

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Special Session, Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Mark Treadway, OEP Director (via phone conference), Mr. Danny Newell, D.A., and Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms. Magee. Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Mr. Culpepper led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The President opened the floor for discussion on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Mr. Mark Treadway gave a report to the Jury on the confirmed cases in Louisiana, the status of our local medical facilities, and explained the delays in the test results and reporting.

The Jury reviewed and discussed the proposed Emergency Day Policy. They discussed the measures to identify essential personnel during an emergency declaration, compensating working employees with comp time, and guidelines for state of emergency declarations. Ms. Rowe suggested a policy specific for the coronavirus pandemic that would apply to employees that tested positive. Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to adopt the Emergency Day Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include adopting a COVID-19 policy. Motion carried unanimously.

The Jury discussed a policy to address the coronavirus pandemic. Ms. Rowe recommended they adopt a policy providing for 30 days of mandatory quarantine for any employee that tests positive for COVID-19 and/or 15 days of mandatory quarantine if a member of their household tests positive, regardless of if the Jury is in emergency declaration or not. This time will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay, consistent with the Emergency Day Policy. After the quarantine period, the employee is to report back to work.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the COVID-19 policy as stated. Motion carried.

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