

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 AT 5:33 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, May 4, 2015 at 5:33 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)
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agenda as published. 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 April 20, 2015 was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

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

HOMELAND SECURITY

Mary Lopez – 5 Years

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9070 – 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 Ridgedale Lake 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.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Henry Shuler, Shuler Consulting Company. Mr. Shuler presented the bid results for the FY 2014 LCDBG project for Prairie Road and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from Womack & Sons in the amount of \$759,091. Mr. Shuler also spoke regarding Change Order No. 1 and stated that the change order will reduce the amount of the contract to \$725,100. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the bid from Womack & Sons. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett stated that WIA will change to Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act only July 1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Patrick Hemphill

Chief Hemphill stated that the fire department has started a chaplain program.

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 informed the jurors of the ground breaking for the Doppler radar site on May 6.

LIBRARY:

Ms. Robin Toms, Director

Ms. Toms requested to purchase a 2015 Cargo Van for \$20,347. Ms. Toms stated that the van is being purchased on the state contract and has been budgeted for. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Ms. Shannon Rider, Director

Ms. Rider stated that the night spraying would begin later that night.

OCC CORRECTIONS:

Warden Patrick Johnson

Warden Johnson 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 Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. 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

Daniels, Marshall	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 4/2/2015
Rugg, Jared	Termination of Sick Leave	Effective 4/24/2015

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

CONFIRMATION

Dowdey, C.	From Prob. Communication Officer	To Perm. Communication Officer	Effective 5/26/2015
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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the confirmation as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

RETIREMENT

Burse, Larry	Retired	Effective 5/01/2015
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the retirement as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

PROMOTIONS

Davis, Roy	From Serv. Tech.	To Prob. Training Officer	Effective 5/11/2015
Moore, Bobby	From Comm. Officer	Provisional Fire Serv. Tech	Effective 5/11/2015

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the promotions as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Rider, Mosquito Control. Ms. Rider requested approval of the shop supervisor job description and to reclassify Willie Johnson to that position. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the job description as presented and to reclassify Willie Johnson as shop supervisor. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Rider requested the Jury to ratify the decision by the Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement Board to terminate Peggy Robinson. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to ratify the termination of Peggy Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett requested to hire Whitley Parker and Justin Roye to the position of Recruitment and Placement Specialist. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve hiring Whitley Parker and Justin Roye. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested to hire April Alexander to the position of Workforce Development Special Project Coordinator. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve hiring April Alexander. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested to promote Terri Lowens to the position of Office Assistant II. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve promoting Terri Lowens. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson spoke regarding the Green Oaks Agreement for Teaching Services for summer school and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the Agreement for Teaching Services. Motion passed without opposition.

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A motion to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting and 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 5:52 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Pecan Ridge Subdivision, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, 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 Fairbanks Development, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the contractor should have the south side of the road paved by the end of May.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the 2014 road striping program and stated that the contract should be completed within the next ten days.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding 2015 road program and stated he should have the list completed by the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Ole Highway 15 and stated that it will be advertised for bids in September and the bid opening will be in October.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D and J-1E Canals and stated that he would have the report at the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Park Circle and stated that his office is still working on the plans.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Vernon Drive and stated that his office is currently reviewing the plans.

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 5:56 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. 15-18

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JEREMY CLACK TO SERVE AS THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S "RESPONSIBLE CHARGE" FOR PROJECT NO. H.011743, A PROJECT TO IMPROVE 40 OAKS FARM ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") has applied for grant funding through the State of Louisiana to improve 40 Oaks Farm Road in western Ouachita Parish from its intersection with Arkansas Road to its intersection with Standard-Reed Road;

WHEREAS, this project is identified as Project No. H.011743; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is required to designate an employee to serve as its representative and "Responsible Charge" for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate its Special Projects Coordinator, Jeremy Clack, as "Responsible Charge" for the above-described project.

The above resolution was adopted the 4th day of May, 2015.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“Police Jury”) has been advised by Schoeffler Energy Group, Inc. that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is the owner of mineral interests in and under immovable property consisting of parish roads and other parish-owned parcels, all of which are described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof. The OPPJ does not warrant its ownership of such mineral interests, particularly as to non-dedicated parish roads;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires to utilize LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq., to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board (the “Mineral Board”) to nominate the property described in Exhibit “A” for state agency mineral leases;

WHEREAS, the Police Jury desires that the customary Louisiana State lease form utilized by the Mineral Board incorporate the special terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit “B” attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY:

§1. The Police Jury directs and authorizes the Mineral Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases pertaining to the immovable property listed on the attached Exhibit “A”.

§2. The Police Jury directs and authorizes that the customary Louisiana State Lease form utilized by the Mineral Board incorporate the special terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit “B” attached hereto.

§3. The President of The Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Scotty Robinson, or his successor, is authorized and empowered to execute Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases on all or a portion of the Property to be on such terms and conditions as he shall see fit, and execute any other documents and to do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objects and purposes.

The above resolution was adopted on the 4th day of May, 2015.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9070

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 RIDGEDALE LAKE 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 Ridgedale Lake Road in Ouachita Parish Police Jury District "C" 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 Ridgedale Lake Road.

The ordinance was introduced on the 20th day of April, 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 4th day of May, 2015.

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Mr. Caldwell asked to defer Resolution No. 15-17.

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 resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-19

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JEREMY CLACK TO SERVE AS THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S "RESPONSIBLE CHARGE" FOR PROJECT NO. H.011783, A PROJECT TO IMPROVE PARKER ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") has applied for grant funding through the State of Louisiana to improve Parker Road in eastern Ouachita Parish from its intersection with Moore Road to its intersection with Garrett Road;

WHEREAS, this project is identified as Project No. H.011783; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is required to designate an employee to serve as its representative and "Responsible Charge" for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate its Special Projects Coordinator, Jeremy Clack, as "Responsible Charge" for the above-described project.

The above resolution was adopted the 4th day of May, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-20

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW MOORE ROAD BRIDGE OVER YOUNG’S BAYOU THE “BEN BALLARD BRIDGE”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in the years prior to World War I Benjamin “Ben” Ballard, Sr. established his family home on Winnsboro Road in the southeastern portion of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, Ben Ballard, Sr. became a significant landowner in the area, acquiring and farming much of the land along Moore Road between Parker Road and Winnsboro Road;

WHEREAS, Ben Ballard, Sr. donated much of the right-of-way needed to for the Young’s Bayou canal which greatly improved drainage and reduced flooding throughout southeast Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the bridge on Moore Road over the Young’s Bayou canal is located in the right-of-way donated by Ben Ballard, Sr.; and,

WHEREAS, Ben Ballard, Sr. was the patriarch of an African-American family that has made great contributions to the community and has had a positive impact on the history of southeast Ouachita Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that upon its completion and opening the Moore Road bridge over Young’s Bayou that is presently under construction by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development be, and is hereby, named “The Ben Ballard, Sr. Bridge”; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriate signs be placed and maintained to so identify this bridge to the citizens of Ouachita Parish in order that they will be reminded of the contributions Ben Ballard, Sr. and his progeny made to the community.

The above resolution was adopted the 4th day of May, 2015.

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Ms. Moore recognized Harold Harris, grandson of Ben Ballard. Mr. Harris thanked the Jury for naming the bridge after his grandfather.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the records retention officer and stated that he needs to be reappointed for July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2016. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to appoint Mr. Cammack as the records retention officer. Motion passed without opposition.

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 cooperative endeavor agreement with the Ouachita Parish School Board regarding the well at Logtown School. Mr. Mitchell stated that the cooperative endeavor agreement will allow the Ouachita Parish Fire Department to drill and maintain a water well on the school property to provide water for fire protection in the area. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Ouachita Parish School Board as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the extension of the period to accept the bids for the Oak Circle project and stated that the extension will be for an additional thirty days. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the extension to accept the bids. 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:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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 6:09 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary