

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. meeting room, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mrs. Sheketia Combs, Ms. Regina Rowe, Mrs. Tarneshala Cowans, Mr. Keith Burris, Mrs. Amy Magee, and Mr. Lewis Chatham. Absent- None. Also present: Mrs. Nia E. Watkins, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager; Mr. Wayne Anderson, Assistant Operations Manager, Mr. Ed Howard, Solid Waste Supervisor, Mr. Jack Williams, Road Supervisor and Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer.

The President, Mr. Culpepper, called the meeting to order. Mr. Culpepper gave the invocation and Mr. Chatham led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. (From the Public Hearing)

The President opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

The President opened the floor for nominations for the 2026 Police Jury President.

Motion- Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Burris to nominate Mr. Culpepper. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Culpepper

Motion carried.

The President opened the floor for nominations for the 2026 Police Jury Vice President.

Motion- Mr. Chatham, seconded Mrs. Combs to nominate Mrs. Magee. There were no other nominations.

Mrs. Magee

Motion carried.

The President called for actions from the public hearing

Motion- Mrs. Cowans, seconded Mr. Burris to adopt Ordinance 01-1208-2025 to amend Ordinance 01-1209-2024 (2025 Consolidated Budget). Roll Call Vote:

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.

ORDINANCE 01-1208-2025
2025 AMENDED BUDGET
ORDINANCE 02-1208-2025
2026 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
ADOPTED (12/08/2025)

	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Amended Budget	2025 Amendments	2026 Proposed Budget	% Change 2025 vs. 2026 Budget
CONSOLIDATED REVENUES					
Taxes Collected:					
Ad Valorem	\$ 4,287,466	\$ 4,283,304	\$ (4,162)	\$ 4,243,160	-1%
Sales & Use	\$ 2,333,659	\$ 2,615,000	\$ 281,341	\$ 2,615,000	0%
Severance	\$ 790,000	\$ 790,000	\$ -	\$ 785,000	-1%
Other Taxes	\$ 86,450	\$ 119,390	\$ 32,940	\$ 118,850	0%
<i>TOTAL Taxes Collected</i>	<i>\$ 7,497,575</i>	<i>\$ 7,807,694</i>	<i>\$ 310,120</i>	<i>\$ 7,762,010</i>	<i>-1%</i>
Inter-Governmental Revenue:					
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 91,000	\$ 115,101	\$ 24,101	\$ 106,000	-8%
State Road Funds	\$ 200,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 235,000	0%
Inter-Governmental Revenues	\$ 122,783	\$ 127,479	\$ 4,696	\$ 124,756	-2%
<i>TOTAL Inter-Governmental Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 413,783</i>	<i>\$ 477,581</i>	<i>\$ 63,797</i>	<i>\$ 465,756</i>	<i>-2%</i>
Grant Revenue:					
Federal Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
State Grant Revenue	\$ 318,775	\$ 316,689	\$ (2,086)	\$ 667,775	111%
Opioid Abatement Grant	\$ 90,000	\$ 96,381	\$ 6,381	\$ 96,380	0%
CWEF Grant	\$ 93,334	\$ 27,300	\$ (66,034)	\$ 66,034	142%
LCDBG Grant	\$ -	\$ 458,096	\$ 458,096	\$ 640,000	40%
Other Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
<i>TOTAL Grants</i>	<i>\$ 502,109</i>	<i>\$ 898,466</i>	<i>\$ 396,357</i>	<i>\$ 1,470,189</i>	<i>64%</i>
Fees & Permits:					
Solid Waste Commercial Bin Fees	\$ 296,000	\$ 294,691	\$ (1,309)	\$ 303,500	3%
Solid Waste Dumping Fees	\$ 51,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 80,000	-22%
Building Permits	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,480	\$ (320)	\$ 4,500	0%
Coroner Fees	\$ 13,200	\$ 18,190	\$ 4,990	\$ 11,000	-40%
Other Fees & Permits	\$ 141,500	\$ 142,138	\$ 638	\$ 142,000	0%
<i>TOTAL Fees & Permits</i>	<i>\$ 506,500</i>	<i>\$ 561,499</i>	<i>\$ 54,999</i>	<i>\$ 541,000</i>	<i>-4%</i>
Other Revenue:					
Sale of Recycle & Surplus	\$ 16,500	\$ 42,984	\$ 26,484	\$ 21,500	-50%
Other Income (Interest, Rent, Refunds, etc.)	\$ 133,090	\$ 251,009	\$ 117,919	\$ 239,100	-5%
<i>TOTAL Other Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 149,590</i>	<i>\$ 293,992</i>	<i>\$ 144,402</i>	<i>\$ 260,600</i>	<i>-11%</i>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 9,069,557	\$ 10,039,233	\$ 969,676	\$ 10,499,555	5%

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CONSOLIDATED EXPENDITURES					
General Government:					
Appropriations & Services Provided	\$ (25,112)	\$ (33,237)	\$ (8,125)	\$ (83,212)	150%
Inter-Governmental	\$ (99,449)	\$ (103,407)	\$ (3,958)	\$ (103,407)	0%
General Fund Departments:					
Legislative (Police Jury)	\$ (141,799)	\$ (145,043)	\$ (3,244)	\$ (144,074)	-1%
Registrar of Voters (Elections)	\$ (46,975)	\$ (28,067)	\$ 18,908	\$ (38,298)	36%
Public Safety - Sheriff	\$ (667,100)	\$ (702,246)	\$ (35,146)	\$ (670,800)	-4%
Coroner's Office	\$ (94,800)	\$ (98,458)	\$ (3,658)	\$ (95,923)	-3%
Parish Promotion - LSU Ag	\$ (7,252)	\$ (7,820)	\$ (568)	\$ (7,820)	0%
Finance & Administration	\$ (617,810)	\$ (550,038)	\$ 67,772	\$ (571,123)	4%
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ (707,817)	\$ (757,714)	\$ (49,897)	\$ (733,221)	-3%
Judicial:					
Jud: District Attorney & District Court	\$ (127,550)	\$ (127,814)	\$ (264)	\$ (127,792)	0%
Jud: Clerk of Court	\$ (9,300)	\$ (8,400)	\$ 900	\$ (8,210)	-2%
Jud: Justices of the Peace and Constables	\$ (36,000)	\$ (32,278)	\$ 3,722	\$ (33,503)	4%
Petit/Grand Jury Fees	\$ (13,200)	\$ (14,445)	\$ (1,245)	\$ (13,000)	-10%
<i>TOTAL General Government</i>	\$ (2,594,163)	\$ (2,608,968)	\$ (14,805)	\$ (2,630,383)	1%
Special Revenue Funds:					
Road: Maintenance	\$ (1,819,187)	\$ (1,684,946)	\$ 134,241	\$ (1,937,834)	15%
Road: Asphalt	\$ (422,565)	\$ (442,713)	\$ (20,148)	\$ (538,475)	22%
Solid Waste	\$ (1,850,268)	\$ (1,844,407)	\$ 5,861	\$ (1,851,089)	0%
Health & Welfare	\$ (168,606)	\$ (177,067)	\$ (8,461)	\$ (177,686)	0%
Library	\$ (1,333,200)	\$ (1,207,450)	\$ 125,750	\$ (1,158,800)	-4%
Tourism	\$ (47,500)	\$ (28,318)	\$ 19,182	\$ (30,050)	6%
<i>TOTAL Special Funds</i>	\$ (5,641,326)	\$ (5,384,900)	\$ 256,426	\$ (5,693,933)	6%
Capital Projects & Special Grants					
Current Year Road Program	\$ (250,000)	\$ (249,244)	\$ 756	\$ (900,000)	261%
Lakeshore Drive	\$ (184,500)	\$ (644,061)	\$ (459,561)	\$ (820,000)	27%
Livestock Pavilion	\$ (167,000)	\$ -	\$ 167,000	\$ -	#DIV/O!
Opioid Abatement	\$ -	\$ (278,615)	\$ (278,615)	\$ (108,306)	-61%
LCDBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/O!
CWEF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/O!
State Grants	\$ (93,334)	\$ (27,300)	\$ 66,034	\$ (66,034)	142%
<i>TOTAL Capital Projects & Grants</i>	\$ (694,834)	\$ (1,199,220)	\$ (504,386)	\$ (1,894,340)	58%
Debt Service Funds:					
<i>TOTAL Debt (Principal & Interest)</i>	\$ (343,512)	\$ (343,512)	\$ -	\$ -	-100%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ (9,273,836)	\$ (9,536,600)	\$ (262,764)	\$ (10,218,656)	7%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	\$ 883,500	\$ 1,458,352	\$ 574,852	\$ 1,845,000	27%
Transfers Out	\$ (883,500)	\$ (1,308,352)	\$ (424,852)	\$ (1,845,000)	41%
NET CHANGE	\$ (204,279)	\$ 652,634		\$ 280,899	

Motion- Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mr. Chatham, to adopt Ordinance 02-1208-2025 adopting the 2026 Consolidated Budget. Roll Call Vote

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 moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion- Ms. Rowe seconded by Mr. Burris to adopt the minutes of the November 21, 2025, Special Called Police Jury Meeting, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Brad Roller, Operations Manager, gave the November/December 2025 Operations Manager Reports.

Mr. Jack Williams, Road Supervisor, presented the November 2025 Road Report noting that \$1505.05 had been spent on emergency callouts/off-schedule work.

Motion- Mrs. Magee, seconded Ms. Regina to accept the November 2025 emergency/off-schedule reports. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Howard, Solid Waste Supervisor, presented the November 2025 Solid Waste Report.

The President moved to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley presented the Engineering Report.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Cowans to approve the Clerk of Court's Special Election proclamation. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Jackson Parish Police Jury has received official notification from the Louisiana Secretary of State of the resignation of the Clerk of Court of Jackson Parish, effective January 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the resignation has created a vacancy in the office of Clerk of Court, and the unexpired term of office in which the said vacancy exit exceeds one year.

NOW THEREFORE, THE Jackson Parish Police Jury does hereby issue the Proclamation pursuant to LA R.S.18:602(E)(2) ordering a special election to fill the said vacancy of Clerk of Court for Jackson Parish for the remainder of the unexpired term as follows:
(1) The Special Primary Election shall be held on May 16, 2026; and
(2) The Special General Election shall be held on June 27, 2026;
The dates for qualifying for the candidates in the Special Election shall be February 11, 12, and 13, 2026.

This Proclamation shall be published in the official journal of Jackson Parish and a copy thereof shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the clerk of the Second Judicial District Court of Jackson Parish, Louisiana Secretary of State as required by law.

CERTIFICATE

I, Nia Evans, Secretary/Treasurer of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Proclamation passed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury during the meeting held on December 8, 2025, for which meeting due public notice was given and a quorum present.

Jonesboro, Louisiana, this 8th day of December, 2025

Nia Evans

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Secretary/Treasurer

Jackson Parish Police Jury

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve the 2026 Regular Police Jury meeting schedule. Motion carried.

Motion- Mrs. Cowans, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve the 2026 Police Jury holiday schedule. Motion carried.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Magee to approve the 2026 Solid Waste holiday schedule. Motion carried.

Motion- Mr. Chatham, seconded by Mr. Burris to approve entering into a CEA with the Louisiana Department of Treasury for ACT 461 funds. Motion carried.

Motion- Mr. Chatham, seconded by Mr. Burris to accept the 2026 Material Bids. Motion carried.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Magee to appoint Mrs. Karen Tolar to the tourism board. Motion carried.

Motion- Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda, adding agenda item # 16, to increase commercial bin fees to \$120 and municipalities dumping fees to 37 due to an increase in fees by Union Parish. Motion carried.

Motion- Mrs. Magee, seconded by Mr. Chatham to approve increasing the Solid Waste 2026 commercial bin fees to \$120 and the municipalities dumping fees to \$37. Motion carried.

Announcements- Alcohol permits have been issued to The Lazy Gator for 2026.
Registration for the 2026 PJAL Convention has opened. The dates are March 4-6.

Motion- Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Burris to adjourn. Motion carried.