

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in regular and legal session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

**Members Present (6)**

<b>Charles Jackson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Dorth Blade</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

**Members Absent (0)**

Mr. Blade gave invocation. Mr. Blade led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

At this time in the meeting, the President opened the floor for nominations for President and Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2009.

The president nominated Mr. Shane Smiley for President for the calendar year 2009 and Mr. Dorth Blade for the position of Vice-President for 2009. There were no other nominations.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mrs. Moore to accept the nominations. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley and Mr. Blade were declared as President and Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2009, by affirmation.

Mr. Smiley expressed thanks to Mr. Caldwell for his leadership and service as president for the past year.

Motion was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adopt the Minutes of the Police Jury including the Committee Meetings held on December 15, 2008. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the Service Awards for the month of January 2009:

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**DEELA WILLIS – 5 YEARS**

**LADONNA HARRISON – 5 YEARS**

**VISITORS:**

The President recognized Mr. Reginald Brown of 704 Tanglewood Drive, Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Brown spoke regarding the property known as the Tanglewood Park and stated that he was interested in acquiring the property. The president stated that this item was listed under Ms. Moore's agenda and asked whether or not anyone had an objection to addressing the matter at this time. No one objected to addressing the matter at this time. Ms. Moore spoke regarding the matter and stated the problems with the area. Motion was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to move forward to obtain an appraisal on the property located in the 700 block of Tanglewood to facilitate the sale of the property. Discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Judy Bell, President of Wellspring Alliance. Ms. Bell spoke regarding the application for the Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. Ms. Bell asked the police jury to serve as the applicant agency for this grant by partnering with the Wellspring. Discussion ensued. The president stated that this matter was listed on the agenda under Mr. Cammack's name.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter and requested a motion from the jury. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to make application to the US Department of Justice for funding for the Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program in the amount of \$400,000 on behalf of the Wellspring Alliance. Brief discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized visitor Ron Parker. Mr. Parker was not present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The president convened a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss Ordinance No. 8916 Confirming the dissolution of the Monroe-Ouachita Parish Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Mitchell spoke and indicated that Ms. Joan Poret, City of Monroe Planning and Zoning Department would address the jury about the matter but was late due to a prior commitment. Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury continue the public hearing on the matter until Ms. Poret appeared. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to continue the public hearing until the vote on the proposed ordinance. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss Ordinance No. 8917 Authorizing the sale of 10.77+/- acres in Section 16, T17N, R3E located west of Trade Street. No one appeared

to speak in favor of or against this ordinance. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to recess the Regular Meeting in favor of the Finance Committee Meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the periods of 2008 (12/12/08-01/08/09) and 2009 (12/12/08-01/08/09). Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the claims for the stated periods. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the CELA invoices. Mr. Caldwell suggested that the matter be tabled at this time. The chairman stated that this item would be tabled until the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Jail Operations Budget. The chairman requested that this item be deferred to the February Finance Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 5:59 p.m. Motion passed without opposition.

The president requested a motion to convene the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to convene as the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Blade called the Personnel Committee Meeting to order at 5:59 pm. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding Nationwide Deferred Compensation Program. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to instruct the Treasurer to get in touch with the regional representative of Nationwide Deferred Compensation to address the problems with servicing their product. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the ratification of the position of Interim Director for Mosquito Abatement until August 2009. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to ratify Shannon Rider as the Interim Director of Mosquito Control until August 2009. Discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill presented the following personnel items for approval:

**Sick Leave**

Jones, John	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/10/08
Pilgreen, Denise	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/01/08

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to extended the sick leave as recommended by Chief Hemphill. Motion passed without opposition.

**Confirmation**

Saterfield, Scott	From: Prob Auto Mechanic Supervisor	To: Permanent Auto Mechanic Supervisor	Effective 1/28/09
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the confirmation as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

**Promotions**

Fowler, Dalton	From: Firefighter	To: Prob. Fire Driver	Effective 1/12/09
McMullen, Arthur Jr.	From: Firefighter	To: Prob. Fire Driver	Effective 1/12/09

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the promotions as recommended by the fire chief. Motion passed without opposition.

**Resignation**

Taunton, Matthew B.	Resigned	Effective 01/11/09
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Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the resignation as recommended by Chief Hemphill. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the travel request for employee Greg Thompson. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request of Chief Hemphill. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman stated that this concluded the Personnel Committee Meeting. The president asked for a motion to convene the Public Works Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to convene as the Public Works Committee.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Mack Calhoun called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding a modification of the contract for the design of the vehicle wash facility. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the modification as recommended by the director. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The committee meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the regular police jury meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade. By unanimous vote the regular meeting was reconvened at 6:21 p.m. The following department heads presented monthly reports.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Wayne Heckford**

Deputy Heckford spoke regarding a meeting that was schedule with other law enforcement agencies to discuss using DEQ surveillance equipment. Deputy Heckford also spoke regarding the recent grant application submitted by Keep Ouachita Beautiful for Hazardous Household Waste Disposal. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief**

### **GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director**

### **LAJET: Mr. Leonard Tims, Director**

Mr. Tims reported that his office had service over 400+ clients during the month of December and apologized for not submitting a written report.

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL: Ms. Shannon Rider, Interim Director**

Ms. Rider expressed thanks to the jury for allowing her to serve as Interim Director of Mosquito Control. Ms. Rider presented to the jury the bid tab results for Insecticides. Mr. Cammack stated that the item was on his agenda and asked the jury to address the matter at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the recommendation of Mr. Cammack for Insecticides as submitted. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Rider stated that the bid results for aerial spraying was discussed at the Mosquito Abatement Board meeting but was tabled due to the request for additional information. Ms. Rider stated that this matter would be brought back at the next meeting.

**911 OFFICE:**

**Mr. Craig Lott**

Mr. Lott reported that the 911 office had a 3.34% increase in 911 calls over the last year. Mr. Lott stated that at the same time the percentage of +10 calls went down to a little over 1%.

**MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS**

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

**MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Legislative Session Package. Mr. Jackson indicated that the idea was to identify specific bills for the legislature to act upon during the legislative session. Mr. Jackson suggested three projects that included increasing the coroner’s funding by adding a fee to moving violations, the Hadley Street Bridge Project, and to work with the Sheriff’s Association and the Police Jury Association to address good time for pre-trial detainees. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to investigate and pursue appropriate legislation for increasing the coroner’s fee. Motion failed with Jackson, Moore and Smiley voting yes and Calhoun, Caldwell and Blade voting no.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to pursue any appropriate legislation to encourage the progress on the Hadley Street Bridge. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to initiate contact through the Police Jury Association, Sheriff’s Association and other jurisdictions to pursue appropriate legislation to address good time for pre-trial detainees. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell opposing.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Investment Policy and Procedures asked that the matter be brought back at the next meeting. No other action was taken on this matter. Mr. Jackson asked that the appointment from District A to the Citizen’s Fire Advisory Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the Police Jury.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, offered the following ordinance for final adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8917 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 10.77+/- ACRES IN SECTION 16, T17N, R3E LOCATED WEST OF TRADE STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “ENTERPRISE DRIVE”) FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION AND PRICE OF FIVE**

**THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS PER ACRE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4712; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

**WHEREAS**, Tommy Waldrop proposed to buy from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, for a price of FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5000.00) DOLLARS per acre, two parcels of land in Section 16, T17N, R3E located west of Trade Street (formerly known as “Enterprise Drive”) totaling 10.77 +/- acres to be more particularly described by survey;

**WHEREAS**, said immovable property is no longer needed for a public purpose and the sale described above is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized and empowered to execute said Act of Sale on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(0)

The Ordinance was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

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Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the Sparta Commission and updated the jury on the activities of the commission. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke at length regarding the funding for West Ouachita Recreation District. A lengthy discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to remove the funds allocated to WORD and placed them back into the General Fund. Mr. Calhoun asked that a roll call vote be called on the matter. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(2)
NAYS	(4)

Motion failed with Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Blade voting yes and Mr. Smiley, Jackson, Caldwell and Mrs. Moore voting no.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the Area 3 bathrooms at Cheniere Lake. Mr. Harrison stated that the project was being restructured. Mr. Harrison indicated that the restructured project would include extending the water main, installing a sewerage treatment facility, and then readvertising for bids. No other action was taken on the matter.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

A motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 8916 was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

The following Ordinance was offered for final adoption by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8916 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MONROE-OUACHITA PARISH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe-Ouachita Parish Regional Planning Commission was established by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and the City of Monroe in the late 1950's pursuant to La. R.S. 131, *et seq.*, as enacted by Acts 1956, No. 239;

**WHEREAS**, said Commission has never acted as true regional planning commission; has never exercised any jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of the City of Monroe; and, has for purposes served as a municipal planning commission for the City of Monroe;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe desires to formalize this Commission's function as a municipal planning commission and has requested that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury take such action as is necessary to further that objective; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that in light of the history of the Commission the interest of all citizens of Ouachita Parish is furthered by dissolving the Monroe-Ouachita Parish Regional Planning Commission and thereby allowing the City of Monroe to formalize that Commission's function as a municipal planning commission for the City of Monroe;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish, does hereby agree and consent to the dissolution of the Monroe-Ouachita Parish Regional Planning Commission in order that the City of Monroe may re-formulate such Commission as a municipal planning commission;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the prior Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s) of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury providing for the creation and operation of the Monroe-Ouachita Parish Regional Planning Commission be, and are hereby, revoked.

The above Ordinance introduced on the 15th day of December 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(0)

The above Ordinance was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

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Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the submission of nominations to the Governor for appointment to the Bayou Desiard Lake Commission. Mr. Caldwell stated the he would like to resubmit the name of Ms. Judith Hardagree and add the name of Dr. Huston White. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to submit forward these two names to the Governor's office for appointment to the Bayou Lake Commission. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade requested that the status of Davenport Circle be placed on his agenda for the next meeting.

**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

The president asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the Town & Country Levee Project. Mr. Harrison stated that one of the right of ways that has held up the project has been obtained. Mr. Harrison stated that once the right of ways has been secured then we could move forward on the project. Discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

**MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:**

Ms. Moore stated that she had no other items.

**BEER AND WHISKEY LICENSES:**

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey applications for approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the applications subject to receipt of satisfactory surveys. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **GLOVER, DORWAYNE** DBA **HART'S CORNER**, 4268 HWY 139,  
MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER CLASS  
"B"- 2009 RENEWAL
  
- 2) **ORTNER, BEVERLY** DBA **CHIEF'S HIDEAWAY**, 3091 HWY 80W,  
CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER CLASS  
"A", RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "C", 2009 NEW

Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury would amend the agenda to take up the matter of the beer and whiskey application of Billy Rogers. Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to amend the agenda to take up the application for beer and whiskey for Billy Rogers; due to the fact that the application was received after completion of the agenda and there would be a delay of three weeks until the next meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

- ROGERS, BILLY** DBA **BIG BILLY'S FOOD MART, LLC**,  
2217 HWY 151 N, DOWNSVILLE, LA  
71234, RETAIL BEER CLASS "B",  
RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "D" -2009  
RENEWAL

A motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the application as recommended for beer and whiskey subject to a satisfactory survey. Motion passed without opposition.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

**FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Mr. Cammack stated that he had no other items, but updated the jury on the status of the new libraries.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Parish Attorney.

**LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the approval of the contract for inmate telephone service at OCC. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize the president to sign the contract with PCS. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Blade asked who determines where bid openings occur. Mr. Mitchell explained the bid opening process to the jury. No action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the Off-System Bridges Annual Review. No action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Pat Hemphill**

Chief Hemphill indicated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

**ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer**

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the proposed Economic Stimulus Package. Mr. Harrison presented a list to the jury that had been compiled for their review. The jury requested that Mr. Harrison include in the listing Parker, Vancil and Caples Roads. Mr. Murray requested that the off road bridges be included in the listing. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the Right of Ways for the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Mr. Harrison stated that the title work for the right of ways had been completed and the total bill amounted to \$12,950.00. Mr. Harrison indicated that the next step would be to hire an appraiser. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the review of the FY 2009 Pavement Striping Program. No action was taken on this matter.

The president invited the public to participate.

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Wilbert Reed, 112 Davenport Circle, Monroe, Louisiana addressed the jury regarding the condition of Davenport Circle and Davenport Extension. Mr. Reed requested that the jury consider repaving Davenport Circle. No action was taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**A D J O U R N**