

The Solid Waste Committee of the Acadia Parish Police Jury met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Roll call was taken. Present were Jeffery Morgan – Chairman, Paul Ed Guidry, Pat Daigle.

There were no public comments given.

A discussion was held regarding possible recommendations for Solid Waste collection options.

Acadia Parish Engineer, Brett Bayard, held a discussion explaining the previous history of bidding for a solid waste company. Mr. Bayard stated that the current solid waste collection contract expires in February 2028, giving the parish several years before renewal or replacement is required. However, he advised the committee that it is important to begin the planning process early. Early preparation ensures adequate time for procurement of carts, collection trucks, and any operational transitions that may be required if the Police Jury chooses to change service providers or modify the existing agreement.

Mr. Bayard stated that while future pricing is uncertain, the parish's existing contract—originally bid at \$8.43—has increased through annual inflation adjustments to the current rate of \$10.40 per household. Due to recent increases in national inflation, the escalation rate has been significant. He projected that by the contract's expiration in 2028, the parish may be paying approximately \$10.90 to \$11.00, not including fuel adjustments and other variable costs. Annual rate adjustments occur every March 1, based on CPI, with a contractual cap of 10% per year, though that maximum has not been reached historically.

Mr. Bayard referenced a project timeline of discussions beginning this month, with full bid-document development targeted for March. The draft anticipates advertising of the new contract in October, bid opening approximately one year from now, and contract award in January, which would provide 14 months of lead time for the selected contractor to obtain equipment and prepare for the March 1, 2028, start date. He noted the schedule may be accelerated if needed.

Mr. Bayard stated that the Jury must soon determine which bid method it intends to use and what additional services or specifications should be included in the new contract. He outlined three primary procurement methods:

1. Low Bid Method – Under this method, the Jury must accept the lowest responsible bidder, regardless of company size or experience, which he cautioned can be risky if a low bidder lacks operational capacity.
2. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Under this approach, proposers submit pricing along with operational plans, qualifications, service approaches, and company information. A scoring committee evaluates the proposals using a weighted scoring system. This method allows the Jury to award based on quality and experience, not solely on price.
3. A possible third option—negotiating an extension with the current provider—is being researched by the Parish Attorney.

Jamie Gilbert with Waste Connections held a discussion and stated that if the Jury would like for the new contract to include bulk waste, they will need to also provide info in the bid as to if they want the company to purchase the existing bulk waste trucks or sell the existing trucks and have the company purchase new trucks.

Gus Dugas with Acadiana Waste Services introduced himself to the jury.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2026.

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