

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, July 1, 2019 at 5:15 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room #301 of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper and Ms. Amy Magee. Also in attendance: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. McCarty. Mr. Langston gave the invocation and Ms. Cowans led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Ms. Amy Magee arrived at the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Langston, seconded Ms. Rowe to hire Jody Terrell as a General Laborer – Level I in the Road Department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Langston, seconded Ms. Rowe to declare July 5<sup>th</sup> a Police Jury holiday for employees. Motion carried.

There being no other action items, the President moved to New Business.

The Jury discussed the 2019 millage rates as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Jury reviewed the eligible amounts for 2019 municipal appropriations. The Secretary-Treasurer explained the timeline of sending letters to the towns requesting information on the uses for the appropriations and then getting completed Cooperative Endeavor Agreements prior to issuing funds.

The Jury discussed the request from the Solid Waste Department to get bids on clearing and grinding the wood waste on the Pardue Loop property.

The Jury discussed the procedures and impact on dissolving a fire district. Mr. Avery discussed the implications on insurance and levied taxes and parcel fees for properties merged into new districts. Mr. Larry Cryer spoke on historical information with the fire districts and the funding received from parcel fees.

Mr. Lynn Treadway arrived at the meeting.

The Jury discussed needing to have a meeting with the parish Fire Chiefs to get more information on their needs before pursuing further actions.

The Secretary-Treasurer spoke to the Jury about the completion of a first draft of an updated Personnel Policy Manual. She asked that they schedule periodic meetings to review it in sections until the document is fully reviewed and ready for presentation for adoption.

With no other New Business, the President called for Discussion of Other Topics.

Mr. Avery spoke about the need for Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for the Jury to perform work to assist parish boards and asked that the Jury pass a resolution requesting a formal A.G. Opinion on this process.

The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Jury on the information learned at Floodplain Manager Training as it relates to the FIRM mapping process in Jackson Parish. She stressed the need for community events to share the information with the public and stated that the Tax Assessor's Office had a list of properties that would be directly impacted by the new flood maps. She spoke about the new regulations and requirements for flood insurance as well as the window of time for residents to get insurance at a grandfathered rate.

The President called for Announcements and Notifications.

The President spoke to the Jury about the work being done by the Workforce Development Board and the benefits that the ACT program was providing to qualifying citizens.

With no other business or discussion, the President called for adjournment of the meeting.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Magee to adjourn. Motion carried.