

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Emergency Special Session, Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 2:00 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. Tarneshala Cowans, Ms. Regina Rowe, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Lewis Chatham. Also present: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant District Attorney; Mr. Mark Treadway, OEP Director; Representative Jack McFarland; Senator Jay Morris; and all Department Superintendents.

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

The President opened the floor for Public Comments and recognized Representative McFarland and Senator Morris who gave comments on the work done by local governments for the hurricane relief efforts and discussed FEMA reimbursements and the threshold for eligibility.

The President updated the Jury on the measures taken by the OEP Department and Police Jury departments in response to Hurricane Laura including a distribution center at the Community Center for ice, water, and MREs, supplying fuel for the Sheriff's Department and first responders during the power outage, and the general debris removal and road clearing.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Ms. Rowe to authorize the President to enter into a contract for debris removal for all roads parish-wide including state, municipal, and private roads. Mr. Culpepper stipulated that if the contract could cover all roads, it would need to come back to the Jury for approval. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. McCarty to temporarily extend the hours of the Solid Waste Landfill for Monday – Saturday from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm effective August 31st through September 12th. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Rowe, seconded Ms. Cowans to make Labor Day a floating holiday for the Road and Solid Waste departments so that the crews could continue to work and take the holiday off at a later date. Motion carried.

The President opened the floor to Mr. Treadway. Mr. Treadway gave special remarks to the state representatives for their assistance, he stated that the State Fire Marshall's Office would be conducting a secondary survey of the parish and discussed the parish-wide relief efforts.

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