

November 10, 2014
Jonesboro, Louisiana
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, November 10, 2014, at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Todd Culpepper, Eddie Langston, Billy Bryant, Maxie Monroe, Charles Garrett and Lynn Treadway. Absent: Josh Peterson. Also present: Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Culpepper. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance had been given earlier at the opening of the Personnel Committee. The president called for public comments. Ms. Linda Devine addressed the Jury concerning the road on which she lived, Paradise Drive. She asked the Jury to readdress the Attorney General's Opinion relating to Paradise Drive.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the October 13, 2014 minutes, the October financial report and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The president gave the report of the November 3, 2014 Finance Committee meeting:

"Finance Committee
November 3, 2014

The Finance Committee met Monday, November 3, 2014, at 4:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse. Members present: Mr. Culpepper, Ms. Monroe and Mr. Garrett. Also present: Mr. Langston and Mr. Treadway.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culpepper. Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Mr. Langston led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following amendments were offered:

Repayment of \$2,144.21 to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for reimbursement of public work costs for Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Jury agendas

There were no public comments on the amendments.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Culpepper to amend the agenda to include:

Repayment of \$2,144.21 to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security for reimbursement of public work costs for Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Jury agendas

Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: Ms. Betty Jeffress told the jurors that she was no longer working with the Jackson Independent, and thanked the jurors for their courtesies that they had shown her, and that she had learned much about how the Jury functions.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Culpepper to authorize the secretary-treasurer to place the Amended 2014 Consolidated Budget on the November 10th agenda for final approval. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Culpepper to authorize the secretary-treasurer to publish the Proposed 2015 Consolidated Budget and notice of a public hearing to be conducted on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:15 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Garrett to authorize the secretary-treasurer to advertise for material bids for 2015. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Culpepper to recommend that the Jury accept the quotation of Maxwell Contractors in the amount of \$6,500 for cleanup and closure of 4 small bins sites closed by the Jury. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Garrett to recommend that the Jury authorize the secretary-treasurer to reimburse the State Treasurer \$17,050 that was inadvertently remitted to the police jury on behalf of the Jackson Parish Tourism Commission in House Bill #1 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislature. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury adopt a policy to prohibit the sale of dirt from the Jury's dirt pit. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Garrett to recommend that the Jury issue a refund in the amount of \$2,144.21 to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for overpayment of public works performed by the jury employees during Hurricane Katrina. Motion carried.

Mr. Langston requested that the committee go into executive session to discuss the jury agendas.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Ms. Monroe to go into executive session with no action to be taken. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Garrett to return to open session with no action having been taken. Motion carried.

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

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the minutes and recommendations of the November 3, 2014 Finance Committee. Motion carried.

The secretary-treasurer gave the report of the November 10, 2014 Personnel Committee meeting.

"Personnel Committee
November 10, 2014

The Personnel Committee met Monday, November 10, 2014, at 5:00 PM at the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center. Members present: Ms. Monroe, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Treadway. Also present: Mr. Langston and Mr. Bryant.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Garrett. Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Mr. Bryant led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following item was offered as an amendment to the agenda:

Request of Health Unit to approve full time employment of Mellisa Gilbert at the health unit. There were no public comments on the proposed amendment.

Motion Mr. Treadway seconded Mr. Garrett to amend the agenda to include:
Full time employment of Mellisa Gilbert at the health unit. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury approve the presented amendment to the Jury's Personnel Policy for hiring practices as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury approve the Rejection Letter as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend that the Jury approve the full time employment of Mellisa Gilbert at the health unit effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway seconded Mr. Garrett to adjourn. Motion carried."

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the minutes and recommendations of the November 10, 2014 Personnel Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Paul Riley gave the Engineer's Report:

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the president to sign the substantial completion of the demolition project for the Jackson Parish Library on the property located at 612 S Polk. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway seconded Mr. Garrett to authorize the president to sign the contract amendment with the Riley Co. for the 2015 Road Program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the engineer to advertise for the Hwy 4 – Mariah model bin site. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Bryant to accept the emergency / off schedule report for October as presented by the Road Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Bryant to accept the monthly report of the solid waste department as presented by the Solid Waste Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Bryant to accept the monthly report of the building permit office as presented by the Building Official. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston seconded Mr. Bryant to accept the monthly report of the road permit / emergency preparedness office as presented by the OEP Director. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Langston to adopt the Amended 2014 Consolidated Budget:

	Budget Fiscal Year 2014	Amended Fiscal Year 2014	% Change Year to End
REVENUE:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,790,409	3,840,409	1.3%
Alcohol Bev Tax	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Ins Prem Tax	75,000	75,000	0.0%
Cable TV Fraanchise Tax	2,500	4,900	96.0%
Alcohol Bev Lic	800	800	0.0%
Telecommunication Permit	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Fire Ins Rebate	70,000	70,000	0.0%
La. Dept of Public Safety / JP's & Constables	13,000	13,000	0.0%
State Rev Sharing	70,000	70,000	0.0%
Local Government Assistance Program	100,000	100,000	0.0%
State of La./Dept of Defense Grants (State)	16,000	33,000	106.3%
Coroner's Office Fees (Municipalities, etc)	12,000	12,000	0.0%
Severance Tax	700,000	700,000	0.0%
Sheriff Court Fees/ Witness Fees	11,000	11,000	0.0%
Interest	77,600	88,800	14.4%
Rent/Royalty	2,000	3,800	90.0%
Refunds	5,200	9,800	88.5%
State Road Fund	275,000	175,000	-36.4%
Asphalt Sales Tax	850,000	850,000	0.0%
Fines	27,000	27,000	0.0%
Grants	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Solid Waste S Tax	1,150,000	1,150,000	0.0%
Fees Charged	28,000	28,000	0.0%
Sale of Scrap	0	19,350	
S W Commercial Fees	110,000	110,000	0.0%
Recycling Revenue	62,500	62,500	0.0%
Community Center Fees	15,000	16,500	10.0%
Federal - Homeland Security	35,000	35,000	0.0%
Building Code Fees	25,000	28,000	12.0%
TOTAL REVENUE:	7,537,009	7,547,859	0.1%
EXPENDITURES:			
Police Jury	129,000	129,000	0.0%
Publications	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Gov't Organizations	10,000	10,000	0.0%
District Court	13,000	20,000	53.8%
District Attorney	110,100	110,100	0.0%
Clerk of Court	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Coroner	82,900	82,900	0.0%

JPs/Constables	31,700	31,700	0.0%
Registrar of Voters	23,200	23,200	0.0%
Elections	15,000	15,000	0.0%
General Finance	235,000	265,000	12.8%
Insurance	92,000	107,000	16.3%
Building Code Enforcement	50,000	53,700	7.4%
Gov't Bldg	370,000	384,000	3.8%
Community Center	30,000	32,500	8.3%
Sheriff/Jail	580,000	540,000	-6.9%
Fire Protection	70,000	70,000	0.0%
Office of Emergency Preparedness	95,200	95,200	0.0%
Ret/Pen Deductions	204,500	204,500	0.0%
LGAP Grant Projects	125,000	125,000	0.0%
Veterans Affairs	8,200	8,200	0.0%
County Agent	27,600	27,600	0.0%
LCDBG Consultant/Grant Writer	37,500	5,000	-86.7%
Audit / Reapportion Professional Services	40,000	40,000	0.0%
Municipality Appropriations	0	52,500	
Road-Op/Maint	1,469,500	1,474,500	0.3%
Road-Asphalt	1,834,500	1,987,000	8.3%
Solid Waste	2,005,500	1,898,500	-5.3%
Library	2,812,064	2,724,919	-3.1%
Health Unit	119,750	132,600	10.7%
Economic Development	58,000	94,000	62.1%
Capital Outlay	114,066	93,000	-18.5%
Sparta Commission	0	1,200	
YES Program	0	9,000	
Tourism	23,500	23,000	-2.1%
Sewer Grant	1,000	6,300	530.0%
Permit Office (Roads/Rights-of-way)	21,500	27,500	27.9%
Court Witness Fees	12,000	16,000	33.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	10,876,280	10,944,619	0.6%
Beginning Cash Balance, January 1st	7,442,299	9,610,911	29.1%
Ending Cash Balance, December 31st	4,103,028	6,214,151	51.5%

YEAS: Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Langston, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Treadway
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Mr. Peterson

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Hodge Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hodge Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Hodge Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 20, 2014, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 28, 2015, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Hodge Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(PARCEL FEE RENEWAL)

Shall Hodge Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy and collect annually for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2016 and ending with the year 2025, a parcel fee on each parcel of immovable property as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1505 (D) situated within the District, in the amount of \$72.00 per year (an estimated \$55,800 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), to be expended for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the parcel fee provided for therein.

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>
Todd Culpepper	X			
Eddie Langston	X			
Josh Peterson			X	
Billy Bryant	X			
Maxie Monroe	X			
Charles Garrett	X			
Lynn Treadway	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of November, 2014.

_____ /s/ Kenneth O. Pardue	_____ /s/ Todd Culpepper
Secretary-Treasurer	President

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

Christmas Designers	\$568.91	General
Ag-Con Equipment	\$827.25	Road
Monroe Spring & Brake	\$1,261.56	Road/Asphalt
Curry's Frame & Body Shop	\$2,000.00	Solid Waste
Luffey's Medical Supply	\$828.00	Health Unit
Fair's Diesel	\$6,000.00	Solid Waste
Christmas Designers	\$1,495.00	General

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Garrett seconded Mr. Treadway to adjourn. Motion carried.