

The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in Business Session Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 5:15 PM in the Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room of the Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Todd Culpepper, Mr. Lewis Chatham, Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, Ms. Tarneshala Cowans, and Ms. Regina (left at item #8). Absent: 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.

Motion Mr. Culpepper, seconded Mr. Chatham to amend the agenda to include a presentation from Ms. Eleanor Ward regarding housing vouchers through HUD. Motion carried unanimously and the presentation was added after Public Comments.

The President opened the floor for public comments.
Ms. Anita Waggoner spoke about parish bin sites.

The President invited Ms. Eleanor Ward to discuss affordable housing with regards to vouchers and the HUD department. After the presentation, the President deferred further discussion and recommendations to the Economic Development Committee.

The President called for Committee Reports.

Ms. Magee, Chairman of the Grants Committee, provided a summary of the discussions from the June 23rd meeting.

The Jury discussed the information provided by Mr. Avery regarding the ownership of Gansville Road and the open DRA grant.

In the absence of Mr. Treadway, the President gave a summary of the June 15th Economic Development Committee meeting.

Mr. Chatham, Chairman of the Project Committee, provided a summary of the discussions from the June 15th meeting.

The Jury discussed the recommendation to proceed with the Highway 148 model bin site using ARP funds.

Mr. Sessions, Solid Waste Superintendent, asked for guidance on completing the gravel site for Highway 148. Ms. Magee stated they would discuss it further at the next Operations Committee meeting.

Ms. Magee, Chairman of the Operations Committee, provided a summary of the discussions from the June 15th meeting.

The Jury discussed the request from Ward 2 Fire District for ditch dirt.

Ms. Cowans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided a summary of the discussions from the June 22nd meeting.

Ms. Rowe left the meeting.

The Jury reviewed the presented surplus list.

Ms. Magee noted that the Finance Committee would need to recommend 2021 millage rates.

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

The Jury reviewed items from the other committees and boards.

With the conclusion of Committee and Board Reports, the President moved on to Continued Business. The Jury reviewed the nominees and actions needed for parish board appointments.

The President invited Mr. Paul Riley to discuss the open Hospital Drainage Project. Mr. Riley discussed the status of the project and changes to the budget. He requested the Jury consider a revision to the contract to reduce engineering costs and to authorize him to bid the project at the Regular Meeting.

The President moved to New Business. The Jury reviewed the pricing for the new road grader leases and noted the increase.

The President opened the floor for discussion of other topics and announcements. Mr. Culpepper discussed the Subdivision Ordinance. The President stated that the ordinance had been deferred to the Policy & Personnel Committee. The Jury discussed proposing an election to rededicate funds from the Library Fund to the Solid Waste Fund. Ms. Magee stated she believed the Jury needed to make a decision and vote on whether or not to propose the election. Mr. Culpepper spoke against having an election.

The President announced that the July Regular Meeting would be moved to Tuesday, July 13th to accommodate a work session for reapportionment. The Jury acquiesced to the change.

Mr. McCarty announced that he would present to the winners of the Clean Up event at the Regular Meeting and asked that everyone arrive early for photos.

Mr. Chatham spoke about hydraulic bins that he had seen and stated it may be a cost savings opportunity.

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