

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Absent: Mr. Lynn Treadway. Also present: Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager; Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent; Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent; and Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The President, Mr. Culpepper, called the meeting to order. Mr. McCarty gave the invocation and Ms. Cowans led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ms. Cowans, second by Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda for the following items:

- Give the President the authority to sign the Resolution for the DOTD Grant for the Town of Jonesboro and add the agenda item as No. 20;
- Continue funding 100% of the health insurance for all employees and give all employees a 2% salary increase and add the agenda item as No. 21;
- Give Solid Waste Department the authority to schedule grinding activities and add the agenda item as No. 22.

Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Aaron Johnson, Jackson Parish EMS Director of Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District presented an overview of the Ambulance Service District's construction of a Training Center, training classes opportunities, and new equipment recently received and expected to be received.

The President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. McCarty to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2023, and March 13, 2023, Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President moved to Committee Reports.

Motion by Mr. Chatham, second by Ms. Cowans to adopt the following minutes from the March 16, 2023, Road Committee meeting. Motion carried.

*Road Committee
March 16, 2023*

The Road Committee met Wednesday, March 16, 2023, at 12:00 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, and Ms. Amy Magee. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer and Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Amy Magee. Mr. Culpepper gave the invocation and Mr. Chatham led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Riley presented the 2023 Revised Maintenance Program. Motion by Mr. Culpepper, second by Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury approve the 2023 Revised Maintenance Program. Motion carried.

Mr. Riley presented the 2023 Road Program. Motion by Mr. Culpepper, second by Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury approve the 2023 Road Program with the increase to \$800,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Culpepper, second by Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury give permission to Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer to advertise the 2023 Road Program. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed other road issues, but no action was taken.

The date of the next Road Committee meeting was set for Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 4:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Culpepper, second by Mr. Chatham to adjourn. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Chatham to approve the 2023 Revised Road Maintenance Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McCarty, second by Ms. Magee to approve the 2023 Road Program with an increase to \$800,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Cowans to give permission for Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer to advertise the 2023 Road Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Rowe to adopt the following minutes from the March 16, 2023, Parish Cleanup Committee meeting. Motion carried.

*Parish Cleanup Committee
March 16, 2023*

The Parish Cleanup Committee met Monday, March 16, 2023, at 12:30 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, and Mr. John McCarty. Absent: none.

There were no public comments.

The Committee discussed the place(s) to meet for the volunteers to get grabbers, vests, and trash bags and have a group picture taken. It was decided that the parish would be divided into four (4) areas. Jurors will be the team leader(s) for each area and will need to pick up grabbers, vest, and trash bags at the Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building on Friday, April 21, 2023, by 2:00 PM. Jurors Mr. Todd Culpepper and Mr. John McCarty will lead the Quitman area. Juror Mr. Lewis Chatham will lead the Chatham area. Juror Ms. Amy Magee will lead the Weston area. Jurors Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway will lead the Jonesboro area. A Fire Station in each area will be the meeting place for the volunteers to get their needed items at 7:00 AM and have a group picture taken.

Motion by Mr. Chatham, second by Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.

The President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager presented the February 2023 Operations Manager Report.

Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent, presented the February 2023 Road report noting that \$11,181.94 had been spent on emergency call-outs/off-schedule work.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Rowe to accept the January 2023 emergency call outs/off-schedule report. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent presented the February 2023 Solid Waste report.

Mr. Emmett Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer presented the February 2023 Financial Report highlighting the budget vs. actual comparisons for the major funds.

The President moved on to Other Business.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. McCarty to adopt the Opioid Resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 0321-2023-02

A Resolution authorizing the Parish of Jackson (herein referred to as this “Governmental Unit”) to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (the “MOU”) and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.¹

WHEREAS, the Parish of Jackson has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Jackson recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and the Parish of Jackson is a litigating participant in that action;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the Parish of Jackson, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

¹ Available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every City and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. That Michael G. Stag and/ or John F. Young are hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A."

SECTION 4. That Todd Culpepper is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance/Resolution to:

Attorney General Jeff Landry
c/o Bill Stiles
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: /s/ Todd Culpepper
Todd Culpepper, President

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Ms. Cowans to accept the resignation of Jackson Parish Registrar of Voters Angie Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Rowe to approve Jackson Parish Recreation Board Resolution requesting approval from State Bond Commission for sale of Limited Tax Bonds not to exceed \$1,500,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Ms. Magee to increase CDL Physical exam reimbursement not to exceed \$150. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McCarty, second by Ms. Magee to approve overtime for Solid Waste employees on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Chatham, second by Ms. Magee to extend the services of Kenneth Folden & Associates for 45 days. Ms. Rowe voted Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Rowe to approve the following changes at the Health Unit: increase Andrea Gates' rate of pay from \$11.44 per hour to \$12.45 per hour and hire a part-time receptionist in the \$11.00 per hour range. Motion carried.

The Jury reviewed Parish Boards and Commissions Appointments.

- Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Ms. Magee to re-appoint Mr. Brandon Lamkin to the Recreation Board for a 3-year term ending 02/28/2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Ms. Magee to give the President the authority to sign the Resolution for the DOTD Grant for the Town of Jonesboro. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Chatham, second by Mr. McCarty to continue funding 100% of the health insurance for all employees and give all employees a 2% salary increase. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Ms. Rowe to give Solid Waste Department the authority to schedule grinding activities. Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for Juror comments.

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.