



**JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY**  
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**March 11, 2021 Operations Committee**

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**DATE:** Thursday, March 11, 2021  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building  
The Sunshine Room  
160 Industrial Drive  
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**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Public Comments**

**Agenda Items**

1. Discuss and recommend action on past-due invoices
2. Discuss and recommend action on bin locations
- 3.** Plans and strategies for the Solid Waste Department

**Set Date & Time of Next Meeting**

**Adjourn**

**Committee:** Ms. Amy Magee, **Chairman**  
Mr. Lewis Chatham  
Mr. John McCarty

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Gina Thomas at (318) 259-2361, extension 3 describing the assistance that is necessary.

**It is possible that a quorum of the Police Jury may be in attendance at the meeting, but no action of the Police Jury as a whole will be taken.**

*Notice Posted: Wednesday, March 10, 2021,*



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## Jackson Parish Solid Waste Department

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- The Solid Waste Department started over 30 years ago with only four employees. It has now grown to 16 as of 2021.
- The Solid Waste Department services over 125 businesses and 25 bin sites throughout the Parish.
  - These sites contain over 400 8-yard bins
  - 10 of the bin sites are “model” sites that are used by parishes throughout the state as the model design for waste management.
  - We have long-term plans to construct 4 additional model sites. After this, our parish will be at 100% model sites.
  - We have 13 remaining road-side sites.
- We have long-term plans to purchase the adjacent land sound of the landfill for future capacity needs. We are nearing the end of the 40 acres we have now and will need expansion in the future.
- The Solid Waste Department is operated by parish employees living in Jackson Parish. If an outside company were to take over the operation, it is likely that they would employ their own staff from outside the parish.
- The wood waste that comes to the landfill is ground up on-site and hauled to the Hodge papermill to be used for boiler fuel. This is an additional revenue stream for the department and uses our local business partners.
- Metal, white goods, batteries, and oil are also recycled.
- Used tires that come to the landfill are picked up from our site. The Parish pays 100% of the cost to dispose of them at the cost of about \$3,000 per year.



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## Sales Tax vs. Ad Valorem Tax

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Sales Tax: tax levied on retail sales of goods sold.

Ad Valorem Tax: tax based on the assess value of an item, such as real estate or personal property. These taxes are levied annually and vary based on the value of property.

The tax proposed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury is a 1% sales tax that would be added to the final sales tax price you pay for taxable items in Jackson Parish. Unlike ad valorem tax that is paid only by property owners, a sales tax is shared by all, including out-of-parish customers.

Similarly, when Jackson Parish residents shop in neighboring parishes, you are paying their sales tax at the register.

### How does Jackson Parish compare in sales tax rates?

	Parish	School Board	Police Jury	Town	Other Local	State	Total Rate
Jackson Parish Region	Jackson	2.00%	1.00%	2.00%	0.00%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	Caldwell	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	Bienville	2.00%	1.00%	2.50%	0.00%	4.45%	<b>9.95%</b>
	Winn	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%	0.50%	4.45%	<b>9.95%</b>
	Ouachita	2.00%	0.00%	2.50%	1.49%	4.45%	<b>10.44%</b>
	Lincoln	2.50%	0.75%	2.50%	0.25%	4.45%	<b>10.45%</b>
	Union	3.00%	1.00%	2.00%	1.00%	4.45%	<b>11.45%</b>
Similar Population to Jackson Parish	Jackson	2.00%	1.00%	2.00%	0.00%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	Concordia	2.00%	0.00%	2.50%	0.25%	4.45%	<b>9.20%</b>
	East Feliciana	2.00%	3.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	West Feliciana	3.00%	2.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	LaSalle	3.00%	0.50%	1.00%	0.50%	4.45%	<b>9.45%</b>
	Claiborne	2.00%	0.00%	3.38%	0.63%	4.45%	<b>10.45%</b>

*Rates vary by town, only the Parish Seats are provided for this analysis*



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## Why is the proposition worded the way it is?

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The following proposition will appear on the April 24<sup>th</sup> ballot:

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Shall the Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection, a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$1,850,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 2021, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), **to be dedicated and used for the purpose of waste management, jail and courthouse expansion, road construction and maintenance, and to pay any debt service requirements on bonds issued for such purpose, or any part thereof?**

This language comes directly from the Louisiana Revised Statute 47:338-173 giving the authority to the Jackson Parish Police Jury to levy a sales tax for the defined uses.

While the Police Jury does not control the language of the statute, they do control the direction of the funds within these parameters.



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**What are the plans for the Solid Waste Department?**

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Should the sales tax proposition pass, there are several things for the Police Jury to consider:

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- The primary driver for the sales tax is to first and foremost balance our Solid Waste Fund. The cost of the operation has well exceeded the revenues received from the existing sales tax and we cannot continue to provide all services at the current rate of deficiency. For years the historical balance of the fund was able to carry the annual losses, but as the fund is depleted, our time is running out and we must take action. Without an additional revenue stream, the Police Jury will need to review and consider the services provided (commercial garbage collection for businesses, parish-wide model bin sites, transfer station provided to haul parish garbage to the Union Parish landfill, co-op agreements with the parish municipalities).
- The construction of (4) model bin sites throughout the parish
  - Approximate cost of \$300k - \$400k each
- The purchase of a desperately needed compact truck for garbage collection
  - Approximate cost of \$350k+
- Purchase of land for landfill capacity
  - Approximate cost unknow