

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Room, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham, Mrs. Tarneshala Cowans, Mrs. Amy Magee, Mrs. Sheketia Combs, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Keith Burris. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper. Also present: Ms. Nia Evans, Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager; Mr. Wayne Anderson, Road Superintendent; and Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent.

The Vice President, Mrs. Magee, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Cowans gave the invocation and Mr. Burris led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Vice President opened the floor for public comments.
Mrs. Andrea Malone spoke on behalf of DART.

Motion- Mr. Burris, seconded Ms. Rowe to amend the agenda to add 7a. allowing Mr. Tommy Smith and Mr. Rod Potts to give an update on the pavilion. Motion carried.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend # 8 to consider and act on giving the Recreation Board \$250,000 for the completion of the pavilion. Motion carried.

The Vice President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion- Mrs. Cowans, seconded Mr. Chatham to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular jury meeting, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The Vice President called for approval of committee reports.

Motion- Mr. Burris, seconded Mrs. Combs to adopt the minutes of the June 24, 2024, Policy committee meeting. Motion carried.

Agenda item #3 failed for a lack of motion.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve all new hires be paid for any Police Jury paid holiday that may occur during their 60-day probationary period. Motion carried.

Motion- Mrs. Cowans, seconded Mrs. Combs to adopt the minutes of the June 26, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting. Noting the actual to budget comparisons. Motion carried.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve the Secretary-Treasurer Nia Evans, attend the 69th Annual OPAO Conference on July 31, 2024 through August 2, 2024, in Lafayette La. Motion carried.

Motion- Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Burris to adopt the 2024 Tax Millage rates. Motion carried.

Mr. Tommy Smith and Mr. Rod Potts gave a detailed update on the pavilion.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Burris to start the process of cancelling the Jury's commitment with the State of Louisiana for the pavilion with the understanding that once cancelled, \$250,000 will be given directly to the recreation board for the completion of the pavilion. Motion carried.

The Vice President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager, gave the June 2024 Operations Manager Reports.

Mr. Wayne Anderson, Road Superintendent, presented the June 2024 Road Report noting that \$7567.99 had been spent on emergency call-outs/off-schedule work.

Motion Mr. Burris, seconded Mr. Chatham to accept the June 2024 emergency/off-schedule reports. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Session, Solid Waste Superintendent, presented the June 2024 Solid Waste Report.

The Vice President moved to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley presented the Engineer Report.

Motion- Mr. Burris, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve the final change order for contract 1 of the road program with an increase up to \$50,000. Motion carried.

Motion- Mr. Burris, seconded Mrs. Combs to approve substantial completion of contract 1 of the road program. Motion carried.

Agenda item #15

Consider and act on parcel fee renewal election for Hodge Fire Protection District. Roll Call Vote

Yay-6

Nay-0

Absent-1

Motion carried.

Discussion on the Board of Review timetable for 2024.

There were no board appointments.

Announcements- The Jackson Parish Police Jury will host the annual Region 5 banquet on October 24, 2024, at the Dr. Charles Garrett community Center. Time to be determined.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Burris to adjourn. Motion carried.