

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 AT 5:39 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 5:39 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Mr. Caldwell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Caldwell.

<u>Members Present</u>	(6)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that a change order and approval of substantial completion for Willett Place Boulevard needed to be added to the engineer’s report. Mr. Mitchell stated that this item was inadvertently left off of the agenda and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on January 20, 2015 was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the following service award for the month of February.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS
Robert Hampton – 25 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

Larry Dumas – 20 Years
Jimmy Joiner – 5 Years

TREASURER

Gayle Malone – 35 Years
Jeremy Clack – 5 Years

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9062 – An Ordinance authorizing a conveyance of certain adjudicated property to the Monroe City Housing Authority pursuant to La Const. Art. 14, Sect. 7 (b) and La. R.S. 47:2205, Et Seq.; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

There were none.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Mr. Hack Tull, OPSO, Acting Director

Mr. Tull requested to purchase a 2015 Ford F-150 truck on the City of Alexandria's contract for \$28,988. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Patrick Hemphill

Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

GREEN OAKS:

Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director

Mr. Anderson stated that the Department of Child and Family Services did an inspection on January 28 and did not find any deficiencies.

HOMELAND SECURITY &

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Mr. Neal Brown, Director

Mr. Brown stated that they had the first monthly Alert FM test earlier in the day and that they will have the test on the first Monday of each month at approximately 10:00 a.m.

MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Ms. Shannon Rider, Director

Ms. Rider requested to purchase a 2015 Ford F-150 truck on the City of Alexandria’s contract for \$19,197. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

OCC:

Warden Patrick Johnson

Warden Johnson stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES:

Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator

Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

911 OFFICE:

Mr. Craig Lott

Mr. Lott stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Raney, Jeffery	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 11/21/2014
Martin, Sherman	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/18/2014
McCarthy, Ricky	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/27/2014
Womack, Juanita	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 1/28/2015
Nelson, Danny	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 1/12/2015
Raney, Jeffery	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 1/5/2015
Matlock, Billy	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 1/21/2015

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

CONFIRMATION

Brown, Chris	From Prob. Fire Captain	To. Perm. Fire Captain	Effective 2/17/2015
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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the confirmation as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

RETIREMENT

Raney, Jeffery	Retired	Effective 1/31/2015
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the retirement as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Brown, Homeland Security. Mr. Brown asked to defer his item until the next meeting of the Jury.

The chairman recognized Mr. Lott, 911 Office. Mr. Lott requested to promote Elisha Washington and Desiree Fountain from 911 call taker part-time to 911 call taker full-time. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the promotions. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Lott stated that Staci Williams has turned in a letter of resignation. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the letter of resignation. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to hire Rodney Orange and James McNeal to the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the new hires. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Genecia Whitney and Alice Heckard to the position of Juvenile Detention Office II part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the new hires. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Gerald Blackmon to the position of Juvenile Detention Supervisor. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the new hire. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding Fleur de Lis, Unit 4 review and stated that the subdivision is in the corporate limits of Sterlington. Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Crosby has already reviewed the subdivision plans with respect to its impact on a parish drainage channel and approval was needed to pay the invoice. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to pay the invoice for Fleur de Lis, Unit 4 from the General Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Frenchman's Bend, Unit 15 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant final subdivision approval subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Austin Acres, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant preliminary subdivision approval subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16 and stated that a local firm has designed a manhole insert that has been implemented in West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5. Mr. Crosby explained that the insert would keep infiltration out of the system and provide other benefits. Mr. Crosby requested the Jury to require these inserts or an approved equal to be installed in new subdivisions in West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the requirement for the inserts in West Ouachita Sewerage District No.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Forty Oaks Farm Road drainage study and stated that a nearby cross drain will be replaced and this will allow for additional discharge to go under Arkansas Road which could potentially cause drainage problems on Forty Oaks Farm Road. Mr. Crosby stated that DOTD is requiring a detailed drainage study from the parish to determine the impact of replacing the cross drain. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to authorize Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Crosby send a letter to DOTD. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road Change Order No. 2 and stated that there were changes to the design and that no action was needed by the Jury at this time.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road Change Order No. 3 and stated that the change order is for changes related to leaving in place an existing drainage crossing under Finks Hideaway Road that was found to be in good condition by video inspection. Mr. Crosby stated that the change order is a reduction in the cost of the project in the amount of \$29,075.80. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve Change Order No. 3. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road Change Order No. 4 and stated that the proposed change was for adding Superpave Asphaltic Concrete to patch the locations where cross drains were installed on Old Sterlington Road and also to include connecting a drainage pipe at River Oaks School to the underground drainage system along Finks Hideaway Road. Mr. Crosby stated that the change order is an increase in the cost of the project in the amount of \$22,004.65. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Willet Place turn lane and stated that there is a change order of \$300 to add reflectorized, raised pavement markers. Mr. Crosby also stated that the Jury needed to accept the substantial completion. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the change order and to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby stated that the bid opening for the road striping contract will be February 12.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on the road list. Mr. Crosby stated that they are still inspecting the local roads and then they will compile the list.

Mr. Caldwell asked about the certification of the Calhoun Research Station site. Mr. Crosby stated that the work is on-going and that he should have everything ready by April.

Ms. Moore asked for an update on Richwood Road Bridge. Mr. Murray stated that the contractor should start work later in the week. Ms. Moore asked that a letter be sent to Representative Hunter to update him on the project.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9062

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO THE MONROE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO LA CONST. ART. 14, SECT. 7 (B) AND LA. R.S. 47:2205, ET SEQ.; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 47:2205 authorizes the donation of adjudicated properties for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution;

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year redemption period established by Parish Ordinance No. 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA Const. Art. 14, Sec. (7) (B) authorizes the donation of blighted or abandoned housing property to non-profit organization who agree to renovate and maintain such properties until conveyance of such properties by the organization;

WHEREAS, the Monroe Housing Authority (“MHA”) has requested the donation of the following property in the Kings Oaks Addition, that has long been abandoned and adjudicated to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the purpose of constructing affordable housing thereon:

1. Parcel 60739, Ward 30, Lots 1-10, Square R, King Oaks Addition

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that such donation is in the public interest and in accordance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the donation of the abandoned adjudicated property identified above to the Monroe Housing Authority upon completion of the procedures for the donation of adjudicated property pursuant to La. R.S. 47:4201, et seq.;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be, and hereby is authorized to execute such document as are reasonable and necessary to complete the donation described above.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 20th day of January, 2015.

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

YEAS: (6) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 2nd day of February, 2015.

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Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9064

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9052 TO CORRECT THE NAME OF THE PROPOSED PURCHASER FROM C & H LAND CO. TO ITS SUCCESSOR CHC PARTNERSHIP, LLP; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2014 the Ouachita Parish Police Jury approved Ordinance No. 9052 authorizing the sale of an adjudicated property identified as Parcel No. 14092 (Lot 5, Square 3 of G. O. Dooley’s Subdivision) to “Billy Haddad dba C&H Land Co.”

WHEREAS, Mr. Haddad has advised that the proper corporate name of the entity he is representing in this matter is “CHC Partnership, LLP”, a successor to C&H Land Co.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Haddad and the company he represents are the only parties expressing an interest in acquiring this adjudicated property; and,

WHEREAS, as required by law all entities having a notice of record in the adjudicated property at issue have been provided notice that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury intended to convey the property and none taken action to prevent such sale;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby amend Ordinance 9052 to change the name of the entity represented by Mr. Haddad from C&H Land Co. to “CHC Partnership, LLP” and to authorize the conveyance of the adjudicated property subject of Ordinance 9052 to said CHC Partnership, LLP.

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

YEAS:	(6)	Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(0)	

The above ordinance was adopted on the 2nd day of February, 2015.

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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to appoint Mr. Smiley to the Calhoun Experiment Station Advisory Board. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve a letter of support for the Ouachita Parish Sheriff’s Office to obtain grant funding for the New World Systems Aegis Law Enforcement Record Management System. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix stated that she did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the bid schedule for the sale of surplus property pursuant to proposed Ordinance No. 9063 and stated that the bid date will need to be extended. Mr. Mitchell stated that action was not needed at this time.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any additional items.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the following applications. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Reddix abstaining.

- 1) WALKER, DEONKA DBA FREAK NIQ'S, 601 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, AFTER HOURS, 2015 NEW**

2) ALI, FAISAL

JMART TOO LLC DBA JMART TOO, 2655 ARKANSAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2015 NEW

3) MCGEHEE, LYNDA

DBA SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR OUACHITA COUNCIL ON AGING INC., LOCATION 228 CAREY NELSON RD ON MARCH 19-21, 2015 - CLASS A BEER PERMIT & CLASS C LIQUOR PERMIT

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary