

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

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

The President convened the 2019 Tax Board of Review. Mr. Glen Kirkland, Jackson Parish Tax Assessor, presented the appeals.

Mr. Mike Smith of Property Tax Partners representing Regency Gas Intrastate System presented information on their appeals #2040004221 & B; 2030030261 & B; 2010005801 & B; and 201000580.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to uphold the 2019 assessments as presented by the Tax Assessor and to deny the changes to the 2019 tax roll as requested by:

- Regency Intrastate Gas, LLC

and to affirm and accept the 2019 tax roll assessment as presented by the Jackson Parish Tax Assessor.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

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

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to adopt the minutes of the August 12th, August 26th, and September 3rd Special and Business Session 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 August 2019 Road Report stating that there was \$434.85 spent on emergency call-outs during the month. He stated that the bridge on Zoar Road was now opened.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to accept the August 2019 emergency/off-schedule report. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Department Superintendent, presented the August 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 August 2019 O.E.P. report and updated the Jury on the status of the current grant processing.

Ms. Gina Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the August 2019 Financial Report highlighting the actual vs. budget comparisons for all funds. She stated that the 2019 budgeted transfers had been processed and that upcoming events for employee ethics and sexual harassment training and the floodplain community outreach event were being finalized.

The August 2019 Maintenance Report was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer updating the Jury on projects at the Courthouse and other Police Jury properties.

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

Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer with Riley Co. of Louisiana, presented the August 2019 engineering report. He updated the Jury on the progress for the Sleepy Hollow Drainage project and stated that they would have information in the coming months on the new road ratings plans for the 2020-2022 road construction program.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Culpepper to hire the Riley Co. to design plans for the construction of the model bin site on Highway 148. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to hire the Riley Co. for the Solid Waste Annex Building project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to endorse the Jackson Parish Library for the Chatham Library Parking Lot project and to authorize the President to request land from the Town of Chatham. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to hire the Riley Co. for the design and engineering on the Chatham Library Parking Lot project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to authorize the President to sign the change order and substantial completion for the Punkin Center Hilltop Water System project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to introduce Ordinance 02-1014-2019 granting to Atmos Energy Corporation (A Texas and Virginia Corporation with its principal office in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas) and its successors and assigns the franchise and rights to conduct in such parish the business of acquiring, maintaining, constructing, laying, repairing, removing, replacing, installing, operating, and disposing of a gas system for the sale, transportation, and distribution of natural gas within and beyond the boundaries of the parish and to the residents and businesses located therein for light, heat, power, and any other purposes and the right to use the present and future streets, roads, highways, alleys, bridges, public ways, and immovable property in such parish but not within the limits of any municipality or owned or controlled by such parish for such purposes; prescribing the terms and conditions to which such franchise and rights are subject; and prescribing the term of such franchise and rights for a term of 10 years. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Cowans to approve the permanent employment of Jack Williams as General Laborer-Level II in the Road Department effective 9/14/2019. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to approve the permanent employment of Jody Terral as General Laborer-Level I in the Road Department effective 9/14/2019. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Langston to accept the retirement of Donald Jenkins from the Solid Waste Department effective 8/27/2019 and to proceed with new hire procedures. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Magee to table action on board appointments until further review. Motion carried.

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

The President asked the Jurors to keep considering future plans for the Jury and to think about what they wanted the organization to look like in 2020 and into the future.

The President proceeded to Juror comments.

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