

Operations Committee
September 15, 2021

The Operations Committee met Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 5:15 PM in The Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, and Mr. John McCarty (arrived at the fourth discussion item). Absent: none. Also present: Brad Roller, Operations Manager, Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent, and Gina Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

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

There were no public comments.

Ms. Magee noted that Mr. McCarty was not present and moved agenda items 7 and 8 to be discussed after item 2.

The Chair invited Mr. Roller to discuss departmental concerns and requests for the Maintenance Department.

The Chair invited Ms. Thomas to discuss departmental concerns and requests for the Administrative Department.

The Chair invited Mr. Sessions to discuss departmental concerns and requests for the Solid Waste Department.

The Chair invited Mr. Stuckey to review the weekly road maintenance report.

Mr. McCarty arrived at the meeting.

The Committee continued with agenda item 3.

The Committee discussed the Saturday shift at the landfill and noted that it was temporarily closed. Mr. Sessions discussed the options to modify the permit. No recommendations were made to re-open the Saturday shift.

The Chair invited Mr. Sessions to discuss the routes and schedules for the solid waste crews.

The Committee reviewed the request from the Town of Jonesboro to send them the invoice for the garbage brought from Waste Connection. No recommendations were made to change the billing procedure and the Committee instructed Administration to continue billing each contractor separately.

The Chair invited Mr. Riley to discuss the preliminary RFPs for solid waste collection. The Chair asked the Committee members to review the RFPs and provide feedback at the next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the request from the town of Chatham for work on Chatham Mill Loop. Ms. Magee stated the project had been approved in a previous year, but it was not budgeted for 2021. Mr. Stuckey stated the Road Department could install the culvert and budget the asphalt for the 2022 program.

The Committee reviewed the request from the Village of Quitman for tree removal on Gunter Road. The Committee discussed needing waivers for the right of way in order to perform the work.

Mr. Chatham updated the Committee on the plans for the state to burn the debris at the Pardue Loop property.

The Committee reviewed the road reports for roads that had been tabled.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Police Jury send Bolds Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

No changes were made on the previous recommendations to send Bryant, Canard, Aberdon, and McKeever roads to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public.

The Committee reviewed the road reports for roads that had not yet been reviewed by the Police Jury. The Committee did not change the recommendation to take no action on Lynn Dewitt Road.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Police Jury send Viola Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

The Committee did not change the recommendation to send C. Osborn Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public.

The Committee did not change the recommendation to take no action on Tim Staples Road.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Police Jury send Annie Tatum Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

The Committee did not change the recommendation to send Henderson Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Police Jury send Flowers Road to a public hearing to receive comments on how the road serves the public. Motion carried.

The Committee did not change the recommendation to take no action on Swiss Road.

The Committee did not change the recommendation to take no action on Tatum Road.

There were no other departmental concerns or requests discussed.

The dates of the next Operations Committee were set for Wednesday, October 13th at 5:15 PM for the Road Department and Monday, October 18th at 5:15 PM for the Solid Waste Department.

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