

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 AT 5:32 PM.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in special session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 5:32 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Members Present	(5)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Ruby Blade	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent	(1)
Walt Caldwell	District C

Invocation was given by the president, Shane Smiley. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the president.

The president spoke regarding the resignation of the Ward 9 Constable, and the appointment to the unexpired term of the Ward 9 Constable. The president emphasized that the position of the jury was to appoint persons who would not run for the appointed position in an election. Ms. Tammi Owens, the prospective appointee, was present. She affirmed that if the jury appointed her as interim constable, she would not be a candidate in the election to fill the seat. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Blade:

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-73**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAMMI OWENS AS CONSTABLE WARD 9 OUACHITA PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy in the office of Constable of Ward 9 of Ouachita Parish, was created by the resignation of Benjamin F. Owens, Jr., on August 18, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, under LSA-R.S. 18:602, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has the responsibility to make an interim appointment to the office of Constable of Ward 9, Ouachita Parish to serve until such time as a Constable for Ward 9 can be elected and take office in accordance with law.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and special session that TAMMI OWENS, hereby is appointed as Constable, Ward 9, Ouachita Parish, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Benjamin F. Owens, Jr., said appointee to serve until the vacancy is filled by the holding of a special election to fill same.

The above Resolution was adopted on this 24th day of August 2009.

The president spoke regarding the need for a special election to fill the vacant position of Constable, Ward 9. A brief discussion ensued. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Jackson:

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-74**

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE POSITION OF CONSTABLE, WARD 9, OUACHITA PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the position of Constable, Ward 9, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of LSA-R.S. 18:602 E, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has the obligation to call an election to select a successor.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana that:

1. Under the authority conferred by LSA-R.S. 18:602 E, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in Ouachita Parish on **Saturday, March 27, 2010**, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Constable from Ward 9, Parish of Ouachita, said post being vacant due to the resignation of Benjamin F. Owens on August 18, 3, 2009. The qualifying period for this election shall be February 3-5, 2010. This Resolution and Notice of Election shall be published in the Ouachita Citizen, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the parish published in Monroe, Louisiana, being the official journal of the governing authority for the Parish of Ouachita, on September 3, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 17, 2009. A copy of this Resolution ordering and calling the special election for the position of Constable, Ward 9, Parish of Ouachita, shall be furnished to the Clerk of Court,

Fourth Judicial District Court, Parish of Ouachita, and to the Secretary of State, and Registrar of Voters of the State of Louisiana.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 24th day of August 2009.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ADJOURN!