

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

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

The President opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Todd Lamkin discussed the status of the ongoing speeding situation on Lamkin Road.

Mr. Emery Belton, Attorney discussed the Southern Spirit Transmission Project.

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Mr. Burris to approve Resolution No. 1117-2023 supporting the Southern Spirit Transmission Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 1117-2023

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN SPIRIT TRANSMISSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Police Jurors of Jackson Parish, Louisiana were informed of a potential economic development project under development by Southern Spirit Transmission LLC, a subsidiary of Pattern Energy Group LP, called the Southern Spirit Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to build a privately funded 3,000 Megawatt (MW) electric transmission line and related facilities that will link abundant and cost-effective energy in Texas to the transmission grid and customers in the Southeastern United States – including but not limited to the state of Louisiana. The investment in the Project will have no cost impact on Louisiana utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the Project will consist of two converter stations, one located in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana near Mansfield and the other located in Choctaw County, Mississippi, to convert alternating current (AC) power to direct current (DC) power, and the construction of approximately 320 miles of high-voltage, direct current (HVDC) transmission lines across Louisiana and Mississippi, with approximately 200 miles in Louisiana and 29 miles in Jackson Parish; and

WHEREAS, economic development is a key factor in the future growth of Louisiana and Jackson Parish. The construction of the Project will enable the state and Jackson Parish to assist in the export of reliable energy throughout the Southeast United States and will help improve the quality of life for the citizens of Jackson Parish by generating jobs, additional long-term revenue streams, investments in infrastructure upgrades, and improved interregional electric reliability; and

WHEREAS, the economic output in Louisiana is estimated to be more than \$2 billion dollars over the construction and first 40 years of operations of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in the creation of approximately 2000 construction jobs in Louisiana, and will provide over \$340 Million in property tax revenue over the life of the Project for the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Project will greatly improve the local tax base for Jackson Parish with a capital investment in Jackson Parish of over \$28 Million in addition to more than \$11 Million in direct local economic impact resulting from construction and operations, and an additional \$23 Million in ad valorem property taxes in Jackson Parish over the life of the Project, resulting in an average annual increase in property taxes in Jackson Parish of \$575,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Project will export abundant American made energy resulting in reduced wholesale energy costs and will bring substantial societal benefits to the region, such as cleaner air and cleaner water; and

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury acknowledges the substantial economic benefits that the Southern Spirit Transmission Project will bring to Jackson Parish and declares its support of the Southern Spirit Transmission Project and the efforts of Pattern Energy, LLC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission to support Pattern’s Certification Application in LPSC Docket No. U-36669, and to likewise recognize the substantial economic and societal benefits that the Southern Spirit Transmission Project bring to Louisiana, particularly in historically economically challenged areas of north Louisiana;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the to the Members of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor, the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the House and Senate Members representing the parishes of DeSoto, Red River, Bienville, Jackson, Ouachita, Richland, Franklin, and East Carroll.

Police Juror Ms. Regina Rowe offered the motion to adopt the Resolution and Police Juror Mr. Keith Burris seconded the Motion to adopt the Resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the results was as follows:

MEMBERS	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
Todd Culpepper	Y			
Lewis Chatham			Y	
Amy Magee	Y			
John McCarty	Y			
Tarneshala Cowans	Y			
Regina Rowe	Y			
Keith Burris	Y			

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on November 21, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emmett Gibbs
Emmett Gibbs, Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Todd Culpepper
Todd Culpepper, President

The President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion by Mr. McCarty, second by Ms. Cowans to adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2023, and the November 8, 2023, Special Called Police Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President moved to Committee Reports.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Burris to adopt the following minutes from the October 24, 2023, and the November 15, 2023, Finance Committee meetings. Motion carried.

*Finance Committee
October 24, 2023*

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 1:30 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Meeting Room, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, and Mr. John McCarty. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Todd Culpepper.

The Chair called for public comments. There were no public comments

The Committee discussed the 2024 budget.

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

*Finance Committee
November 15, 2023*

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 12:00 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Meeting Room, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, and Mr. John McCarty. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager and Mr. Wayne Anderson, Road Superintendent.

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

The Chair called for public comments.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Police Jury transfer ARP funds totaling \$338,083 to Solid Waste Fund for the Front Loading Compactor Truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Culpepper to recommend the Police Jury transfer the balance of ARP funds totaling \$125,104 to Road Fund for partial payment of the Brush Axe Tractor. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the 2024 budget.

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

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. McCarty to approve transferring ARP funds totaling \$338,083 to Solid Waste Fund for the Front Loading Compactor Truck. Motion carried.

No action was taken on transferring the balance of ARP funds totaling \$125,104 to Road Fund for partial payment of the Brush Axe Tractor.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Burris to adopt the following minutes from the November 1, 2023, Road Committee meeting. Motion carried.

*Road Committee
November 1, 2023*

The Road Committee met Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 4:00 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. Brad Roller, Operations Manager; Mr. Wayne Anderson, Road Superintendent; and Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. 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. Rich Lee of Bayou Kubota discussed a \$5,500 increase for the purchase of the brush axe.

The Committee discussed the speeding problem on Lamkin Road and will look into a solution regarding the situation.

Motion by Mr. Culpepper, second by Mr. Chatham to table any action on the Road Ordinance until more information is obtained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Chatham, second by Ms. Magee to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State Parks for updating the parking lot at the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle. Motion carried with Mr. Culpepper abstaining.

The Committee discussed the purchase of a pothole repair trailer for the Road Department, but no action was taken at this time.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. McCarty to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State Parks for updating the parking lot at the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle. Motion carried with Mr. Culpepper abstaining.

The President called for monthly management reports.

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

Mr. Wayne Anderson, Road Superintendent, presented the October 2023 Road report noting that \$0.00 had been spent on emergency call-outs/off-schedule work. Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Burris to accept the October 2023 emergency call outs/off-schedule report. Motion carried.

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

In the absence of Mr. Emmett Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Culpepper reported the status of the 2024 budget.

The President moved on to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer gave a report regarding the Priority Lists that will be reviewed during the next Road Committee Meeting and approved at the December 2023 Regular Police Jury Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burris, second by Ms. Magee to hire Riley Company for Engineering Services on the Lakeshore Drive Project. Motion carried.

No action was taken on approving electrical work at the Landfill.

Motion by Mr. McCarty, second by Ms. Cowans to approve the Solid Waste Department's overtime schedule for the upcoming 2023 Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burris, second by Ms. Rowe to approve the Road Department assisting the Village of North Hodge with culvert replacement. Motion carried.

The Jury reviewed Parish Board Appointments.

Motion by Ms. Magee, second by Mr. Burris to reappoint the following parish board members:

- Reappoint Ms. Paula Essmeier to the Library Board for a 5-year term ending 12/31/2028.
- Reappoint Mr. Ralph Lafitte to the Hodge Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Ms. Kelly Anderson to the Quitman Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Mr. James "Jim" Justice to the Quitman Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Mr. Andy Brown to the E-911 Commission for a 4-year term ending 12/31/2027.
- Reappoint Mr. Wayne Anderson to the Jonesboro Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Ms. Carol Massey to the Library Board for a 5-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Mr. Robbie Howard to the Hodge Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Reappoint Mr. Wes Harvey to the Hodge Fire District for a 2-year term ending 12/31/2025.

Motion by Mr. Burris, second by Ms. Rowe to accept the 2024 Materials bids. Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for Juror comments.

Motion by Ms. Rowe, second by Mr. Burris to adjourn. Motion carried.