

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:15 PM at the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Absent: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Also in attendance: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

There being no quorum, no action was taken for the meeting, but the members present proceeded with the following discussion:

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms. Magee.

Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Mr. McCarty led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The President invited Mr. Chad Parker with Inspections Unlimited to present to the Police Jury regarding the building permit process in Jackson Parish.

Mr. Parker explained his role as Certified Building Official for Jackson Parish. He updated the Jury on issues with other inspectors in the parish not following the state regulations according to the Uniform Building Code. He requested that the Jury amend the Building Code Ordinance to include a section that states that any inspector found to be in violation of the state uniform building code three times (including for error or falsifying a document), they will no longer be allowed to inspect in Jackson Parish. The President thanked Mr. Parker for sharing the information and requested that the amendment be presented to the Policy & Personnel Committee.

The President called for Committee Reports.

Ms. Magee, Chairman of the Operations Committee, provided a summary of the October 21st and 29th meetings. The Jury reviewed the Committee recommendations for Canard, Ironwood, Mary West, Burney, Culpepper, Cypress Branch, Bill Cole Loop, Branch Creek, Tree Lane, Jade, and Thunder roads. No changes were made to these recommendations.

The Jury reviewed the 2021-2023 Road Priority Lists with no changes or comments.

The Jury reviewed the schedule for traffic counters to be used for one week on all parish roads over the next three years.

The Jury reviewed the information regarding debris cleanup on private roads and discussed the new information from FEMA regarding the 100% match for 30 days of the cleanup.

The Jury reviewed the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Union Parish for dumping fees. Ms. Magee noted that they did not increase their prices.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave a summary of the October 22nd and 29th Finance Committee meetings.

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the proposed budgets for the Road, Asphalt, Sales Tax, and Current Year Road Project funds.

The Jury reviewed the proposed 2020 Recreation Department budget and the proposed 2020 Library budget.

The Jury reviewed the recommendations regarding the Solid Waste Department.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the bonding attorney confirmed that the Police Jury has authority to levy an additional 1% sales tax if approved through an election.

With the conclusion of Committee Reports, the President moved on to Continued Business.

The Jury reviewed the status of committee assignments. Ms. Magee requested that the Policy & Personnel Committee meet to review the Building Code Ordinance, the Personnel Policy, the Sandbag Policy, the Setup Policy, the Community Center Rental Contract, and the Municode ordinance review.

The Jury reviewed the nominees and actions needed for parish board appointments.

The President moved to New Business.

The Jury reviewed the letter of request from the School Board for labor and equipment to make repairs for the Quitman parking lot.

The President opened the floor for discussion of other topics.

The President opened the floor for announcements and notifications.

Ms. Magee announced that due to the current rise in COVID cases in Jackson Parish and because of the safety concerns for the high-risk age group of most veterans, the Police Jury would not be hosting their annual Veterans Event this year.

Ms. Magee announced that the Police Jury will host a Disaster Recovery Event for the Solid Waste, Road, Maintenance, and Administration departments on December 2nd and they will have a speaker to discuss actions, mindsets, and attitudes during disasters.

Ms. Magee requested that Mr. Sessions gather comparison pricing for commercial garbage fees so that they can send the information in a notice to the customers.

Mr. McCarty stated that he would like to get a head start for 2021 for cleanup programs for the parish.

Ms. Magee announced that DEQ had visited the Jackson Parish Landfill and that the regional director stated he would like to use our landfill as a model C&D landfill for the state.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Mr. Treadway to adjourn. Motion carried.