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## **1. No decision yet on moving Alexandria's postal operations**

By Jeff Matthews • jmatthews@thetowntalk.com • November 18, 2010

The recent consolidation of mail-processing services in South Louisiana will have no impact on an upcoming decision about the future of similar operations in Alexandria, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman said.

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Mail processing in Lake Charles was moved to Lafayette this week. A similar move could happen in Alexandria, with mail processing going to Shreveport.

"Those are two distinct initiatives," said McKinney Boyd, the Postal Service's regional media relations manager. "That will have no bearing on what happens in Alexandria."

The Postal Service lost \$8.5 billion last fiscal year and is looking for ways to deal with declining mail volume and shrinking revenues. Part of that is consolidation, since "we have more facilities, equipment and people than we need to process a declining volume of mail," Postmaster Abel Garza said.

The Alexandria Processing and Distribution Site on Odom Street is a possible target.

On Sept. 20, the Postal Service announced it was studying the feasibility of moving some or all of the processing operations from the Alexandria center to the Shreveport Processing and Distribution Center. The study was expected to take 90 days.

"We're still in that window," Boyd said. "We're closing in towards a decision. We should have some information fairly soon."

The Alexandria center covers more than 100 offices stretching to the Texas and Mississippi borders. It was previously mentioned as a potential consolidation target in 2006.

Closing the Alexandria center would mean the loss of 25 to 35 jobs, a union official said. Local governmental officials have passed resolutions in support of keeping the Alexandria facility open.

When the study is complete, Boyd said, a public meeting will be held to share the findings with stakeholders such as employees, customers and government officials, and to solicit their input on potential changes.

Elsewhere in the state, consolidation is a reality.

Processing operations in the Monroe area were previously moved to Shreveport. On Monday, mail to and from Lake Charles started being processed in Lafayette, which Boyd said has a larger and more automated processing facility.

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## **2. Letters: Closing postal center would hurt local economy**

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It has been stated approximately 100 Oshkosh Postal employees' positions would be terminated. Not only would these positions be lost to the city of Oshkosh — but also some employees' families would be forced to move to another city to seek employment. This would be less income spent on groceries, shopping, restaurants, entertainment, houses sold, etc. This means fewer jobs in city businesses, less taxes, less students in our schools, etc. As you can see, this would snowball — picking up momentum and hurting the city of Oshkosh and Winnebago County. (As well as other communities).

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Businesses like Miles Kimball, Kimberly-Clark, J.J. Keller, Luther Aid, paper mills, etc. And smaller business would have to either transport their mail or pay higher postage rates to Green Bay (which would create more expenses for them). Their employees and Oshkosh would lose more jobs and taxes.

What happened to the studies a few years ago where it was decided it was feasible for Green Bay to consolidate to Oshkosh — as the Oshkosh facility was more efficient (and still is) than Green Bay? There also is more room to expand in the future at Oshkosh. It seems that Green Bay or the Postal Services is trying to push this consolidation to Green Bay before all facts are considered and the best solution can be determined. I would like to see more studies and more facts given to the public and Oshkosh Postal Service. They do a super job and deserve it.

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