

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF  
OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 5:35 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<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>

<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(0)</b>
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Invocation was given by the president. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the president.

Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the police jury meetings including the committee meetings held on January 12, 2009 and February 2, 2009. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized visitor Mayor Vern Breland, Town of Sterlington. Mayor Breland spoke regarding the use of road funds for the construction of sidewalks to be fully reimbursed by a Safe Routes to School Grant. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. After discussion the jury offered no objection to the use of road funds as presented by Mayor Breland.

The president recognized Mr. Judy Bell, Wellspring Alliance. The president indicated that Ms. Bell was present due to an item on his agenda, and asked whether or not any juror had a problem addressing the matter at this time. No one had a problem with it. The president asked that Mr. Cammack speak regarding the Safe Haven Grant. Mr. Cammack stated that the grant terms required that the Program Coordinator be an employee of the local governing body applying for

the grant. Ms. Bell spoke regarding the matter. Ms. Bell stated that the position would initially be a part time position and would evolve into a full time position. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack recommended that the position be opened and that the jury consider the recommendation of Ms. Bell when the position is filled. Discussion ensued again. No other action was taken at this time.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular police jury meeting and enter into the Finance Committee meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to recess the Regular Police Jury meeting and convene as the Finance Committee meeting. 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. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims for the period of 2008-2009 (1/9/09 to 2/12/09). Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the claims for the period indicated. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding jail operations and the fund balance updates. Discussion ensued. The chairman requested that the jail operations budget be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the storage of sand bags at Public Works. Mr. Cobb, Assistant Director of Public Works spoke regarding the matter and indicated a need for a place to store the bags. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to request Homeland Security to pick up the cost of the containers to store the sand bags. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The president reconvened the regular meeting of the police jury at 6:01 p.m.

## **MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

Mr. Jackson indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Harrison stated that the project was moving along as indicated in the last meeting. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the cost estimate for Acorn Road. Mr. Harrison spoke on the matter and indicated that he would be recommending that the policy be changed regarding improving private roads.

Mr. Calhoun stated that he would be deferring items 3 and 4 on his agenda regarding West Ouachita Recreational District to a later date.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the role of the alternate journal. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and stated that we would send anything the police jury wanted to the alternate journal. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade to submit the minutes of the police jury to the alternate journal for publication. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the per diem for the Prairie Road Water District. Mr. Blade requested that the per diem be increased from \$25 per meeting to \$60 per meeting according to the state statute. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to increase the per diem to \$60 per meeting. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Mitchell stated that since this fee was enacted with an ordinance, that it should be changed with one. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Blade:

**ORDINANCE 8918 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VIII OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH GOVERNING "WATERWORKS" TO ADJUST THE PER DIEM PAID TO COMMISSIONERS OF THE PRAIRIE ROAD WATER DISTRICT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

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

The president stated that he had no other items.

The president recognized Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore indicated that she had no items.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the request from OCC to purchase X-26 tasers. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer to purchase the tasers for the Correctional Center. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed with Mr. Blade opposing.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the request to open an Administrative Assistant position at the Health Unit. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the request to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the travel request of Lee Morris to attend the SUGA Conference. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE:                        Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

The chief indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the alcohol permit for Now Save #16, 2401 Arkansas Road, West Monroe, Louisiana. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to recall the alcohol permit issued and refund the fee to Now Save #16. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the final subdivision approval for Carriage Way (District A). Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell subject to the comments of the engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the variance for Virginia Mae Estates, Unit 2. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and recommended denying the variance. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to deny the variance for Virginia Mae Estates, Unit 2 subject to the comments of the parish engineer. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Engineer.

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

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the recently passed Federal Economic Stimulus Bill. Discussion ensued. Mr. Harrison presented a list of road projects that he and Mr. Murray had submitted to OCOG's Technical Advisory Committee for stimulus funding through OCOG. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to ratify the list of road projects offered by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Murray for stimulus package funding through OCOG. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Harrison stated that he was looking into other projects that could possibly be funded with the stimulus monies.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the FY2010 Federal Appropriation Requests. Mr. Harrison stated that he had received correspondence from the offices of Senator Landrieu, Vitter, and Congressman Alexander. Discussion ensued on the current proposed appropriation list. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to submit the following projects for FY2010 Federal Appropriation Consideration:

- 1) I-20 Frontage Road (West) from Thomas Rd to Sterling Avenue
- 2) US 165 – LA 34 Connector & South Ouachita River Bridge
- 3) Fink's Hideaway – LA 139 Connector
- 4) East Ouachita Comprehensive Sewerage Plan
- 5) Sparta-Aquifer Water Management Plan
- 6) Post Office in South Monroe
- 7) West Ouachita Comprehensive Sewerage Plan

Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the FY08-09 Community Water Enrichment Fund. Mr. Harrison informed the jury that funds in the amount of \$135,714 were available for upgrading, expanding, or renovating community water systems and stated that the application deadline is April 10, 2009. Mr. Harrison asked for direction from the jury for these funds. Discussion ensued. Mr. Harrison acknowledged that this is the first time the

jury had received grant funds specifically for water. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Smiley asked that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the improvement of Cheyenne Drive and Sioux Drive located within Indian Lakes Subdivision. Mr. Harrison suggested that the jury allow Mr. Murray, Mr. Mitchell and himself to update the policy accepting private roads into the public system. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to update the road policy and bring it back to the jury for approval. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Harrison stated that he would write a letter informing the residents of Indian Lakes regarding the street improvements.

### **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval subject to a favorable review of surveys. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to accept the recommendations of Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed without opposition.

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| <b>1) Strohman, Shelia</b> | <b>dba Apache Rose LLC dba THE LANDING,<br/>6130 Whites Ferry Rd, West Monroe, LA 71291<br/>Retail Beer-Class A, Retail Liquor Class C, 2009<br/>NEW OWNER</b> |
| <b>2) Murray, Rodney</b>   | <b>dba RODNEY'S PLACE, 601 Smith Street, West<br/>Monroe, LA 71292 Retail Beer-Class A, Retail<br/>Liquor Class C, 2009 NEW</b>                                |

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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