

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 2015 at 5:39 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack stated that a travel request for Green Oaks needed to be added under Mr. Anderson's name. This item was received after the agenda was published and action is needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to add the travel request to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore 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 March 16, 2015 and the minutes of the special called Police Jury meeting held on March 20, 2015 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

Scott Riggan – 20 Years

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

William Crow – 5 Years

Anthony Ford – 5 Years

Dustin Harris – 5 Years

Mark Hicks – 5 Years

Brandon Martin – 5 Years

Joshua Morris – 5 Years

Calvin Presley – 5 Years

Scott Stuckey – 5 Years

**GREEN OAKS**

Demetria Tanzy – 15 Years

Carrianna Griffin – 5 Years

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Cindy Moore – 5 Years

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9068 – An Ordinance amending Section 14-1 of the compiled ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, to establish a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour for Dayton Tidwell Road; providing for a public hearing; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix entered at this point in the meeting.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized David LaCerte, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. LaCerte updated the Jury on the veteran's facility in the parish. Mr. LaCerte stated that a veteran's cemetery will be opening in Rayville in 2016.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

**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 requested approval for Dorothea Bridges to attend a conference on April 21-23, 2015. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

**Ms. Mary Lopez**

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

**LIBRARY:**

**Ms. Robin Toms, Director**

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

**LSU EXTENSION SERVICE:**

**Ms. Markaye Russell**

Ms. Russell updated the Jury on the 4-H Program.

**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 5:55 p.m. The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

**SICK LEAVE**

Burse, Larry	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 9/19/2014
Bush, Jay	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 3/12/2015
McCarthy, Ricky	Termination of Sick Leave	Effective 2/7/2015

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

**RETIREMENT**

McCarthy, Ricky	Retired	Effective 3/10/2015
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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the retirement as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

**PROMOTION**

May, Kurt	From Perm. Fire Driver	To Prob. Fire Captain	Effective 3/16/2015
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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the promotion as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested to hire fifteen new firefighter recruits contingent upon them passing

physicals and medical testing. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire the following: Garrett Babb, Jonathan Daniel, Bryant David, Travis Fredricks, Caleb Harrell, Travis Henry, William Mathis, Hunter McLemore, Trent Raffray, Matt Rose, Jacob Savage, Ryan Spillers, Brandon Stephenson, James Tarrance, Matthew Towns. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested approval for Mike Jackson to attend the Disaster Medical Specialist Course on April 20-24, 2015. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Lopez, Homeland Security. Ms. Lopez stated that Mr. Brown requested to hire Sean Christian as the Assistant Director. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to hire Sean Christian. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray requested to hire Jimmy Oglesby to the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Jimmy Oglesby. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested approval of the maintenance leader job description. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the job description. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to open the position for maintenance leader. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to open the position for Juvenile Detention Officer III. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to open the position for Juvenile Detention Officer II – Male. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to open the position. 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 Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

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A motion to enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Joey Riggin, Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Riggin presented the bid results for the Oak Circle drainage project and stated that the low bid was \$1,329,906.50 from

Amethyst Construction. Mr. Riggin stated that the projects original estimate was \$1,033,000 and that his office has been in contact with GOHSEP for additional funds. Mr. Riggin asked to defer this item until the next meeting of the Jury.

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 Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix 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 spoke regarding the off road drainage and stated that the Jury needs to address drainage problems in the near future.

Mr. Robinson spoke regarding a turn lane on Highway 80 at Dairy Queen and stated that traffic has been backed up since Dairy Queen opened. Mr. Mitchell stated that he and Mr. Crosby could issue a letter to DOTD to request a traffic study. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to authorize Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Crosby to issue a letter to DOTD for a traffic study. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore offered the following resolution for adoption.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-12**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE AREA OF SHADY GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 2, 2012, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) entered into an Agreement concerning a project for the construction of sidewalks in the area of Shady Grove Elementary School in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.009297 and as Federal Aid Project No. H009297; and,

**WHEREAS**, LA-DOTD has requested the enter into a new, superseding Agreement that, *inter alia*, changes the name of the project from “Ouachita Parish Police Jury SRTS” to “Shady Grove Elementary Phase II Sidewalk,” and;

**WHEREAS**, the OPPJ desires to enter into the superseding Agreement proposed by LA-DOTD in order to advance the completion of this project to construct sidewalks in the vicinity of Shady Grove Elementary School;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute the proposed superseding Agreement with LA-DOTD for the project to construct sidewalks in the area of Shady Grove Elementary School in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.009297 and as Federal Aid Project No. H009297;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate Jeremy Clack, its Special Projects Coordinator, to serve as “Responsible Charge” for the above referenced project.

The above resolution was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure and to appoint Brad Cammack as the Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG program. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson offered a motion to authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application(s) and implementation of the project(s). Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered a motion to adopt a Procurement Policy for compliance with the LCDBG program. Motion passed without opposition.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Moore:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-11**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL WORK ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

**SECTION 1.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel for legal work in connection with the sale of assets of the

Greater Ouachita Water Co., and, accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby employed as special counsel of the Parish, to do and to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in connection with the matters outlined in this Resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at an hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote, 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)

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9069**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR FOR MEYERS ROAD; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the establishment of a speed limit of Fifteen miles per hour (15 mph) for Meyers Road in Ouachita Parish Police Jury District “B” is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to establish and provide for a specific speed limit of Fifteen miles per hour (15 mph) for Meyers Road.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Old Sterlington Road. Mr. Murray stated that the Public Works Department is currently patching the road. Mr. Murray stated that he would like for Lazenby & Associates to look at a section of the road that needs an overlay.

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer the matter concerning Animal Control's shelter.

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 she did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following ordinance for adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9068**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR FOR DAYTON TIDWELL ROAD; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the establishment of a speed limit of Twenty-Five miles per hour (25 mph) for Dayton Tidwell Road in Ouachita Parish Police Jury District "F" is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to establish and provide for a specific speed limit of Twenty-Five miles per hour (25 mph) for Dayton Tidwell Road.



The ordinance was introduced on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Federal Program's building and stated that she would like to look at different options for a new location. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Ms. Bennett to contact a realtor for a new building. After a brief discussion the motion was withdrawn. No action was taken at this time.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Fourth Judicial District Youth Services Planning Board and stated that she would like to have Lamar Anderson serve on the board to represent the Police Jury. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to appoint Mr. Anderson to the Fourth Judicial District Youth Services Planning Board. Motion passed without opposition.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the security camera project and stated that additional cameras were needed for the Clerk of Court, Assessor's office, and the Annex building. Mr. Cammack stated that the additional cost would be \$8,000. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the additional cameras. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the acceptance of Mallard Estates sewerage system into West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16 and recommended acceptance. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept Mallard Estates sewerage system into West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the bid results for Cheniere Lake Area 6 and stated that one bid was received and recommended accepting the bid. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Reddix to accept the bid for Cheniere Lake Area 6. Motion passed without opposition.

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 Dr. Reddix to approve the following applications. Motion passed without opposition.

1) LANGSTON, JIMMY

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE  
NORTHEAST LA MOTORCYCLISTS FOR KIDS,  
LOCATION CHENIERE LAKE PARK ON JUNE  
12-14, 2015 – CLASS A BEER PERMIT**

2) ODOM, ANNA

**MANN’S GROCERY LLC, 1964 HARMON  
JOHNSON ROAD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL  
BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”,  
2016 RENEWAL**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary