

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 5:41 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 18, 2015 at 5:41 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore 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 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 May 4, 2015 was offered by Ms. Moore seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

There were none.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the 2014 road striping program and stated that the contractor is finishing up the last roads.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the work is ongoing and there will be an update meeting next week.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1E Canal and presented the drainage study to the jurors. Mr. Crosby stated that the canal needs to be widened and existing pipes need to be replaced. Mr. Crosby stated that the estimated construction cost for the canal work is \$235,000 and estimate cost for the roadside is \$150,000. Dr. Reddix asked about a funding source. Mr. Crosby stated that LGAP has approximately \$60,000 of funding opportunity for smaller projects and other funding has come after disasters.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Ole Highway 15 and stated that everything has been submitted to DOTD and should be authorized by September.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Park Circle and stated that they are still working on plans.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the road program and stated that they are halfway done with the list.

Mr. Calhoun asked for an update on Vernon Street. Mr. Crosby stated that the plans are complete and he will need to review everything before advertising for bids.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix 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 5:58 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of April 17, 2015 through May 14, 2015 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill requested approval to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders to replace old cylinders. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to advertise for public bid for the self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested approval to purchase a Ford F-450 at \$39,609 and a Ford F-150 at \$30,578 through the City of Alexandria's contract. Chief Hemphill stated that these items were budgeted. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Toms, Library. Ms. Toms presented the bid results for security guard service and recommended accepting the low bid from Securitas Security Service USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,650 per week. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr.

Robinson to accept the bid from Securitas Security Service USA, Inc. 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 Ms. Moore. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:04 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 meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson asked for an update on St. Andrews Drive. Mr. Crosby stated that he was waiting on soil borings.

Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9071

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: EASTERN 50 FEET OF LOTS 15 AND 16 OF FLOURNOY'S THIRD ADDITION TO WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on June 9, 2010, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$1,304.48; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from _____ [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION] for the consideration of _____ [TO BE DETERMINED AT AUCTION] cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on June 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) This property described as Ouachita Parish Parcel #38123, with municipal address 409 Vernon Street, West Monroe, LA 71291, and more fully described as:

The Eastern 50 feet of Lots 15 and 16 of Square 8 of T. E. Flournoy's Third Addition to West Monroe, Louisiana, of record in Conveyance Book 281, page 123, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

- 2) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 3) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 4) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 5) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
 - b. E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
 - c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et.

seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

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Mr. Robinson spoke regarding Greater Ouachita Water Company and stated that they have provided a monthly report and it will be available on the website.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun spoke in favor of the establishment of a library branch in Calhoun.

Mr. Smiley entered the meeting at this point.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun to hire Land 3 Architect to draw plans and specs for a new library branch to be built in the Calhoun community, and to allow Mr. Land to advertise for bids to construct the branch as soon as plans and specs are complete. Motion failed for lack of second.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning matters related to the need for a branch at Calhoun and the Library Board's request for additional time to study the issue.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Old Sterlington Road. Mr. Crosby stated that he was waiting on core samples.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Crosby about the drainage in East Frenchman's Bend subdivision. Mr. Crosby stated that he would look at the drainage to see if engineering services were needed.

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 spoke regarding the courthouse north parking lot and stated that a request was received to lease the parking lot. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to not accept a lease agreement and to continue to use the parking lot for public parking. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion failed with Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Moore, and Dr. Reddix opposing.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to allow the use of the parking lot by the public and other employees for the interim. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

Mr. Caldwell exited the meeting at this point.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack asked to defer the matter concerning the cell phone non-accountable plan policy.

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 recommended approval of the lease with Holli Dobson for FEMA flood buy-out properties at 111 Crawford Road and 1400 Miller Road. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the leases. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that there are several roads are closed due to flooding and that all of the roads that are closed are posted on the website.

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 Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary