

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 AT 5:37 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 17, 2014 at 5:37 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

<u>Members Present</u>	(5)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Shane Smiley	District E
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Pat Moore	District F

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell asked to add authorization to advertise an ordinance for conveyance of adjudicated properties to Monroe Housing Authority. Mr. Mitchell stated that he received information earlier in the day that the sixty day notice period has expired and that action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury to prevent undue delay. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 came forth at this point in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on March 3, 2014 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

There were none.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Riffin, Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Riffin spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that DOTD opened bids on March 12 and the low bidder was J. B. James Construction.

Mr. Riggin spoke regarding the T-1A Canal project and stated that the project is currently being advertised for bids and the bid opening will be April 10.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Northern Exposure brochure and stated that Mr. Crosby did not have any changes.

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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Caldwell, called the finance committee meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of February 14, 2014 through March 13, 2014 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the purchase of computers for Animal Control and stated that Mr. Tull has requested to purchase new computer equipment but the purchase was not included in the 2014 budget. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill requested to purchase two new fire trucks and that there are sufficient funds for the purchase. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve purchase two new fire trucks from Ferrara Fire Apparatus through state contract. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn the finance committee meeting and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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A motion to enter into a Special Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

SPECIAL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Robinson, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks.

Mr. Anderson stated that he had one item regarding sick leave allocation for Adrain Lusk. Ms. Lusk requested for the Jury to enter into executive session. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell,

seconded by Mr. Calhoun to enter into executive session to take up the matter concerning sick leave allocation. Motion failed with Mr. Smiley and Mr. Robinson opposing.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to deny the sick leave donation request and to suspend all future sick leave donations for the parish until the current policy can be reviewed. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

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

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 stated that he did not have any items.

The president noted that Dr. Reddix was not at the meeting.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

The president noted that Ms. Moore was not at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer
Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department
Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney
Mr. Mitchell requested authorization to advertise an ordinance for conveyance of adjudicated properties in Robinson Place Subdivision to Monroe Housing Authority. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize advertisement of the ordinance. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director
Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Old D'Arbonne Crossing, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Old D'Arbonne Crossing, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Deputy Heckford stated that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be March 29.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary