

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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, June 1, 2015 at 5:39 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>	(5)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Pat Moore	District F

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated there was an item to add to the personnel committee meeting to update the job description for inventory control specialist at Public Works. Mr. Mitchell 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 Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agenda with the amendment. 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 May 18, 2015 was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL:

The president spoke regarding the selection of the Official Journal for the next year. A motion was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the *Ouachita Citizen* as the Official Journal and the *Monroe Dispatch* as the Supplemental Journal for the year ending June 30, 2016. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the following service awards for the month of June.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Denise Pilgreen – 15 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

William Humble – 20 Years

Chester Cole – 15 Years

PURCHASING

Frances Hunter – 20 Years

VISITORS:

Dr. Reddix offered the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING MS. LONNIE JENKINS AND THE ST. MATHEW BROTHERHOOD YOUTH MINISTRY FOR HONORING THE HEROES WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY BY PLACING FLAGS AT J. S. CLARK MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY ON MEMORIAL DAY, 2015; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history countless men and women of the military service have given their lives in the defense and service of our country;

WHEREAS, many of these fallen heroes, along with many veterans and other heroes of our community and families, have their final resting places in J. S. Clark Memorial Park Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, members of the St. Mathew Brotherhood Youth Ministry, under the direction of Ms. Lonnie Jenkins honored the fallen veterans and our other ancestors on Memorial Day (May 25, 2015) by placing American Flags at the J. S. Clark Memorial Park Cemetery;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT PROCLAIMED that, by these presents, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby express its gratitude, appreciation and respect to the men and women who have served in our nation's militarily and, particularly, to those who have given their lives to protect our Freedom;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby further commends Ms. Lonnie Jenkins and the members of the St. Mathew Brotherhood Youth Ministry who volunteered and evidenced the community's respect for our veterans and ancestors by

placing American Flags at J. S. Clark Memorial Park Cemetery on the occasion of Memorial Day, May 25, 2015.

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The president recognized Sandy Ezell, 1003 Richardson Road, Calhoun. Ms. Ezell spoke regarding a proposed library branch in Calhoun. Ms. Ezell stated that the community is rapidly expanding and it would be helpful to the residents to have a library in the downtown area of Calhoun. Ms. Ezell stated that the library would help students who do not have access to technology. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Reddix exited the meeting at this point.

The president recognized Robert Carprue, 287 Highway 151 South, Calhoun. Mr. Carprue spoke in favor of a new library branch in Calhoun and stated that the children in Calhoun deserve a library.

Dr. Reddix reentered the meeting at this point.

The president recognized Julian Johnston, 412 Highway 151 North, Calhoun. Mr. Johnston spoke regarding his evaluation of the library budget and presented to the jurors a report that he created showing that finances were available to build and operate a library branch in Calhoun. Discussion ensued.

The president recognized Dianna Stanley, 242 John Barnes Road, Calhoun. Ms. Stanley also spoke in favor of a library branch in Calhoun. Ms. Stanley stated that some children do not have access to computers except for the ones at the schools. Discussion ensued.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: **Chief Patrick Hemphill**
Chief Hemphill stated that they are currently accepting applications for firefighters.

GREEN OAKS: **Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director**
Mr. Anderson stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Caldwell exited the meeting at this point. The meeting was recessed for lack of a quorum. The meeting reconvened at 7:35.

**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.

MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Ms. Shannon Rider, Director

Ms. Rider stated that all mosquito pools that were turned in are negative for disease.

OCC CORRECTIONS:

Warden Patrick Johnson

Warden Johnson stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

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. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

CONFIRMATIONS

Bremer, D.	From Prob. Driver	To Confirmed Driver	Effective 5/4/2015
Mathis, X.	From Prob. Driver	To Confirmed Driver	Effective 6/1/2015
Stewart, J.	From Prob. Driver	To Confirmed Driver	Effective 6/1/2015

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the confirmations as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION

Parnell, T.	Resigned	Effective 5/20/2015
Saterfiel, D.	Retired	Effective 7/1/2015

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the resignation and retirement as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

PROMOTIONS

Thomas, M.	From Mechanic	To Mechanic Supervisor	Effective 7/6/2015
Harris, Dustin	From Driver	To Fire Prevention Officer	Effective 7/6/2015

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

Chief Hemphill requested to hire M. Moody to the position of mechanic contingent upon successful completion of all remaining tests. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire M. Moody contingent upon successful completion of all remaining tests. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested approval for Vincent Toney to attend the National Fire Academy course on July 5-17, 2015. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested a 10% salary increase for Robert Gaines and Will Jones due to the completion of their probationary period. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the request. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to hire Kalie Bennett to the position of Office Assistant I. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Kalie Bennett. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Terry Wallace to the position of maintenance leader. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to hire Terry Wallace. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Phadra Allen to the position of Juvenile Detention Officer III. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to hire Phadra Allen. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Rodney Orange to the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to hire Rodney Orange. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray requested approval of the revised job description for inventory control specialist. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the job description. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

There were no items.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to reconvene the regular meeting. 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. 15-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BY GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Greater Ouachita Water Company is the owner of the following described property:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 16 of Block 5 of Unit 3 of Humphries-Garrett Road Subdivision in Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, run thence west along the north line of said Lot 16 a distance of 70 feet, run thence south along a line parallel to the east line of said Lot 16 a distance of 35 feet, run thence east along a line parallel to the north line of said Lot 16 a distance of 70 feet, run thence north along the east line of Lot 16 a distance of 35 feet to the point of beginning, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 10, page 88 of the Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Greater Ouachita Water Company desires to sell this property for the reason that it is no longer required in the operation of the Company and any future need of this property for the operation of the Company is not foreseen.

WHEREAS, the Greater Ouachita Water Company has received an offer from Brady Camplain to purchase this property for \$500.00 cash and the property has been appraised for \$400.00 by A. J. Burns, Jr., Appraisal Consultant.

WHEREAS, under the terms of its bond indenture, Greater Ouachita Water Company is permitted to sell real property which it owns only if the Parish of Ouachita releases its contingent interest therein, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds received by Greater Ouachita Water Company are to be deposited into the Renewals, Replacement, and Extensions Fund established and maintained under the terms of Greater Ouachita Water Company's bond indebtedness.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session convened this 1st day of June, 2015, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury releases its contingent interest in the following described property:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 16 of Block 5 of Unit 3 of Humphries-Garrett Road Subdivision in Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, run thence west along the north line of said Lot 16 a distance of 70 feet, run thence south along a line parallel to the east line of said Lot 16 a distance of 35 feet, run thence east along a line parallel to the north line of said Lot 16 a distance of 70 feet, run thence north along the east line of Lot 16 a distance of 35 feet to the point of beginning, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 10, page 88 of the Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

in order that the Greater Ouachita Water Company may sell said property.

The above resolution was adopted on the 1st day of June, 2015. Mr. Caldwell abstained.

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Mr. Robinson asked for an update on St. Andrews Drive. Mr. Murray stated that the Public Works Department is scheduled to do more patching on the road. Mr. Riggin with Lazenby & Associates stated that they are expecting soil samples next week.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

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.

Mr. Calhoun introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9072

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE EASTERN PORTION OF FRANK MIMS ROAD, BEGINNING AT A POINT 400 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST AND PROCEEDING SOUTHEASTERLY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LUBENIA ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, representatives of the family owning the property upon which is located

that portion of Frank Mims Road running from a point 400' west of the east line of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec, 9, T17N, R1E and proceeding southeasterly to its intersection with Lubenia Road have requested that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury revoke said portion of Frank Mims Road in order that said portion of this roadway will no longer be part of the public road system and access to their property may be controlled to prevent trespass and illegal dumping;

WHEREAS, the requested revocation will not deprive any parcel of property of its existing access to a public road; and,

WHEREAS, in view of the property owner's request, the extraordinarily low volume of traffic on this portion of Frank Mims Road, and the fact that the OPPJ identified the road for possible abandonment more than a decade ago;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2015, that the portion of Frank Mims Road running from a point 400' west of the east line of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec, 9, T17N, R1E and proceeding southeasterly to its intersection with Lubenia Road be, and is hereby, revoked.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer the matters concerning Old Sterlington Road and East Frenchman's Bend Subdivision.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked to defer the proclamation for Chrishana Rodgers and the matter concerning Ed Edelen Road.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

The president stated that Ms. Moore was not present.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented and updated cell phone non-accountable plan policy and requested approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the updated cell phone non-accountable plan policy. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Reddix abstaining.

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 OCC internet visitation contract. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the contract. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell opposing.

Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the six month extension of the Workforce Investment Board office lease. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the extension of the lease. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he would not be at the meeting on June 15.

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. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary