

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members Present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

The President, Ms. Amy Magee called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Culpepper and Ms. Cowans led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Freddie Tolar spoke about his support for the planned livestock pavilion and about not being in favor of the golf course expansion. He asked that the Police Jury to get involved with the Recreation Board.

Ms. Linda Devine spoke about the golf course taxes and road taxes as well as not being in favor of the golf course.

Mr. Jimmy Waggoner spoke in favor of the livestock pavilion and stated he was not in favor of the golf course expansion.

The President thanked those that spoke and moved to the New Term Organizational Items.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to set the regular meeting date, time, and location for 2020 as the second Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, LA. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2020 President and Vice President signatures be added to the signature cards for bank accounts at Jonesboro State Bank and authorize co-signatures with the Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerks in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Rowe to appoint Gina Thomas as the Secretary-Treasurer for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to adopt a resolution to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign documents and pay bills on behalf of the JPPJ. Motion carried.

The President presented the 2020 Committees and board appointments as follows:

Finance Committee: Todd Culpepper (Chairman), John McCarty, Tarneshala Cowans

Operations Committee: Amy Magee (Chairman), Lewis Chatham, Lynn Treadway

Policy & Personnel Committee: Tarneshala Cowans (Chairman), Lewis Chatham, Regina Rowe

Projects Committee: Regina Rowe (Chairman), Todd Culpepper, Amy Magee

Economic Development Committee: Lynn Treadway (Chairman), John McCarty, Regina Rowe

Veterans Committee: Lewis Chatham (Chairman), Tarneshala Cowans, Regina Rowe

Parish Cleanup Committee: John McCarty (Chairman), Todd Culpepper, Lynn Treadway

Sales Tax Board: Amy Magee
Library Board: Todd Culpepper
Pinebelt: Tarneshala Cowans
North Louisiana Economic Partnership: Regina Rowe
Sparta Commission: Regina Rowe
Workforce Development Board: John McCarty

The President stated that each Juror had been assigned as a committee chairman for one committee and that she would like for each committee chairman to present a report of their activity at the monthly Business Session.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Treadway to adopt the 2020 Holiday Schedule as follows:

- Wednesday, January 1st – New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday February 17th – President’s Day
- Friday, April 10th – Good Friday
- Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3rd – (in recognition of) Independence Day
- Monday, September 7th – Labor Day
- Wednesday, November 11th – Veteran’s Day
- Thursday November 26th – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday November 27th - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Thursday December 24th – Christmas Eve
- Friday December 25th – Christmas Day
- Thursday December 31st – New Year’s Eve

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to adopt the 2020 pay schedule and employee levels as presented and authorized by the 2020 budget. Motion carried.

With the conclusion of organizational items, the President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Rowe to adopt the minutes of the December 9th, December 23rd, and January 6th Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Jody Stucky, Road Department Superintendent, gave the December 2019 Road report noting that \$97.69 had been spent on emergency call-outs during the month. He also stated that they had been working on culvert replacements on Chatham Cemetery Road.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to accept the December 2019 emergency/off-schedule report. Motion carried.

Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Department Superintendent, presented the December 2019 Solid Waste Report stating that they were still in the process of trying to get land from Weyerhaeuser for future model bin sites.

Mr. Mark Treadway, OEP Director, gave the December 2019 OEP Report and updated the Police Jury on the progress for grants and programs. He also stated that the state was considering using locations in Chatham and on Caney lake for rural emergency training.

Ms. Gina Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the December 2019 Financial Report highlighting the actual vs. budget comparisons for all funds. She stated that they would be accruing items throughout January and February

and that the 2019 financials would not be finalized until that time. She stated that the 2019 audit field work had been scheduled for the week of March 16th.

Mr. Robert "Bubba" Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor presented the December 2019 Maintenance Report and updated the Jury on completed projects and upcoming plans to re-stripe the Community Center parking lot and to replace air handling units 1 & 2 in the courthouse.

The President thanked the department managers for their reports and moved on to Other Business.

Mr. Paul Riley, Parish Engineer from Riley Company of Louisiana, updated the Jury on current projects and asked for a meeting to begin reviewing the Road Capital Improvements Policy.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to authorize the President to sign the 2020 budget for the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to authorize advertising for bids for providing cold mix for 2020. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to authorize retaining legal counsel to review the procedures for negotiation and/or expropriation of drainage servitudes. Mr. Culpepper asked to clarify that this action is only to retain council to provide information and that no other action is to be taken. The President agreed. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to authorize the President to sign the 2020 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Veteran Affairs and release the appropriation of \$4,059.00. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to accept the low bid of \$26,480.00 for a 2020 Ford Transit Connect XL Van from Jay Mallard to be used in the Coroner's Department and to suspend the monthly travel stipend. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to appoint Gina Thomas, Floodplain Administrator, to serve on the Watershed Initiative Steering Committee for Regions 2 and 3. Motion carried.

The Jury reviewed the current board vacancies and term expirations.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Cowans to appoint the following:

- Re-appoint Mr. Billy Wayne Pullig to the District 4 Fire Protection District Board for a two-year term effective 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021.
- Appoint Mr. Eddie Waggoner as Constable in District C to complete the term for Mr. Danny Hinton.

The Jury discussed needing to appoint another Constable in District B due to Ms. Emma Austin resigning. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the President opened the floor for Announcements.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the Jurors planning on attending the Newly Elected Officials Training should meet at the Courthouse at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15th.

The President opened the floor for Jury Comments.

Mr. Treadway stated that the Police Jury had done all they needed to for the livestock pavilion and that the state had not yet funded it.

The Jurors thanks those in attendance.

With the conclusion of Juror Comments, the President called for the adjournment of the meeting.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Culpepper to adjourn. Motion carried.