

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Special Session, Tuesday, March 17, 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. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Lewis Chatham and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Also present: Mr. Mark Treadway, OEP Director.

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

There were no public comments.

The President opened the floor for discussion on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Ms. Rowe thanked the President, the OEP Director, and the Secretary-Treasurer for their work on the previous Friday and over the weekend in response to COVID-19 and stated that she had discussed the preparations with the hospital and they had taken measures for their staff and facilities.

Ms. Magee stated that she had also been in contact with the Health Unit and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Mr. Mark Treadway gave a report to the Jury on the activities of the hospital and first responders in preparation for COVID-19 to come to Jackson Parish and the surrounding areas. He stated that if any of the agencies wanted to provide him an update, he would add it to the SitRep report to be communicated to the state. He stated that Louisiana PA, FEMA, and the Small Business Association would eventually be available, but that it would take time and would require documentation.

Ms. Cowans arrived at the meeting.

The Jury reviewed the prepared Contingency Plan for COVID-19 Response. They noted that they were currently at Phase III of the plan and had taken measures to restrict access to the Courthouse and public access to the Solid Waste and Road Departments. The following measures were discussed to be implemented:

- Restrict the Courthouse hours for the public to 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Departments can stay in their offices after that time if they choose.
- Everyone who enters the courthouse will be required to have their temperature taken by a medical professional (provided by the Jackson Parish Hospital)
- Employees will not be allowed to make stops at convenience stores or truck stops during the day
- Employees receiving manual checks will be asked to get set up with direct deposit

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. McCarty to adopt the COVID-19 Contingency Plan with the above additions. Motion carried.

The Jury discussed whether or not employees would continue to be paid if the departments were shut down due to the pandemic. No action was taken.

The President opened the floor for announcements.

Mr. McCarty stated that the clean up event would be postponed until later in the year, and that they had registered the event.

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