Jurors want 8g money spent on education

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NAPOLLEONVILLE — The Assumption Parish Police Jury on Wednesday passed a resolution supporting the dedication of the proposed 8g money to education.

“Education is the key to our future,” jury President Joe Harrison Jr. said.

Juror Paul Cancienne said the dedication of the 8g monies to the state public education system is essential for the future of education. He added that local politicians and state residents “won’t know where it went” unless the funds are dedicated by the Legislature.

Congress recently passed a bill that will send the first payment of the 8g offshore settlement to the state later this year. The bill is now waiting final approval by the president.

Jurors said it is important “to our kids” that all 8g monies be spent on education.

In other action, the jury went on record as supporting legislation that would allow state voters to decide the fate of Gov. Edwin Edwards’ gambling and lottery proposals.

Jurors stressed that they were not taking a stand on the lottery and gambling issue but are “letting the people decide.”

Cancienne suggested that the resolution should allow only the residents of the parishes that will have casinos to vote on legalizing casino gambling. But his suggestion was not added to the resolution.

On another matter, the jury postponed action on approving two parish liquor licenses because of “problems surrounding the application.”

Pierre Part residents crowded the jury room last month to voice their opposition to granting a liquor permit to Clayton Aucoin for the Talk Of The Town, which is to be located on La. 70 in Pierre Part.