

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 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.

<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>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack stated he had an item for approval to purchase computer equipment for the Tax Collector. Mr. Cammack 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 Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to add the item to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

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 April 7, 2014 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized Vanessa Minnifield, 130 Lilac Street, West Monroe. Ms. Minnifield spoke regarding flooding in her yard due to the adjacent property owner spreading dirt on his property. Mr. Mitchell stated that the property has been surveyed by the Public Works

Department and that Mr. Dunn believes that the T-1A Canal project will help with drainage on Lilac Street. No action was taken on this matter.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the T-1A Canal project and stated that the low bid was \$330,468 from R. D. Owens Construction, Inc. Mr. Crosby stated that additional funds are needed due to a portion of the right-of-way acquisition cost not being included in the budget. Mr. Crosby stated that there are remaining funds from the J-1D Canal project and a request could be sent to the state to move the funds to the T-1A Canal project. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the low bid from R. D. Owens Construction, Inc., to ask the state to move surplus funds from the J-1D Canal project to the T-1A Canal project, and to authorize the president to sign all documents for the T-1A Canal project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Willet Place and stated that he submitted a traffic study for a turn lane design and the estimate for the design and construction is approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Crosby stated that his office is currently working on the road program.

Mr. Crosby stated that he and Mr. Dunn should finish the review of the roads damaged by the pipeline construction on Tuesday and that he would have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby stated that his office is currently working on the road striping program.

Mr. Crosby stated that he has submitted comments regarding Oak Circle and that he is waiting on a response from FEMA.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding Burg Jones Lane and stated that the road is narrow and there are people are walking on the street. Mr. Crosby stated that the ditches could possibly be covered but the cost was likely prohibitive. Dr. Reddix asked about looking at putting sidewalks behind the ditch. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Crosby stated that he is working on the road count and that he should have everything finished by September.

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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun 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 5:57 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of March 15, 2014 through April 17, 2014 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to

approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the mobility software proposals and stated that the lowest responder was for \$73,960 from Mobile Wireless LLC. Mr. Lott stated that this item was included in the budget. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to award the mobility software contract to Mobile Wireless LLC. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Funderburk, Tax Collector's Office. Mr. Funderburk spoke regarding the purchase of computers and stated that current operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft and requested replacing fourteen computers and purchasing an additional printer. Mr. Cammack stated that the purchase will be approximately \$10,000 and that all of the jurisdictions that receive ad valorem taxes will pay a pro-rated share. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the purchase. 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. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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## **MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

### **MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 9035**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REVOKING KNOE TOWER ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, KNOE Tower Road is an unimproved parish road running to the southwest off Good Hope Road for a distance of approximately 880' to a dead-end;

**WHEREAS**, KNOE Tower Road originally provided access to the broadcast antennas of the KNOE radio and television stations, but the use of said antennas has ceased and they have been removed and the property cleared for residential development;

**WHEREAS**, the owner(s) of all properties fronting on and having access to KNOE Tower Road have requested, or agreed to, the revocation of said road in order to facilitate the development of such property; and,

**WHEREAS**, there exists no public purpose for the continuation of said KNOE Tower Road as a public road of Ouachita Parish; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a Regular Meeting held on May 5, 2014, that KNOE Tower Road be, and is hereby, revoked.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

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

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

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Old Wall Lake Road Bridge and Cox Street Bridge. Mr. Murray stated that they are waiting on the weather before beginning repairs.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

**DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:**

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding J. S. Clark Cemetery and stated that rainwater does not drain and she asked the Public Works Department to make a recommendation to help the water drain. Mr. Cammack recommended having a contractor look into the problem.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-18**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG TICHELI ROAD TO THE CITY OF MONROE FOR ITS ZOO ENTRANCE PROJECT ; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) has previously entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Monroe (“City”) whereby the OPPJ authorized the City to use the OPPJ’s road rights-of-way as necessary for the City’s Zoo Entrance Improvement Project (“Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the City is in need of additional right-of-way along Ticheli Road identified as Parcel Nos. 6-18 and 7-10 on the right-of-way maps for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, said right-of-way is located on Lots 7 & 8 of Unit 1 of Richwood Manor Addition, which lots were adjudicated to the OPPJ in 1990 for non-payment of taxes and have never been redeemed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has requested that the OPPJ grant such rights, title and interest as it has in the above-described right-of-way parcels (Nos. 6-18 & 7-10) to the City for purposes of construction and maintenance of the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute such acts as are reasonable and necessary to grant, without warranty, such rights, title and interest as it has in the above-described right-of-way parcels to the City of Monroe.

The above resolution was adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014. No opposition.

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**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the FY 2012-2013 Community Water Enrichment Fund contracts for Pink Street, Pearl Street, and Bawcom Street and allow the engineer to proceed with the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby stated that a pre-construction meeting on Finks Hideaway Road will be in the next couple of weeks.

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 requested to declare two 2001 Ford Windstar vans at OCC as surplus and allow to sale at public auction. Warden Johnson stated that both vans have high mileage. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to declare the vehicles as surplus and allow it to be sold at public auction. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

**LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Lazenby & Associates contract for the disaster recovery drainage projects and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the lease for FEMA flood buy-out property at 105 Oak Circle to Solomon Ransford. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the lease. 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 Carriage Hills Subdivision, Unit 1 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Carriage Hills Subdivision, Unit 1 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the applications as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

**RAKA, AGRON**

**DBA AVANTI ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 5076  
CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291,  
RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR  
"CLASS C", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R"  
RESTAURANT, 2014 NEW**

**LANGSTON, JIMMY**

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE  
NORTHEAST LA MOTORCYCLISTS FOR KIDS,  
LOCATION CHENIERE LAKE PARK ON JUNE  
13-15, 2014 - CLASS A BEER PERMIT**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary