

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:15 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on changes to the Parish Road System. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Ms. Regina Rowe. Also present, Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

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

The President opened the meeting discussing the ongoing audit finding for the Police Jury spending public funds on roads in the Parish Road System that do not benefit the public. She stated that continued findings for this issue would result in the parish losing their Parish Transportation Funding from the state and that all roads must benefit the public in order to remain in the system.

The President called for public comments on the road changes and read aloud the details as follows:

Bryant Road: to adjust the parish maintenance to end at the 183 Bryant Road mailbox, removing the 0.1 of a mile with the same landowner on all three sides of the road. No comments were made.

Bob Watkins Road: to adjust the parish maintenance to end at the turnaround at 250 Bob Watkins Road and keep the remaining portion that serves multiple landowners and structures. No comments were made.

Fails Road: to adjust the parish maintenance to end at the Lenard property line where the current maintenance ends. Ms. Magee noted that this is a change to the road system record only, there will be no changes in the maintenance performed. No comments were made.

Folks Road: to adjust the parish maintenance to end at the Mathews property line where the current maintenance ends. Ms. Magee noted that this is a change to the road system record only, there will be no changes in the maintenance performed. No comments were made.

Go Thru Road: to remove the road from the Parish Road System based on only one property owner utilizing access on this road.

Mr. Tidwell addressed the Police Jury and stated that Mr. Clary and Mr. Smith both had property on the road. Mr. Treadway replied that the road must serve the public.

Mr. McCarty arrived at the hearing.

Ms. Magee explained the criteria used for all road reviews that 1) have been requested to be removed by the property owner, 2) have one landowner on all three sides, and 3) have road maintenance extending beyond the property line (adjust maintenance line).

Into Road: to remove the road from the Parish Road System based on only one property owner on all sides of the road and the request from the property owner to remove the road from the system. No comments were made.

Preacher Martin Road: to adjust the parish maintenance to end at the Ewing and Morgan property lines and retaining the portion of the road from Siloam Church Road to the Ewing property line.

Mr. Morgan thanked Ms. Magee for her assistance in the past on getting the road repaired. He asked for confirmation that the portion of the road that provides him access from Siloam Church Road would remain in the system. The Jury stated that he was correct.

Womack-Otwell Road: to remove the road from the Parish Road System based on only one property owner utilizing access on this road. No comments were made.

With no other comments or questions, the President called for a closing of the public hearing.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to close the public hearing and adjourn. Motion carried.