

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 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 Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Ms. Regina Rowe. Also present, Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

The President, Ms. Amy Magee, called the meeting to order. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include taking action on hiring the Riley Company, Inc. for the 2021 road program. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added to the agenda as 6. h.

The President called for any amendments to the agenda.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include consider and act on hiring the Riley Co. for the 2021 Road Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The President called for actions from the Public Hearings.

The Amended 2020 Consolidated Budget was presented for adoption:

ORDINANCE 01-1214-2020
2020 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
AS AMENDED DECEMBER 14, 2020

Jackson Parish Police Jury 2020 Amended Budget Adoption Date: December 14, 2020	2020 Original Adopted Budget	2020 Amended Budget	Budget Amendments Increase (+) Decrease (-)
<u>CONSOLIDATED REVENUE</u>			
Taxes Collected:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,128,903	\$3,004,963	(\$123,939)
Sales & Use Taxes	1,928,000	1,918,264	(9,736)
Severance Taxes	675,000	650,000	(25,000)
Other Taxes Collected	98,100	48,094	(50,006)
Inter-Governmental Revenue:			
State Revenue Sharing	62,265	64,175	1,910
Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes	5,020	1,714	(3,306)
Parish Transportation Funds	510,128	247,711	(262,417)
State Grants (LGAP, LCDBG, Tourism, etc.)	47,775	76,685	28,910
Federal Grants (EMPG, SHSP, CARES, etc.)	56,747	220,241	163,494
Other State/Federal Reimbursements & Grants	77,525	2,077,495	1,999,970
Fees for Services & Permits:			
Permits (Building, Alcohol, Telecom, etc.)	6,466	8,206	1,740
Fees for Services:			
Coroner's Fees	16,750	20,502	3,752
Accounting Services	18,000	53,462	35,462
Solid Waste Commercial Collection Fees	174,000	168,351	(5,649)
Solid Waste Dumping Fees	8,250	10,018	1,768
Rentals & Leases	13,450	9,035	(4,415)

Other Revenue:			
Interest	214,940	46,771	(168,169)
Sales of Recycle Materials	48,000	22,352	(25,648)
Sale of Surplus/Scrap	500	105	(395)
Fines & Penalties	8,400	3,165	(5,235)
Library Revenue <i>(including taxes, fees, & grants)</i>	1,417,500	1,440,144	22,644
Other Income	1,200	72,509	71,309
Transfers In:	3,087,818	1,480,159	(1,607,658)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,604,737	\$11,644,122	\$39,386
<u>CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES</u>			
General Government:			
Legislative	(\$231,882)	(\$159,052)	(\$72,830)
Judicial:			
<i>Judicial - District Attorney</i>	(126,647)	(126,647)	-0-
<i>Judicial - Clerk of Court</i>	(14,310)	(8,374)	(5,936)
<i>Judicial - Justices of the Peace and Constables</i>	(30,336)	(28,145)	(2,191)
Elections - Registrar of Voters	(27,821)	(27,291)	(530)
Public Safety			
<i>Jackson Parish Sheriff</i>	(710,380)	(684,527)	(25,853)
<i>Homeland Security - OEP</i>	(33,277)	(75,100)	41,823
Jackson Parish Coroner	(128,474)	(119,365)	(9,109)
Parish Promotion - LSU Ag Center	(21,683)	(20,961)	(721)
Finance & Administration	(568,426)	(634,594)	66,167
Building & Grounds Maintenance	(551,338)	(440,199)	(111,139)
<i>Community Center</i>	(27,150)	(23,272)	(3,878)
Grants/Inter-Governmental	(85,525)	(111,445)	25,920
Appropriations & Services Provided	(73,953)	(34,629)	(39,323)
Special Revenue Funds:			
Road Maintenance	(1,939,737)	(3,565,687)	1,625,951
Road Asphalt	(1,045,584)	(1,091,564)	45,981
Solid Waste Department	(1,878,228)	(1,755,197)	(123,031)
Health Unit	(133,695)	(170,345)	36,650
Library	(1,883,500)	(1,442,600)	(440,900)
Tourism, Culture, & Recreation	(36,000)	(16,166)	(19,834)
Petit/Grand Jury Fees	(8,000)	(3,647)	(4,353)
Sales & Use Tax Fund	(12,000)	(12,523)	523
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(9,567,945)	(10,551,330)	983,385
Capital Funds:			
State Grants Fund	-0-	(3,210)	3,210
Federal Grants Fund	(30,556)	(30,813)	257
Current Year Road Program	(1,356,205)	(1,327,402)	(28,803)
Capital Projects & Improvements	(1,205,000)	(9,384)	(1,195,616)
Livestock Pavilion	-0-	-0-	-0-
Statutory Reserve	-0-	-0-	-0-
Landfill Closure Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	(2,591,762)	(1,370,810)	(1,220,952)
Debt Services Funds:			
	(325,990)	(325,993)	3
Transfers Out:	(3,087,818)	(1,480,159)	(1,607,658)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$15,573,514)	(\$13,728,292)	(\$1,845,222)

FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	\$8,761,808	\$8,761,808
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(\$3,968,778)	\$(2,084,170)
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$4,793,030	\$6,677,638

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to adopt Ordinance 01-1214-2020 to amend the 2020 Consolidated Budget.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

The 2021 Consolidated Budget was presented for adoption:

ORDINANCE 02-1214-2020
2021 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 14, 2020

Jackson Parish Police Jury 2021 Consolidated Budget Adoption Date: December 14, 2020	2020 Projected Year Total	2021 Adopted Budget	% Change Projected 2020 vs. 2021 Budget
<u>CONSOLIDATED REVENUE</u>			
Taxes Collected:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,004,963	\$3,106,101	3%
Sales & Use Taxes	1,918,264	2,770,000	44%
Severance Taxes	650,000	650,000	0%
Other Taxes Collected	48,094	79,000	64%
Inter-Governmental Revenue:			
State Revenue Sharing	64,175	61,000	-5%
Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes	1,714	1,640	-4%
Parish Transportation Funds	247,711	240,000	-3%
State Grants (LGAP, LCDBG, Tourism, etc.)	76,685	68,000	-11%
Federal Grants (EMPG, SHSP, CARES, etc.)	220,241	419,063	90%
Other State/Federal Reimbursements & Grants	2,077,495	72,490	-97%
Fees for Services & Permits:			
Permits (Building, Alcohol, Telecom, etc.)	8,206	6,888	-16%
Fees for Services:			
Coroner's Fees	20,502	13,500	-34%
Accounting Services	53,462	69,424	30%
Solid Waste Commercial Collection Fees	168,351	200,000	19%
Solid Waste Dumping Fees	10,018	10,000	0%
Rentals & Leases	9,035	9,200	2%
Other Revenue:			
Interest	46,771	30,265	-35%
Sales of Recycle Materials	22,352	24,500	10%
Sale of Surplus/Scrap	105	1,000	855%
Fines & Penalties	3,165	9,000	184%
Library Revenue (including taxes, fees, & grants)	1,440,144	1,053,575	-27%
Other Income	72,509	15,000	-79%
Transfers In:	1,480,159	1,791,891	21%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,644,122	\$10,701,538	-8%

CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES			
General Government:			
Legislative	(\$159,052)	(\$156,899)	-1%
Judicial:			
<i>Judicial - District Attorney</i>	(126,647)	(126,747)	0%
<i>Judicial - Clerk of Court</i>	\$(8,374)	(11,850)	42%
<i>Judicial - Justices of the Peace and Constables</i>	(28,145)	(28,836)	2%
Elections - Registrar of Voters	(27,291)	26,006)	-5%
Public Safety			
<i>Jackson Parish Sheriff</i>	(684,527)	(673,000)	-2%
<i>Homeland Security - OEP</i>	(75,100)	(388,566)	417%
Jackson Parish Coroner	(119,365)	(98,945)	-17%
Parish Promotion - LSU Ag Center	(20,961)	(18,533)	-12%
Finance & Administration	(634,594)	(340,034)	-46%
Building & Grounds Maintenance	(440,199)	(377,304)	-14%
<i>Community Center</i>	(23,272)	(23,600)	1%
Grants/Inter-Governmental	(111,445)	(105,490)	-5%
Appropriations & Services Provided	(34,629)	(4,296)	-88%
Special Revenue Funds:			
Road Maintenance	(3,565,687)	(1,580,750)	-56%
Road Asphalt	(1,091,564)	(994,893)	-9%
Solid Waste Department	(1,755,197)	(1,695,457)	-3%
Health Unit	(170,345)	(180,496)	6%
Library	(1,442,600)	(1,601,979)	11%
Tourism, Culture, & Recreation	(16,166)	(40,050)	148%
Petit/Grand Jury Fees	(3,647)	(5,500)	51%
Sales & Use Tax Fund	(12,523)	(25,050)	100%
<i>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	<i>(10,551,330)</i>	<i>(8,504,279)</i>	<i>-19%</i>
Capital Funds:			
State Grants Fund	(3,210)	-0-	-100%
Federal Grants Fund	(30,813)	(30,500)	-1%
Current Year Road Program	(1,327,402)	(890,000)	-33%
Capital Projects & Improvements	(9,384)	-0-	-100%
Livestock Pavilion	-0-	-0-	0%
Statutory Reserve	-0-	-0-	0%
Landfill Closure Fund	-0-	-0-	0%
<i>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES</i>	<i>(1,370,810)</i>	<i>(920,500)</i>	<i>-33%</i>
Debt Services Funds:			
	(325,993)	(331,787)	2%
Transfers Out:			
	(1,480,159)	(1,791,891)	21%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$(13,728,292)	\$(11,548,456)	-16%
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING			
	\$8,761,808	\$6,677,638	
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			
	(\$2,084,170)	(\$846,918)	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING			
	\$6,677,638	\$5,830,720	

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to adopt Ordinance 02-1214-2020 to adopt the operating budgets of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 for General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Funds.

Ms. Magee asked about the travel budget for the Jurors and asked that the meeting attendance budget be removed.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried with the noted change to Jury travel.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to adjust the parish maintenance on Ironwood Road to end at the Joyce Harvey property line and keep the remaining portion that serves multiple landowners and/or structures.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to adjust the parish maintenance on Burney Road to end at the 181 Burney Road mailbox and keep the remaining portion that serves multiple landowners and/or structures.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Nay, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to remove Branch Creek from the Parish Road System and declared it as abandoned and no longer needed for public purposes and that any public dedication of Branch Creek be revoked all in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to remove Tree Lane from the Parish Road System and declared it as abandoned and no longer needed for public purposes and that any public dedication of Branch Creek be revoked all in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to the portion of Bill Cole Loop south of the intersection with Jade Road from the Parish Road System and declared it as abandoned and no longer needed for public purposes and that any public dedication of this portion of Bill Cole Loop be revoked all in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to extend Jade Road to include the east-west portion of Bill Cole Loop to the intersection with Harris.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

District 1: Yea, District 2: Yea, District 3: Yea, District 4: Yea, District 5: Yea, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yea
Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Chatham to table action on Bryant Road until Ms. Rowe could be present.
Motion carried.

The President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the minutes of the November 9th and December 7th Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President moved to Committee Reports.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to adopt the following minutes of the November 24th Operations Committee. Motion carried.

*Operations Committee
November 24, 2020*

The Operations Committee met Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms Amy Magee, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent, Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, and Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include consider and recommend action to hire Riley Company, Inc. for the 2021 Road Program. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added to the agenda as #4.

The Committee discussed reduced spending and cost savings to align with the 2021 budget. The Department Superintendents gave input for reduced overtime and equipment leases.

The Committee discussed the issue with contractors cutting the water line while cutting cement on Poland Loop. Mr. Riley stated that the water line was not reported on the Louisiana One-Call system and no one knew it was located in the parish right-of-way. He stated that historically the Jury does not pay for these issues when the contractor is not at fault and we don't typically receive requests to pay for it. Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury not pay for the water line relocation. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the first-pass reports of the following road studies. The following recommendations were made:

- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury take no action on Masters Road as they confirmed that the only access to the Masters property is the road through the Lewter property. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Aberdeen Road to end at 168 Aberdon. Motion carried.*
- The Committee discussed that Duck Pond Road had been removed from the Parish Road System in 2017. No action was taken.*
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury take no action on Shenandoah Road as it has two property owners with two houses on it. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury take no action on Campbell Road as it has multiple property owners. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on William Shows Road to end at the Westbrook property line. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Choctaw Road to end at the Robert Moore property line. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury send McKeaver Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.*
- Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury adjust the parish maintenance on Springfield Road to end at the Winters property line. Motion carried.*

- *Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury send St. Clair Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.*

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury hire Riley Company, Inc. for engineering for the 2021 Road Program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to adjourn. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to table sending Aberdon Road to a public hearing in January until Ms. Rowe can be present for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to send William Shows Road to a public hearing in January to hear comments on adjusting the parish maintenance to end at the Westbook property line. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to send Choctaw Road to a public hearing in January to hear comments on adjusting the parish maintenance to end at the Robert Moore property line. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to send McKeever Road to a public hearing in January to hear comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried with Mr. McCarty voting "Nay".

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to send Springfield Road to a public hearing in January to hear comments on adjusting the parish maintenance to end at the Winter's property line. Motion carried

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to send St. Clair Road to a public hearing in January to hear comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to table sending Canard Road to a public hearing until Ms. Rowe can be present for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Culpepper to hire Riley Company, Inc. for the 2021 road program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the following minutes from the November 18th and December 3rd Finance Committee meetings. Motion carried.

*Finance Committee
November 18, 2020*

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. John McCarty, and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: none.

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

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed the amended 2021 Library Budget and noted the changes to capital spending. Ms. Cowans arrived at the meeting.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Cowans to recommend the Jury approve the 2021 Library Budget. Motion carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2020 budget amendments to-date and the preliminary 2021 budget for the General Fund. The Committee discussed each line item and gave feedback and requested changes to be presented at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Ms. Cowans left the meeting.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Jury approve the presented 2020 budget amendments and the 2021 preliminary budget for the General Fund. Motion carried.

Mr. Culpepper requested that the Secretary-Treasurer notify the Committee when the Jury's portion of the debris hauling charges reaches a \$100,000 liability.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Culpepper to adjourn. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

December 3, 2020

The Finance Committee met Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: Mr. John McCarty.

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

The Chair opened the floor for Public Comments.

Ms. Amy Magee, Police Jury President, thanked the Finance Committee for their dedication to have a Finance Committee meeting every month and for the work that they performed.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the consolidated 2021 Preliminary Budget with the 2020 budget amendments. The Committee reviewed each line item and discussed the variances and year-over-year changes. They had special discussion on personnel costs, prisoner housing costs, and grant revenue and expenditures.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Jury adopt the 2021 Budget with 2020 amendments as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the Proposed 2021 Jackson Parish Library budget as presented. Mr. Culpepper discussed the changes from the budget presented in November and detailed the year-over-year variances. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to table action on the recommendation to institute a \$25 permit fee for anyone, residential or commercial, that comes across the scales with the fee being paid per visit. Motion carried.

With the conclusion of Committee Reports, the President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Department Superintendent, gave the November 2020 Road report noting that there were no emergency call-outs/off-schedule work. He reviewed the completion of the special road projects.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Chatham to accept the November 2020 emergency/off-schedule reports. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, gave the November 2020 Solid Waste report noting the tonnages collected in the parish and municipalities.

Mr. Mark Treadway, OEP Director, gave the November 2020 OEP report and discussed the status of the 2019 and 2020 grants and the COVID-19 vaccination.

The Jury reviewed the November 2020 Maintenance report provided in the Jury packets.

Ms. Gina Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the November 2020 Financial Report and discussed the adopted budget ordinances. She discussed the status of the Hurricane Laura debris removal project.

The President moved on to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer with the Riley Co. gave the November 2020 Engineering report and stated that he had begun plans for the 2021 road program as well as the 3-year program and a 2-year maintenance program.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to adopt the amended 2021-23 Road Priority lists for Blacktop Minor and Overlay. Mr. Riley discussed the changes from the prior version. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to clarify the previous actions made by the Police Jury during the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting to remove Go Thru Road, Into Road, and Womack-Otwell Road from the Parish Road System and be declared as abandoned and no longer needed for public purposes and that any public dedication of these roads be revoked all in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. McCarty to appoint the following parish board members:

- Re-appoint Mr. George Gryder to the District 2 Fire Board for a 2-year term ending 12/31/22

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to accept the resignation of Mr. Jay Mallard from the Watershed District Board. Motion carried.

No action was taken on nominees for the Watershed District Board or Jonesboro Fire District Board.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to authorize Darrell Avery to research and present a recommendation regarding the Subdivision Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the following resolution in support of rural broadband. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA POLICE JURY TO THE LOUISIANA SENATE AND THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the Jackson Parish Police Jury strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically, and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents, and

WHEREAS, residents of Jackson Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high-speed internet,

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana,

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the JACKSON PARISH COUNCIL urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

The recorded vote thereon being as follows:

District 1: Yay, District 2: Yay, District 3: Yay, District 4: Yay,
 District 5: Yay, District 6: Absent, District 7: Yay

This resolution was declared adopted December 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Amy Magee
 Ms. Amy Magee
 President

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to suspend the Operations Manager position until May 2021. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Chatham to accept the 2021 Material Bids for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to approve the amended 2020 and Proposed 2021 budget for the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve the 2021 Employee Pay Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to re-locate all Administrative personnel to the Administrative Building. Ms. Magee stated that she would like to see all administrative personnel in the new building by March 2021. Motion carried with Mr. McCarty voting "Nay".

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to adopt the Community Center Refund Payment Policy. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Treadway and seconded by Mr. Chatham :

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 a sales and use tax 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, including Article VI, Section 29 thereof, 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, APRIL 24, 2021**, 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 proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection, a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$1,850,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 2021, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of waste management, jail and courthouse expansion, road construction and maintenance, and to pay any debt service requirements on bonds issued for such purpose, or any part thereof?

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 proposition 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, JUNE 14, 2021, 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 result 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 levy and collect the sales and use tax 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:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
Todd Culpepper	X			
Lewis Chatham	X			
Amy Magee	X			
John McCarty	X			
Tarneshala Cowans	X			
Regina Rowe			X	
Lynn Treadway	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Gina M. Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Amy Magee
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 December 14, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**, 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 proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection, a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$1,850,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 2021, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of waste management, jail and courthouse expansion, road construction and maintenance, and to pay any debt service requirements on bonds issued for such purpose, or any part thereof?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Jackson, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at 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, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$32,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, 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 result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Jonesboro, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Amy Magee

President

/s/ Gina M. Thomas

Secretary-Treasurer

The President stated that the state legislators contacted her regarding the Library's desire to emancipate. She informed the Jury that no action had been taken and that no letter of support could be sent without the Jury's review and approval.

The President opened the floor for announcements and notifications.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that a nuisance violation had been reported at 833 Hodge School Road and that a letter would be sent to the property owner in compliance with the Nuisance Ordinance.

The President announced that there would be an election for the 2021 officers.

The floor was opened for nominations for President.

Mr. Chatham nominated Ms. Magee. There were no other nominations and Ms. Magee was named President by acclamation.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice President
Mr. Chatham nominated Ms. Cowans. Mr. Culpepper nominated Ms. Cowans. There were no other nominations
and Ms. Cowans was named Vice President by acclamation.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Treadway to close the nominations for 2021 officers.

The President opened the floor for to Juror Comments.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatahm to adjourn. Motion carried.