

April 10, 2006
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, April 10, 2006, at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center in 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. Mr. Thompson gave the invocation and Dr. Garrett led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Thompson to amend the agenda to include a resolution recognizing April as Confederate History Month. Motion carried.

Mr. Jerreld Robison commented on Senator Vitter's town hall meeting in Jonesboro.

Mr. Zeno recognized Michael G. Linton, Louisiana State Police Uniformed Trooper of the Year. Mr. Magee presented Trooper Linton with a plaque in recognition of his award.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to adopt the minutes of the March 13, 2006 minutes, the March 20, 2006 minutes, financial report for March and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to adopt the following recognition:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on January 26, 1861, the state of Louisiana declared itself to be a free and independent state and became a member of the Confederate States of America until 1865; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana contributed many of its citizens to the service of the Confederate States; and

WHEREAS, out of the War Between the States has grown a unity which has made this Country great; and

WHEREAS, the lives affected and the lessons of that great War are too numerous and important to be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jackson Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session, does hereby proclaim April, 2006 as

CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH

in Jackson Parish and does hereby urge all citizens of this parish to pursue an appreciation of the tactics of the war and an understanding of its historical significance and influence upon the lives of all citizens of Jackson Parish.

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., President
Jackson Parish Police Jury

Paul Riley presented the engineer's report.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to authorize the engineer to advertise the 2006 road project pending final approval of bid specification by the president, road committee chairman and the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Thompson to authorize the president to sign the final change order for the transfer station and garage addition increasing the original contract by \$9,254.30 with the final contract cost of \$434,002.82 and decreasing the contract time by sixteen (16) days. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Smith to approve the engineer's report. Motion carried.

Jody Stuckey presented the road report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the emergency / off schedule work for March as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Magee to approve the monthly road report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Magee to authorize the road superintendent to institute a four day work week of 10 hours per day Monday through Friday. Weeks containing a holiday all employees will work five days at 8 hours per day. The road superintendent is authorized to utilize overtime as required for the reclaimed asphalt program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Dr. Garrett to employ Vernon Spinks, Jr. as a probationary employee in the road department at \$8.00 per hours as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Curtis Blakely presented the report of the solid waste department.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Langston to approve the solid waste report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Thompson to accept the low bid of Scott Construction Equipment in the amount of \$85,749 for the purchase of a Case 850-K-II dozer from solid waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Atkins to accept the low bid of River City Hydraulics in the amount of \$194,900 for a 2007 Mack/Heil front loading refuse compactor truck from solid waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Magee seconded Mr. Thompson to authorize the secretary-treasurer to validate the telephone poll of March 21, 2006 to authorize the Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce use of the courthouse lawn on April 15, 2006 for an Easter egg hunt. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Atkins seconded Mr. Smith to certify the telephone poll of March 21, 2006 to authorize the Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce use of the courthouse lawn on April 15, 2006 for an Easter egg hunt. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to issue a Letter of No Objection to EOG Resources, Inc. for the proposed drillsite, access road and structures LCV RA SU 158; Weyerhaeuser No. 1 Well, Section 20, T16N-R1E. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Thompson to declare the following items as salvage / surplus and to place the items in an approved public auction:

Water Trailer (900 gallon), Asset #339
Caterpillar Excavator Model #E120B, Serial # 210340
1984 Ford F-250, Serial #2F0HF27G2ECA92658 (R-20)
Ford 5610 Tractor & Brush ax, Serial #Z301422, (R-800)
Packard Bell Computer with printer, Asset #178
Hewlett Packard Computer with printer, Asset #231
Magnavox Video Recorder with case
Over-Lowe generator, Model KP2250-DC, Serial #TRS 7250
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Langston to approve payment of \$19,877.91 for reimbursement of District Attorney's Office for 1st quarter reimbursement. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Atkins to nominate John McCarty to the Jackson Parish Dugdemona Watershed Authority. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the following:

Resolution:

Whereas, every parish in the State of Louisiana is authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain, including the power of expropriation of private property for a public purpose upon the payment to the owner the full and fair market value thereof;

Whereas, the Jackson Parish Police Jury (or Parish Council/ Commission) takes great care and consideration in the exercise of the power of eminent domain;

Whereas, all such decisions are made with great care to balance the common needs of the citizens of Jackson Parish with the private property rights of the property owners of Jackson Parish;

Whereas, the elected members of the Jackson Parish Police Jury will only exercise the power of eminent domain when such exercise is vital to the general or economic health or welfare of Jackson Parish.

Whereas, economic development is essential to the prosperity of the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Jackson and is a valid and appropriate public purpose for the exercise of the power of eminent domain;

Whereas, with withering resources from the State and federal government, successful economic development projects often depend on a collaboration between public and private interests;

Whereas, sometimes the exercise of eminent domain, including the expropriate of private residential or commercial property, is necessary to facilitate economic development projects which arise from the collaboration between public and private interests;

Whereas, the US Supreme Court has, for over 50 years, recognized economic development as a valid public purpose for the exercise the authority of eminent domain;

Whereas, the Louisiana Courts have likewise recognized economic development as a valid public purpose for the exercise the authority of eminent domain;

Whereas, there are some who seek to limit or strip local governments of the ability to use eminent domain to facilitate vital economic development projects;

Whereas, limiting or stripping local government of the ability to utilize eminent domain for economic development will hinder the growth and recovery of the State of Louisiana and Jackson Parish.

Be it therefore resolved by the Jackson Parish Police Jury, meeting this 10th day of April, 2006, in open session, that the Congress of the United States, Congressman Rodney Alexander, Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter, Governor Kathleen B. Blanco, the Louisiana Legislature, Representative Jim Fannin, and Senator Robert Kostelka are urged and requested to oppose any effort by the Congress of the

United States or the Louisiana Legislature to limit or strip the authority of local governments, including the Jackson Parish Police Jury from using economic development as the public purpose for the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Be it further resolved by the Jackson Parish Police Jury that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the Congress of the United States, Congressman Rodney Alexander, Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter, Governor Kathleen B. Blanco, the Louisiana Legislature, Representative Jim Fannin, and Senator Robert Kostelka .

Yeas: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., President

The above resolution unanimously adopted this 10th day of April, 2006, in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

Motion Dr. Garrett seconded Mr. Thompson to approve the following purchase orders:

Reed Plumbing	\$582.00	General
Fitzgerald Contractors	7910.00	General
Fitzgerald Contractors	1700.00	General
Covington Sales	450.00	Road
Galls	1000.00	Road
PJA of La.	6400.00	General
Jonesboro Glass	1000.00	Solid Waste
Office Techs	1150.00	Solid Waste
Louisiana Machinery	409.86	Road
J. D. Caver	2700.00	Road
Sol's Pipe & Steel	1000.00	Solid Waste
Winn Truck & Trailer	550.00	Road
Pardue Builders	395.71	Solid Waste

Motion carried.

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