

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, March 4, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Room 301, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Niki Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: none. Also present: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney.

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

The President called for public comments.

Mr. Danny Ponder notified the Jury that he had been arrested for speeding while carrying out his duties as a Constable, working on behalf of the Police Jury.

Mr. McCarty spoke about the process for Public Comments and stated that public comments are always encouraged, but that it is not a time for discussion. Comments should be heard, and any responses should be researched and given at a later date.

Mr. Langston addressed the Jury regarding upcoming issues for the Watershed Board and stated that there is a current vacancy on the board and requested that Mr. Lavelle Smith be re-appointed. Mr. Lavelle Smith addressed the Jury regarding the issues with getting a quorum at the meetings and requested Jury support.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Mr. Treadway to amend the agenda to include appointing Mr. Lavelle Smith to the Watershed Board in the Ward 1 vacancy. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added to the agenda as item 1a.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. Treadway to appoint Mr. Lavelle Smith (Ward 3) to complete the term of the Ward 1 vacancy on the Watershed Board effective March 4, 2019 – April 18, 2021. Motion carried.

There being no other public comments, the President moved to Continued Business.

Mr. Paul Riley updated the Jury on the Sleepy Hollow Drainage Project and stated that he would be requesting acceptance of the drainage servitudes and authorization to receive quotes to complete the project at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Road Superintendent, Jody Stuckey, presented the Jury with the maintenance issues due to excessive rain on Sugar Creek and Flat Creek roads. The Jury discussed temporarily closing the washed-out portions of the roads until the water clears up.

The Jury discussed the issues for school busses turning around on narrow roads. They reviewed the proposed bus turnaround policy. They discussed the issues with requests to perform work on private land and driveways and explained that they cannot bring Parish equipment and supplies onto a road without rights-of-way/servitudes.

The low bid for the Road Department 4 yard dump truck was reviewed. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that there would be two additional low bids presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the pricing for a dash cam service in Police Jury vehicles in addition to the GPS locators.

The Solid Waste Superintendent, Robin Sessions, presented the Jury with an update on the land needed for the landfill expansion and Walker Road bin site. He explained that KMI owns the land and that it is currently being leased to Weyerhaeuser.

Mr. Culpepper addressed the Jury and asked how long approved Jury actions like Cooperative Endeavor Agreements remain open when no action is taken by the other party. He mentioned the agreement with the Town of Jonesboro for work on the pipeline at Industrial Drive. He mentioned that a recent article in the Jackson Independent mentioned that the water may be raw sewage. Mr. Treadway stated that the Town's engineer was working on a plan and cost estimates. Mr. Culpepper asked that future Cooperative Endeavor Agreements have an expiration date.

With the completion of Continued Business, the President moved to New Business.

The Jury discussed the upcoming election dates for the tax millage renewal for the Roads & Bridges and the Road and Asphalt Paving taxes.

The Jury discussed the letter of request for speed limit signs on Siloam Church Road. Mr. Jody Stuckey and Mr. Paul Riley explained that the process for road signs required an engineering review. The current ordinance states that any roads without a speed limit sign are considered a 35 MPH zone. The Jury President will send a letter of response.

The Jury discussed the remaining payment to be made to La'Grandier Fence Company. The remaining portion not covered by the LGAP Grant will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the pricing for a rug service at the Courthouse. It was determined to be more cost effective to purchase rugs.

The Jury reviewed the recommended Debt Service Policy. No questions were raised and the policy will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the recommended Capital Assets Policy. No questions were raised and the policy will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the current Call-Out Policy. They discussed the history of how emergency call-outs were calculated and the Secretary-Treasurer requested guidance for specific items. The policy will continue to be worked on.

The Jury reviewed the recommended Post Offer Pre-Employment Medical Examination Policy. No questions were raised and the policy will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury discussed the proposed service contract with Kenneth Folden & Co. They discussed the long-term cost savings as detailed in the February 27<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting. The contract will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the issues with the financial software support team.

The Jury reviewed the requests from Judge David Womack, Constable Danny Ponder, and Constable Robert Williams to attend the annual J.P. and Constable training on February 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jury permission for travel is part of the current adopted Travel Policy.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the Jury would start to see items related to LCDBG Grant applications in the coming months including RFP requests for engineering and consulting.

The Jury reviewed the request for a proclamation declaring April 22-26 as National CDBG Week in Jackson Parish. The proclamation will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

The Jury reviewed the request for a proclamation declaring the month of April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in Jackson Parish. The proclamation will be presented at the March Regular Jury Meeting.

Mr. McCarty stated that he would like to see the Jury support a program for beautification in Jackson Parish.

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

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