

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:15 PM in the Police Jury Meeting Room #301 of the Jackson Parish Courthouse, 500 E. Court Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, 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, Ms. Magee.  
Mr. Treadway gave the invocation and Ms. Rowe led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The President called for discussion on agenda items.  
Ms. Magee stated that because the Police Jury terms are not effective until January 13<sup>th</sup>, no action will be taken at the Business Session, but they are still allowed to continue with their discussion.

The Jury reviewed the appointment for the Secretary-Treasurer position for a two-year term ending 12/31/2021.

The Jury discussed changing the regular meeting date from Mondays to Tuesdays. Mr. Chatham pointed out that most of the municipalities met on the second Tuesday of the month. Mr. McCarty mentioned that there were several reasons to move the meetings to Tuesdays. He requested that the Jury have one day-time meeting per year so that citizens that are not able to travel in the evenings would have an opportunity to attend a meeting.

The President moved on to Continued Business

The Jury discussed the status of the FEMA hospital drainage project. Mr. Riley and Mr. Avery confirmed that Mr. Simmons was not interested in negotiating a sale for the two acres needed for the project as he did not want to divide his land. The Jury discussed the available options to be able to move forward with the project including purchasing the land or expropriation.

The President stated that action to retain council to research the process for the negotiations or expropriation of the land would be on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Culpepper confirmed that the action would be only to research the process.

The Jury discussed requesting a status update from the State of Louisiana on the livestock pavilion project. Mr. Avery informed the Jury on the process taken in the past to set up the original request and stated the Police Jury and Recreation District Board had done everything the state had asked but that funding had not come through. The President informed the Jury that she would contact Senator Morris and request an update.

The Jury reviewed the communications with the Town of Jonesboro regarding the request for drainage work on Cooper Avenue next to the Methodist Church. The Jury considered the matter closed.

The President moved on to New Business.

The Jury reviewed the list of 911 addresses for cemeteries as prepared by the E-911 Office. Mr. McCarty updated the Jury on the need for all cemeteries to have 911 addresses in the event that a resident passes away out of state and needs the remains transported across state lines.

The President asked that the Jury review the list to make sure all known cemeteries were included.

Mr. McCarty asked that the President send a letter of appreciation to the E-911 office for preparing the list.

The Jury discussed the Parish Transportation Act regarding the funds received for the Road Department. The President asked that Mr. Avery review the law to see if the Jury can separate the specific transportation act funds

from the general road funds and then be able to perform more of their own maintenance work for roads in the parish road system.

The President moved to discussion of other topics.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2020 Budget Message Document to the Jury and reviewed highlights from the adopted 2020 budget.

The President opened the floor for announcements and notifications.

The President announced that the 2020 O.E.P. Director would remain Mr. Mark Treadway.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that liquor applications had been received from Caney Lake Enterprises and B & M on Caney Lake and that both would be issued.

The President announced that they would be sending invitations to all parish Mayors to attend the February Business Session. She asked that each juror present a list of questions and other information to be shared with the municipalities concerning the Police Jury policies. She asked that these be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

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