

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, August 5, 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. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Absent: Mr. Lynn Treadway. 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. Rowe led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Langston, seconded Ms. Rowe to amend the agenda to include "discuss fire districts". Motion carried unanimously.

The Jury discussed the letters received from the eligible municipalities for 2019 appropriations. Ms. Cowans asked if there is criteria for what the money can be used for. The Jurors stated that they had funded road projects and equipment purchases in the past. Mr. Culpepper said the money needed to benefit their community. The Jury discussed how the municipalities would use the money and how to verify how it was spent. The Jury asked the Secretary-Treasurer to ask Eros for more explanation on the use for the requested ice maker and to verify what the towns had requested the previous year. Mr. McCarty stated that it is the Jury's responsibility to be accountable for public funds and that there are regulations on how it can be spent.

The Jury reviewed the change order request for an additional surge protector for the new boiler unit in the Courthouse. The Jury agreed that it was necessary.

The Jury reviewed the bids from Mechanical Systems & Services for a sump pump unit in the Courthouse basement and for an A/C mini-split unit for the 911 equipment room. The Jury agreed that the A/C unit needed to be added, but that the sump pump would be reviewed when there is a need.

The Jury reviewed the items for surplus and asked that all departments review surplus items and do one sale for the year.

The Jury reviewed the engineering plan and quote to repair drainage damages on Rita Lane.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated there had been a nuisance violation complaint and that it would be announced at the regular meeting.

The Jury discussed the resignation of District B Justice of the Peace Patricia Manthey and the procedure to re-appoint another Justice until the next election. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that a signed and notarized letter would have to be completed by Justice Manthey and filed with the Secretary of State, Attorney General, and State Supreme Court.

The Jury discussed the fire districts and concerns about the state regulations and requirements for all the districts in the parish and how it affected the insurance ratings. Mr. Langston asked that they meet with the Fire Chiefs to discuss. Ms. Magee stated that they needed to involve the boards as well.

The Jury discussed how the districts would be absorbed and how that would affect the ratings of remaining districts.

Ms. Rowe left the meeting.

Mr. Culpepper asked that they have a special meeting to invite the Fire Chiefs, board Chairmen, and Vice Chairmen.

The Jury continued the review of the drafted Personnel Policy manual along with the Secretary-Treasurer and HR Consultant Ms. Brenda Robinson. No action was taken, feedback will be addressed in the draft and re-presented to the Jury at the next review meeting.

Mr. Langston left the meeting.

Mr. McCarty opened up the meeting for other topics.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated they had received a request for re-appointment of two Heritage Museum Board members and requested it be included at the August Regular Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the request from the Maintenance Department for a tractor to mow the newly purchased land on Industrial Drive and to be used for other maintenance project.

Mr. McCarty asked that the Jury consider over the next few months what image they want the Jackson Parish Police Jury to have.

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