

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:15 PM at the Dr. Charles H. Garrett Community Center, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina Rowe. Absent: Mr. Lewis Chatham and Mr. Lynn Treadway. Also in attendance: Mr. Darrell Avery, Assistant D.A.

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.

The President opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Anita Waggoner asked the Police Jury not to close the Zoar Road bin site and to build a model bin site in the location where they owned the land.

Ms. Linda Devine asked the Police Jury to consider reading the Committee Meeting minutes aloud during the meeting.

Ms. Sarah Dark stated her support for the recommendations made at the March Operations Committee meeting and asked the Police Jury to reconsider seeking proposals from waste management companies.

The President called for Committee Reports.

Ms. Cowans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided a summary of the discussions and recommendations from the April 21st meeting.

Ms. Magee noted that the request from the Judge's Office to pay for their internet networking work had been rescinded.

Mr. McCarty, Chairman of the Parish Cleanup Committee, provided a summary of the discussions from the April 22nd meeting. He stated they may try to have another meeting on May 6th.

Ms. Rowe, Chairman of the Policy and Personnel Committee provided a summary of the discussions and recommendations from the April 26th meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated the new certificate form would be included in the Regular Meeting packet.

In the absence of Mr. Chatham, the President provided a summary of the discussions and recommendations from the April 26th Project Committee meeting.

Ms. Magee, Chairman of the Operations Committee, provided a summary of the discussions and recommendations from the April 26th meeting.

Mr. Riley presented his findings after reviewing the speed bumps at the solid waste bin sites. He stated they were the correct height and recommended adding side panels for additional safety.

Ms. Magee asked if the Police Jurors had any additional recommendations to consider for the Solid Waste Department.

Ms. Magee stated she recommended restricting the transfer station to only be used by the Police Jury and notify the municipalities that they will need to make their own arrangements and contracts to haul their garbage out of the parish.

No additional recommendations were presented.

The Jury reviewed items from the other committees and boards.

Ms. Cowans stated she had contacted the members of the Broadband Steering Committee and they would have their first meeting soon.

Information was presented to the Police Jury from Pinebelt and the request for funding for the Summer Worker Program was deferred to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Thomas gave a report on the Region 2 & 3 Floodplain Steering Committees.

Ms. Cowans stated the Sales Tax Board requested an opinion on relocating the Sales Tax Office to the School Board Office.

Ms. Rowe stated the Sparta Groundwater Commission had met and were planning a fundraiser.

Mr. McCarty gave information on the work opportunities associated with the Workforce Development Board.

The President stated the Committee Assignments sheet was in the meeting packet for review.

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

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

The President moved to New Business.

The President announced the formation of the Grants Committee for the purpose of reviewed eligible grants and recommending priorities for funding opportunities. She appointed herself as Chairman with Mr. Culpepper and Ms. Cowans as members. She stated they would meet in May.

The President opened the floor for discussion of other topics and announcements.

The President announced the dates for the Police Jury Association Convention and the deadline for the Personal Financial Disclosure reports.

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