

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 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. Regina Rowe, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none.

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

The President recognized Ms. Yumeka Washington and invited her to address the Jury.

There were no public comments.

The President convened the 2020 Tax Board of Review. Mr. Glen Kirkland, Jackson Parish Tax Assessor, presented the appeals.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Magee to uphold the 2020 assessments as presented by the Tax Assessor and to deny the changes to the 2020 tax roll as requested by:

- Regency Intrastate Gas, LLC
- Range Resources, LLC

and to affirm and accept the 2020 tax roll assessment as presented by the Jackson Parish Tax Assessor.

A roll call vote was taken:

District 1 – Yea, District 2 – Yea, District 3 – Yea, District 4 – Yea, District 5 – Yea, District 6 – Yea, District 7 – Yea  
Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstaining: 0

Motion carried.

The President moved to the approval of minutes.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and September 3<sup>rd</sup> Jury Meetings, monthly purchase orders, and the payment of all bills. Motion carried.

The President moved to Committee Reports.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to adopt the following minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

*Finance Committee  
August 10, 2020*

*The Finance Committee met Monday, August 10, 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. John McCarty and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper. Also Present: Mr. Lewis Chatham.*

*The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCarty. Mr. McCarty gave the invocation and Ms. Cowans led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*There were no public comments.*

*Mr. McCarty recognized Mr. Glen Kirkland, Tax Assessor and invited him to explain the 2020 millage adoption rates. The Committee discussed the adjusted rates.*

*Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Jury adopt the following 2020 millage rates:*

- o General Alimony 5.39*
- o Roads & Bridges 5.23*
- o Roads, Asphalt, Paving 4.55*
- o Recreation District 4.63*
- o Heath Unit 0.80*
- o Library & Bookmobile 4.90*

*Motion carried.*

*Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. McCarty to adjourn. Motion carried.*

*Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Cowans to adopt the following minutes from the August 20<sup>th</sup> Veterans Committee meeting. Motion carried.*

*Veterans Committee  
August 20, 2020*

*The Veterans Committee met Thursday, August 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. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Absent: none.*

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

*There were no public comments.*

*The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the 2020 Veterans event.*

*The Committee discussed the event date, food options, program, and recognition of Veterans. They discussed the difficulty planning the event amidst the Coronavirus pandemic.*

*The Committee asked the Secretary-Treasurer to try to compile a list of local veterans. The Committee stated that they would like to provide a breakfast service.*

*Mr. Chatham stated the Committee would meet again in September to make decisions on the items discussed.*

*Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Cowans to adjourn. Motion carried.*

*Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Chatham to adopt the following minutes from the August 21<sup>st</sup> Operations Committee meeting. Motion carried.*

*Operations Committee  
August 21, 2020*

*The Operations Committee met Friday, August 21, 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:*

*Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. Lewis Chatham, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Mr. John McCarty, Mr. Jody Stuckey, Road Superintendent, Mr. Robin Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, and Mr. Paul Riley, Engineer.*

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

*There being no public comments, the Chair moved on to agenda items.*

*Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include discussion and recommendation to the letter of request from the school board. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added to #6.*

*The Chair moved item #7 to the top of the agenda.*

*Mr. Sessions gave an update on the status of the Solid Waste Department and discussed the closure of the recycle program and the state of personnel. The Committee discussed commercial pickup and dumping throughout the parish.*

*Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury send a letter to the known commercial businesses notifying them that they cannot dump commercial garbage at the bin sites. Motion carried.*

*The Chair moved to item #1.*

*Mr. Riley presented the cost estimate to have the Road Department perform the repair work on Shalimar Road for \$42,000.*

*Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to schedule and perform the repair work on Shalimar Road. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Riley presented the cost estimate to have the Road Department perform the repair work on Rosco Road for \$75,000.*

*Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to schedule and perform the repair work on Rosco Road. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Riley presented the cost estimate to have the Road Department perform the repair work on Hatten Road for \$10,690.40.*

*Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury authorize the Road Department to schedule and perform the repair work on Hatten Road. Motion carried.*

*The Chair clarified that all three estimated repairs would need to go through the Finance Committee for budget amendments.*

*The Committee discussed the planned work on Harris Loop.*

*Motion Mr. Chatham, seconded Mr. Treadway to recommend the Jury perform the work as originally planned on the asphalt maintenance schedule vs. the changes from the last Committee meeting. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Riley discussed the progress for reviewing roads for revocation from the parish road system. The Committee requested that he present 10 roads at one time for review with the understanding that the studies would continue and go through all districts.*

*Mr. Stuckey presented an update on the new drainage crew and the asphalt repairs and maintenance schedule. He discussed the recent new hires and the evaluation process. He presented the Committee*

*with the reports from DOTD on bridge inspections. The Committee discussed the new bridge inspections and ratings.*

*The Secretary-Treasurer presented the update for the Maintenance Department and discussed the pressure washing at the Health Unit and Community Center. She detailed the electronic work order program proposal and gave an update on the Maintenance staff and current vacancy.*

*The Committee reviewed the letter of request from the School Board to perform repairs at the Quitman High School parking lot. They discussed that this project would not take precedence over the scheduled work for the Road Department. Mr. Stuckey stated that after they completed asphalt maintenance they would return to their major asphalt repair sites and then start special projects from the Jury and municipal appropriations. He estimated that it would take one week to complete the requested work and that it would have to be when school was out on break.*

*The Committee deferred the request to the Business Session.*

*The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Committee with the planned work at the Industrial Drive office building and the submission for CARES Act reimbursements.*

*Mr. Stuckey asked for clarification on the scheduled work on Garner Road and asked for permission to carry the repairs to the end of the road. Mr. Riley stated that it had likely been a mis-print and the intention was for the repairs to extend to the end of the road.*

*Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Chatham to adjourn. Motion carried.*

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Treadway to approve the recommended road repairs on Shalimar Road to be completed by the Parish Road Department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve the recommended road repairs on Hatten Road to be completed by the Parish Road Department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Chatham to approve the recommended road repairs on Rosco Road to be completed by the Parish Road Department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Treadway, seconded Mr. Culpepper to accept the quote of \$28,939.10 from Co-Heir Drainage Products for a culvert and gasket for the repairs on Rosco Road. Motion carried.

The President called for monthly management reports.

Mr. Jody Stucky, Road Department Superintendent, gave the August 2020 Road report noting that \$30,213.91 had been spent on emergency call-outs/off-schedule work, primarily due to Hurricane Laura. He reviewed the work performed by the asphalt crew discussed the work performed by the Road Department to clear the Parish roads of storm debris after Hurricane Laura. Mr. Chatham asked that the Operator on the asphalt machine utilize the umbrella coverage during the day to protect from the heat.

Motion Ms. Cowans, seconded Mr. Treadway to accept the August 2020 emergency/off-schedule reports. Motion carried.

The August 2020 Solid Waste report was available for review in the Jury packets.

The President notified the Jury that the OEP Director had been called to Baton Rouge and that he would give a full report on Hurricane Laura at the next meeting.

The August 2020 Maintenance report was available for review in the Jury packets.

Ms. Gina Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the August 2020 Financial Report highlighting the actual vs. budget comparisons for all funds. She discussed the outstanding revenues and expenses and gave an update on the contracts and RFPs for storm debris removal.

The President moved on to Other Business.

The Jury reviewed the upcoming Parish Board expirations. The President asked the Jury to review their nominations.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to adopt the following resolution to adopt the Jackson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

- BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Jackson Parish Police Jury, Jonesboro, Louisiana in legal session convened that
  
- WHEREAS,** the Jackson Parish Police Jury adopts the Jackson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
  
- WHEREAS,** the people and leaders residing within Jackson Parish recognize the threat that natural and man-made hazards pose to people and property; and
  
- WHEREAS,** undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and
  
- WHEREAS,** an adopted all-hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and
  
- WHEREAS,** the Jackson Parish Police Jury participated jointly in the planning process with the other units of local government within Jackson Parish to prepare a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Jackson Parish Police Jury hereby adopts the Jackson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as the official plan.

The recorded vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

This resolution was declared adopted September 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Amy Magee  
Ms. Amy Magee  
President

The President announced that the Jury would like to issue Certificates of Appreciation and a Proclamation acknowledging the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the people that assisted, worked, and volunteered

in Jackson Parish after Hurricane Laura. A list was presented to the Jury to review and the President announced that they would be given out at the next Jury Meeting.

The President opened the floor for announcements and notifications.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced the winners of the RFPs as follows:

- RFP 01-09082020: Debris Removal – Graham County Land Company
- RFP 02-09082020: Debris Management and Monitoring – Volkert, Inc.
- RFP 03-090802020: Disaster Recovery Consulting – AG Witt

The President asked that the Jury encourage the municipalities that had not done so, to review and pass the resolution adopting the Jackson Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The President opened the floor to Juror Comments.

The President called for the adjournment of the meeting.

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