

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper. Also present: Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. McCarty. Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Ms. Rowe led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Christine Rambo, on behalf of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership, presented the Jury with a report on the work done in Jackson Parish and the surrounding area with special emphasis on the ACT program and work keys testing. She asked the Jury to issue a statement of support for the program and to be a supporting employer. Ms. Rambo then discussed the work to be done in order to certify the site at 167 Industrial Drive and stated that Mayor Thompson of Jonesboro has plans to relocate the pipeline to meet the DEQ requirements.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to amend the agenda to accept the NLEP report and to support the NLEP ACT program as a supporting employer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jay Morris announced that he would be running for State Senate in District 35 and gave the Jury and those in attendance information on his history and political platform.

There being no other public comments or amendments, the President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the minutes of the July 8th, July 29th, and August 5th Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Jody Stucky, Road Department Superintendent, presented the July 2019 Road Report stating that there was \$7,084.98 spent on emergency call-outs during the month. He stated that the bridge on Zoar Road should be completed by the end of the week and discussed the asphalt program and special requested items.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Langston to accept the July 2019 emergency/off-schedule report. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Department Superintendent, presented the July 2019 Solid Waste Report and updated the Jury on the process of land acquisitions for future model bin sites.

Mr. Mark Treadway, Parish O.E.P. Director, presented the July 2019 O.E.P. report giving an update on Hurricane Barry. He also gave information on the 2017 SHSP reimbursement and the conference calls for cyber threats.

The Financial Report for July 2019 was read aloud by Ms. Tammy Collinsworth highlighting the actual vs. budget comparisons for all funds. She stated that the OPAO Conference had been attended and new updates and regulations would be shared in the coming months. It was also stated that the new Police Jury website had been launched.

Mr. Bubba Anderson, Maintenance Superintendent, presented the July 2019 Maintenance Report. He updated the Jury on projects to replace the boiler and pump system and the handicapped parking at the Courthouse.

With the completion of Management Reports, the President moved to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer with Riley Co. of Louisiana, presented the July 2019 engineering report. He updated the Jury on the progress for the 2019 Road Program.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway, to accept the NLEP report and to support the NLEP ACT program as a supporting employer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston, seconded Ms. Rowe to approve the 2019 Road Program – Contract I Final Change Order (contingent upon no cost increase). Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Magee to approve the 2019 Road Program – Contract I Substantial Completion. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the 2019 Road Program – Contract II Final Change Order (contingent upon no cost increase). Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Langston to approve the 2019 Road Program – Contract II Substantial Completion. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to approve the low bid of \$4,200 from T&S Brown Contractors for repairs to Rita Lane. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the requested change order of \$1,720 to Mechanical Systems and Service for a surge protection devise for the boiler project. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Magee to approve the bid from Mechanical Systems & Service for \$9,124.10 for a mini split unit for the 911 equipment room. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Treadway to accept the state contract bid of \$21,630.28 from Ag-Con for a tractor and loader for the Maintenance Department. Motion carried.

The Jury discussed the 2019 municipal appropriations. Ms. Magee asked about updates from what the towns had asked for in previous years. Mr. Langston asked why they asked the towns what they wanted the money for or if they should tell them. Mr. McCarty stated that the Jury is responsible to the taxpayers for how the Jury spends their money and that they deserve a report on how their money is spent.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to authorize the President to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreements and issue 2019 appropriations to municipalities. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Rowe and seconded by Ms. Magee:

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 special taxes 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 the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions 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, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) 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 NO. 1 OF 2
(TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a five and twenty-three hundredths (5.23) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,133,700 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of maintenance of Parish roads and bridges, said millage to represent a seventeen hundredths of a mill (.17) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 5.06 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2019 pursuant to an election held on November 14, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2
(TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a four and fifty-five hundredths (4.55) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$986,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of asphaltting and paving roads and maintenance of such roads, said millage to represent a fifteen hundredths of a mill (.15) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 4.40 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2019 pursuant to an election held on November 14, 2009?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Jackson Independent*, a 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) 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 for the precincts in the Parish 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 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-Treasurer 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-Treasurer 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.

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 continue to levy and collect the special taxes 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:
Todd Culpepper	_____	_____	X	_____
Eddie M. Langston	X	_____	_____	_____
Amy C. Magee	X	_____	_____	_____
John W. McCarty	X	_____	_____	_____
Tarneshala Cowans	X	_____	_____	_____
Regina H. Rowe	X	_____	_____	_____
Lynn Treadway	X	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of August, 2019.

_____/s/ Gina M. Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer

_____/s/ John W. McCarty
President

EXHIBIT "A"

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 August 12, 2019, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**, 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 NO. 1 OF 2

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer 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 pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on August 12, 2019, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes 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 at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of August, 2019.

/s/ Gina M. Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Lynn to re-appoint Judie Blalock (District 6) and Barbara Johnson (District 7) to three-year terms on the Heritage Museum Board expiring on August 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Ms. Magee to notify the Secretary of State, State Supreme Court, and Attorney General's Office of the resignation of Patricia Manthey from District B as Justice of the Peace and submit Milton S. Bryant as the recommended Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the President opened the floor for announcements:

It was announced that there had been a nuisance complaint issued on the property of 900 Lockhart Drive - X.L. Blackburn.

The President proceeded to Juror comments.

The Jury thanked those in attendance.

Mr. Treadway thanked Ms. Rambo and Mr. Morris for speaking to the Jury.

Ms. Rowe stated that she was looking forward to working for another term in the parish.

Ms. Magee stated that she had been out to the Delta Community College and that it is an asset to the parish and encouraged people to check it out.

Mr. Langston discussed his retirement from the Jury after 20 years of service.

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