

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 AT 5:35 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, March 2, 2015 at 5:35 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

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

<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. The president asked to add the substantial completion for the HVAC repairs at the courthouse. This item was inadvertently left off of the agenda and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. The president also asked to add Earl Davis and Nell Bradley as visitors. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix 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 February 17, 2015 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL
Zachary Godwin – 5 Years

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Mary Singh – 25 Years

GREEN OAKS

Marvin Jones – 15 Years

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Willie Johnson – 5 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

Billy Fenn – 25 Years

VISITORS:

The president recognized Richard Poole, 4389 Whites Ferry Road, West Monroe. Mr. Poole spoke regarding traffic problems on Highway 143 and stated that there have been several accidents near his business.

The president recognized Waymon Warren, 4412 Whites Ferry Road, West Monroe. Reverend Warren stated that he is the pastor of Fair Park Baptist Church. Reverend Warren also spoke regarding the traffic problems on Highway 143 and stated his concerns with the speed limit and number of accidents near the church.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize legal counsel to draft a letter to ask the state to do a traffic study on Highway 143. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Earl Davis, 203 Marshall Drive, Monroe. Mr. Davis spoke regarding a housing project in south Monroe. Mr. Davis stated that the project is for thirty two units with an approximate cost of \$6.2 million. Mr. Davis requested a letter of support for the project from the Police Jury in order to secure funding. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize legal counsel to draft a letter of support for the project. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Nell Bradley, 308 Forsythe Avenue, Monroe. Ms. Bradley spoke regarding the condition of the property across from her property on Finks Hideaway Road. Mr. Smiley stated that all complaints have been investigated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS: **Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**
Ms. Bennett stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

GREEN OAKS: **Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director**
Mr. Anderson stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

HOMELAND SECURITY &

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Mr. Neal Brown, Director

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

LIBRARY: Ms. Robin Toms, Director

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

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 there was an outage of the Metro Ethernet system and that it was only down for thirty minutes. Mr. Lott spoke regarding the New World Systems upgrade and stated that the upgrade would cost \$75,540. Mr. Lott stated that the item was not included in the budget but there is an available fund balance. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the New World Systems upgrade. Motion passed without opposition.

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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 6:14 p.m. The chairman stated that Chief Hemphill was not present. Mr. Cammack stated that the personnel items for the Fire Department were included with the agenda.

SICK LEAVE

Martin, Sherman	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 1/29/2015
Stuckey, Scott	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 2/20/2015

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

PROMOTION

Remore, R.	From Perm. Fire Driver	To Prob. Fire Captain	Effective 2/2/2015
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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the promotion as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

TRANSFER

Womack, N.	From Comm. Officer	To Records Clerk	Effective 2/16/2015
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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the transfer as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

RESIGNATION

Savage, Raymece	Resigned	Effective 2/16/2015
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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the resignation as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray requested to promote David Creed from Survey Aide II to Assistant Parish Inspector. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the promotion. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson recommended terminating Larry Dixon. Ms. Moore stated that she talked to Mr. Dixon and that he requested an executive session. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to enter into executive session at the end of the regular meeting. Mr. Dixon waived his right to twenty four hour notice of the executive session. 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 Mr. Smiley. 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 6:19 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that work is ongoing.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Ole Highway 15 and stated that the bid opening is set for October. Mr. Crosby also stated that his office is working on the survey. Mr. Crosby recommended that the Jury designate Jeremy Clack as the responsible charge and to authorize the president to sign all contract documents. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to adopt Resolution 15-07. Mr. Mitchell stated that the resolution was under Mr. Robinson's name on the regular agenda and would need to be taken up at that time instead of during the Public Works Committee meeting. Mr. Robinson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the road striping program and stated that the notice of award and contract has been sent to the contractor.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Park Circle and stated that the topographic survey is complete.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1E Canal and stated that the topographic survey is complete and that he will have the engineering study at the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Hadley Street and stated that he met with Kim Golden and DOTD and that the City of Monroe is preparing a cost estimate for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Vernon Drive drainage and stated that the plans are complete and are waiting for review.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Crocker Lane and stated that the survey is complete and they are waiting on soil borings.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the contractor has been held up due to weather.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Calhoun Research Station and stated that he will be sending the final survey plats later in the week and also will send the wetlands report to NLEP.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Oak Circle and stated that the bid opening will be in April and that the project is completely funded by FEMA.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Moon Lake Road and stated that the Jury has received approval of funds for the project. Mr. Caldwell thanked Mr. Crosby, Mr. Murray and Mr. Clack for their work 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 6:27 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley 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 resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FY 2014-2015 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting applications to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for funding assistance under the FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish police Jury in legal and regular session convened on the 2nd day of March, 2015, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes and supports applications for assistance under the FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund administered by the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for the following projects located in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

- 1) Replacement of water main on Harris Street
- 2) Replacement of water main on Vine Street

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS ARE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE PARISH ROAD KNOWN AS “OLE HIGHWAY 15”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) has applied for grant funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“LA DOTD”) for a project to improve “Ole Highway 15” in western Ouachita Parish; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with said application and project the OPPJ desires to authorize a representative to execute a State/Parish Agreement and other documents on its behalf and to designate a representative to serve as “Responsible Charge” for certain communications with LA DOTD.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute a State/Parish Agreement and such other documents as are required for the project to improve Ole Highway 15 with funding provided through LA DOTD;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate its Special Projects Coordinator, Jeremy Clack, as the OPPJ's "Responsible Charge" for said Ole Highway 15 Project.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2015.

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Mr. Robinson recognized Mr. Land, Land 3 Architect. Mr. Land spoke regarding the HVAC repairs for the courthouse and stated that the project is substantially complete. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the substantial completion for the HVAC repairs at the courthouse. 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:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Old Sterlington Road and requested that the Public Works Department look at the condition of the road.

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:

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize Mr. Mitchell to issue a letter of support for the I-20 Economic Development District extension and to authorize the president to sign the letter. Motion passed without opposition.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack reminded the Jury of the State of the Police Jury luncheon on Tuesday.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have any items.

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 application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the following application. Motion passed without opposition.

DHILLON, SOOKHAM

**VIKRAM-VIJAY LLC DBA NOW SAVE #20, 5402
CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292,
RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR
"CLASS D", 2015 NEW**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to recess the regular meeting and enter into executive session. Motion passed without opposition. The regular meeting was recessed at 6:33 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to terminate Larry Dixon as recommended by Mr. Anderson. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary