

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in special session Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Todd Culpepper, Eddie Langston, Amy Magee, John McCarty, Maxie Monroe, Regina Rowe, and Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Langston. The invocation was given by Mr. Treadway and Ms. Monroe led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include approving a quote to repair the Community Center sign. Motion carried unanimously.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Julie Shoemake thanked the Jury for all they've done in the parish and for getting Arbin Culpepper into the road system.

Motion Ms. Monroe, seconded Mr. Culpepper to Adopt and authorize the President to sign Resolution No. 12-04-2017-001 approving WestRock for participation in the industrial tax exemption program at 100 Mill Street, Hodge Louisiana 71247

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a news manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, WestRock has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that investment in modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs and that the percentage exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit "A" a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant's compliance with the contract.

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this police jury, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff’s approval shall be attached as Exhibit “B” to the ITE contract between BCI and WestRock; and

**WHEREAS**, WestRock and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit “A” to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this police jury, and thus this matter is now ready for determination of approval of this police jury as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this police jury finds that WestRock has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the contemplated investment for which the exemption is being sought, it will retain 400 manufacturing jobs if this exemption is granted, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit “A” (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and WestRock to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and WestRock with respect to its manufacturing plant located at Jackson Parish, Louisiana:

**400** Retained Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment  
**\$28,000,000** Payroll

**Term of Exemption Contract:** 5 years at 100% subject to renewal for 3 years at 80% Documentation of the investment and yearly review of employment and payroll provided that a reduction in the committed jobs and payroll set forth above may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption or the opportunity for renewal of the initial five year exemption.

This Jackson Parish Police Jury further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit “B” to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and WestRock.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by this police jury, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

**THE FORGOING RESOLUTON WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS;**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
Todd Culpepper	X			
Eddie Langston	X			
Amy Magee	X			
John McCarty	X			
Maxie Monroe	X			
Regina Rowe				X
Lynn Treadway	X			

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this Monday, December 4, 2017

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to authorize legal counsel to prepare a Corporate Endeavor Agreement with the Jackson Parish Fire Departments for Police Jury surplus radios. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to add speed bumps and “Church Zone” signs on Styles Ranch Road. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the promotion for David Robertson from Operator I to Operator II. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Culpepper to approve the extended “Time Off Without Pay” request for Mark Mobley. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve signing a contract with a uniform service for the Courthouse Maintenance Department. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Culpepper to approve adopting the Louisiana State Travel Regulations and annual updates as policy for Police Jury travel and meal reimbursements. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe, seconded Ms. Rowe to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to engage Gold Weems for Personnel Policy amendments. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Magee to remove the sitting Tourism Board members in accordance with the Police Jury policy for meeting attendance. Motion carried.

The Jury discussed reappointing a new Tourism Board that would be active.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to authorize Gina Thomas as Secretary-Treasurer to have access to the safety deposit box at Jonesboro State Bank. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Monroe to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to order monogrammed jury shirts up to a value of \$300.00. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to approve the recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the purchase agreement with Smart Fusion for new Accounting and Finance software for \$66,015 plus annual hosting fees. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the purchase agreement with Smart Fusion for TimeClock Plus option for \$19,154.50 plus annual hosting fees. Motion carried.

The President announced the of 2018 Liquor Permit Applications: The “Y”, The Lazy Gator, Karen’s Country Store.

Motion Ms. Monroe, seconded Ms. Rowe to approve the quote of \$1,190 from Frank Horrell to repair the sign at the Community Center. Motion carried.

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