streets, sealing roads/streets and be further authorized to fund the proceeds of the Tax, from time to time, into bonds or certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of blacktopping and sealing roads/streets in 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, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005, 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 results 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, July 25, 2005, 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 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 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 sales and use 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.

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

MEMBERS:            YEAS:    NAYS:    ABSENT:    ABSTAINING:

Carl Atkins	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Eddie Langston	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Darrell Magee	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Nathaniel Zeno, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Leslie Thompson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Charles Garrett	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Troy Smith	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of March, 2005.

                  /s/ Kenneth Pardue                    
Secretary

                  /s/ Charles H. Garrett                    
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 March 14, 2005, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**, 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 propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION 1  
(SALES TAX RENEWAL)

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tax of four-tenths of one percent (.4%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of service in the Parish, as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning July 1, 2006, with the proceeds of the Tax, after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax, to be dedicated for the purpose of blacktopping roads/streets, sealing roads/streets and be further authorized to fund the proceeds of the Tax, from time to time, into bonds or certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of blacktopping and sealing roads/streets in the Parish?

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, 8255 Quitman Hwy, Quitman
02	Quitman Village Hall, 8255 Quitman Hwy, Quitman
03	Quitman Fire Station, 8247 Quitman Hwy, Quitman
03A	Quitman Fire Station, 8247 Quitman Hwy, Quitman
04	Clay Fire Station, 131 Hwy 148, Ruston
05	Vernon Fire Station, 3359 Hwy 148, Ruston
05A	Vernon Fire Station, 3359 Hwy 148, Ruston
06	Eros Village Hall, 9890 Hwy 34, Eros
07	Eros Village Hall, 9890 Hwy 34, Eros
08	Chatham Town Hall, 1709 Oak St., Chatham
08A	Chatham Town Hall, 1709 Oak St., Chatham
09	Chatham Town Hall, 1709 Oak St., Chatham
10	Ward Four Fire Station, 261 Hwy 505, Jonesboro
11	Ward Four Fire Station, 261 Hwy 505, Jonesboro
12	Vernon Fire Station, 3359 Hwy 148, Ruston
13	McDonald Recreation Center, 400 Jeffress St., Jonesboro
14	McDonald Recreation Center, 400 Jeffress St., Jonesboro

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
14A	Hodge Fire Station, 1001 First St., Hodge
15	North Hodge Village Hall, 5204 Quitman Hwy, Quitman
16	East Hodge Village Hall, 6011 Main St., East Hodge
17	Hodge Fire Station, 1001 First St., Hodge
17A	Hodge Fire Station, 1001 First St., Hodge
18	Hodge Fire Station, 1001 First St., Hodge
19	Jonesboro-Hodge High School, 225 Pershing Hwy, Jonesboro
19A	Jonesboro-Hodge High School, 225 Pershing Hwy, Jonesboro
19B	Jonesboro-Hodge High School, 225 Pershing Hwy, Jonesboro
20	Hawk School, 401 Northeast St., Jonesboro
20A	Hawk School, 401 Northeast St., Jonesboro
21	McDonald Recreation Center, 400 Jeffress St., Jonesboro
21A	Hawk School, 401 Northeast St., Jonesboro
22	Jonesboro-Hodge Jr High School, 440 Old Winnfield Rd., Jonesboro
23	Jonesboro-Hodge Jr High School, 440 Old Winnfield Rd., Jonesboro
24	Ward Four Fire Station, 261 Hwy 505, Jonesboro
25	Southside School, 2105 South Polk Ave., Jonesboro
26	Southside School, 2105 South Polk Ave., Jonesboro
26A	Southside School, 2105 South Polk Ave., Jonesboro

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, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005**, 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 results 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 14th day of March, 2005.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Charles H. Garrett  
President

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/s/ Kenneth Pardue  
Secretary

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JACKSON

I, the undersigned Secretary 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 eight (8) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on March 14, 2005, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use 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 14th day of March, 2005.

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Secretary

(SEAL)

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to approve the request of the Jackson Parish Library for use of Veterans' Memorial Park on May 3, 2005 for a concert and use of the community center for a secondary location in case of inclement weather. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Atkins to purchase a file server and software for the jury office at a cost of \$13,404.50 from Software & Services, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Langston to approve the funding request of the Veterans' Service Office for the period of January through June, 2005. Motion carried.

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

Twin City Transmissions	\$ 500.00	Solid Waste
Hixson Autoplex	17,008.00	Road/General/Solid Waste/Asphalt
Gall's	800.00	Road
Ag-Con Equipment	380.00	Solid Waste
Delta Processing Equipment	500.00	Solid Waste
Floyd Walker Tractor Repair	400.00	Solid Waste
Walpole Tire	190.00	Road

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to create the Jackson Parish Natural Gas District. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Atkins to adopt a resolution of support to the Police Jury Association in support of the National Association of Counties Association. Motion carried.

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