

Operations Committee
April 26, 2021

The Operations Committee met Monday, April 26, 2021 at 4:45 PM in The Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham and Ms. Amy Magee. Absent: Mr. John McCarty.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Amy Magee.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Department Superintendent, gave an updated on the traffic counter project and stated that 202 of the 482 parish roads had been completed and that they were on task to finish the project by the end of the year.

The Committee discussed the transition for the Road Department after moving the administrative functions to the Administrative Department.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated the Sheriff's Office had allowed the use of trustees from the mowing crew to assist the Maintenance Department on mowing days at the Courthouse.

The Committee discussed the speed bumps used at the model bin sites after receiving a complaint about the size. Mr. Sessions and Mr. Paul Riley from the Riley Co. confirmed that they are the same size used on roads and highways. Mr. Sessions stated the need for the speed bumps was to slow traffic down and to allow the cameras to capture license plate information.

Ms. Magee asked Mr. Riley to review the areas and present a recommendation to the Police Jury.

The Committee discussed the results of the sales tax election.

Ms. Magee stated that she would like to have recommendations from the Superintendent, Operations Committee, and the Police Jurors to be discussed at the May Business Session.

The Committee reviewed the actions from the Police Jury at the April meeting to close all road-side sites and to set up temporary sites in the north portion of the parish where there were no existing model sites. Mr. Sessions confirmed that he would post signs about the closure and relocate the bins to existing model sites.

The Committee discussed the following recommendations from the Superintendent:

- Imposing a flat fee for anyone to cross the scales of \$45 per ton
- Keeping the commercial collection business going because it brings in enough revenue to cover the labor, equipment, and supplies
- Imposing a flat fee of \$25 to use the landfill
- Keeping the transfer station open for use of the solid waste department for commercial items that are currently being hauled to Union Parish

The Committee made the following recommendations in addition to the Superintendent recommendations:

- Review the current workforce to determine if there are possible efficiency opportunities or attrition
- Combine the mechanics from all departments into one mechanics' shop
- Request proposals from waste management companies to take over garbage collection throughout the parish

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that since the Police Jury had voted down requesting proposals for a third part to take over garbage collection, they could not put it back on the agenda without going through the process of reconsidering the motion.

Ms. Magee stated that all recommendations would be discussed at the May Business Session and asked each Juror to come with their recommendations as well.

Mr. Session stated that the Police Jury should notify DEQ of the financial situation and their intent to review their options. He stated the Jury did not have to commit to a plan, but they need to let DEQ know they are working on one.

The date of the next Operations Committee was set for Tuesday, May 25th at 4:45 PM.

Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.