

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON, MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 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, June 2, 2014 at 5:33 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

The invocation was given by Mr. Smiley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Smiley.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</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>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>

**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 Mr. Calhoun 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.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the Committee Meetings held on April 21, 2014, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with Ms. Moore abstaining.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9036 – An ordinance amending Section 14-1, establishing the speed limit on Preston Road at twenty five (25) miles per hour; 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 Dr. Reddix to close the public hearing. 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 Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the Monroe

Dispatch as the Supplemental Journal for the year ending June 30, 2015. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the Ouachita Citizen as the Official Journal for parish for the year ending June 30, 2015. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion passed without opposition.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Jonathan Clampit – 10 Years

The president presented the following proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE OUACHITA PARISH FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2013, Ouachita Parish firefighters arriving at the scene of a head-on collision on La. Hwy. 34 in western Ouachita Parish discovered seventeen year old Kaitlyn Parker severely injured and trapped in one of the vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, despite the risk of fire and explosion these firefighters worked diligently and heroically to extricate Ms. Parker from the demolished vehicle while also providing her with emergency medical treatment;

**WHEREAS**, after the firefighters removed her from the vehicle Ms. Parker was airlifted from the scene directly to LSU Medical Center –Shreveport where she received life-saving care; and,

**WHEREAS**, at its recent “Evening for Heroes” event the LSU Health Sciences Foundation honored and specifically recognized the Ouachita Parish firefighters who aided Ms. Parker;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby commend *District Chief Fred Thomas, Captain Bruce Thornton, Captain Steve Greer, Driver Danny Nelson, and Driver Rodney Remore* for their exemplary service in responding to the September 1, 2013, automobile crash involving Kaitlyn Parker;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the performance of these firefighters be noted as an example of the often-unrecognized service that the members of the Ouachita Parish Fire Department provide to our community.

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### **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Bill Land, Land 3 Architect, Inc. Mr. Land presented a proposal for renovations to the Health Unit for offices for the Registrar of Voters. Mr. Land stated that the architect fee for the project would be \$3,970. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the contract with Land 3 Architect, Inc. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized John Sewell, 603 Greenwood Drive, Monroe. Mr. Sewell spoke regarding the Tanglewood drainage project and asked the Jury to move forward with the project. Mr. Smiley stated that he requested a cost estimate at the last meeting and that other drainage projects were paid for with various funding sources. Ms. Moore stated that Phase 1 of the project is complete and that the Jury is working on obtaining funding to complete Phases 2 and 3.

The president recognized David Wood, 2708 Prairie Road, Monroe and Charles Odom, 1948 Harmon Johnson, Monroe. Mr. Wood and Mr. Odom spoke regarding flooding in the Prairie Road area. Mr. Wood stated that the bayou and drainage ditches need to be cleaned out. Mr. Murray stated that he would contact DOTD regarding the obstruction at the state highway bridge over the bayou.

The president recognized Louie Mims, 3413 Pleasure Street, Monroe. Mr. Mims stated that the ditches around Curry Truck Stop were cleaned out up to Highway 165. Mr. Mims stated that his home has flooded in the past and wanted to know where the water was going. Mr. Crosby stated that the water flows to Young's Bayou.

The president recognized Randy Bush, 725 Lovelady Road, West Monroe. Mr. Bush stated that his road was damaged by the pipeline construction company. Mr. Crosby stated that the project is being advertised for bids. Mr. Crosby stated that the Public Works Department is doing regular maintenance for repairs and that a contractor will do the rest. Mr. Crosby stated that the bid opening will be June 26.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**Deputy Wayne Heckford**

Deputy Heckford stated that he would be on vacation Monday through Wednesday of the next week.

#### **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 stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

**Ms. Mary Lopez**

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

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:**

**Ms. Shannon Rider, Director**

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

**OCC:**

**Warden Patrick Johnson**

Mr. Cammack requested to declare a 1991 Chevrolet Truck, a 2001 Ford Van, a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria at OCC as surplus and allow to sale at public auction. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to declare the vehicles as surplus and allow it to be sold at public auction. Motion passed without opposition.

**PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES:**

**Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator**

Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have any items to add to her 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. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The president called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

**SICK LEAVE**

Harris, Dustin	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 05/13/2014
Remore, R.	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 04/11/2014
Martin, L. S.	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 05/13/2014

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

**CONFIRMATIONS**

Sellers, David	Prob. Fire Captain	Perm. Fire Captain	Effective 05/13/2014
Harris, David	Prob. District Chief	Perm. District Chief	Effective 05/13/2014

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

The president recognized Ms. Rider, Mosquito Abatement. Ms. Rider requested to promote Michelle Traweck to biologist, Prentice Woods to night spray supervisor and Kenneth Byrdsong to day operations supervisor. The promotions had previously been approved by the District's Board of Commissioners. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the promotions. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack asked the Jury to clarify the rate of pay for Demacus Slater at Grade 217 Step 15a. Mr. Cammack stated that the Jury previously approved the request to promote Mr. Slater but the salary increase was not included in the minutes. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to confirm the rate of pay for Demacus Slater at Grade 217 Step 15a included in the motion adopted to effect his promotion on May 5, 2014. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested approval for Lee Morris to travel to Marietta, Georgia on July 23 through August 2 for Windows Server 2012 training. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the request for final subdivision approval for River Styx Subdivision, Unit 2 and stated that the developer withdrew the application. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to deny final subdivision approval for River Styx Subdivision, Unit 2. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the request for a variance in the side setback line on Lots 14 and 15 in Flagstone Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the variance as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to transfer a New Holland tractor, asset 13960, from the Public Works Department to Cheniere Lake. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to transfer the asset and for Cheniere Lake to reimburse the Public Works Department. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding Travis Street Bridge and stated that the quotes have been received and that the lowest quote was for \$175,000 which is above the bid limit.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that a pre-construction meeting was held last week and that the notice to proceed is June 23.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D Canal project and stated that the contractors are making progress. Dr. Reddix asked about the cost to finish the west side of Highway 165 and asked Mr. Crosby for a cost estimate.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the parish road list and stated that he would have the list for the Jury to approve at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell stated that after the agenda was published the project engineer and contractor requested a change in the speed limit on Finks Hideaway Road. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had been out of the meeting room when the agenda was approved and asked the Jury to amend the agenda to introduce an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph in the construction zone so that the speed limit, if approved, could be in place when construction started. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to amend the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

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 Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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

The president noted that Mr. Robinson was not at the meeting.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9036**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON PRESTON ROAD AT TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Preston Road, a parish road located in Ouachita Parish that runs from Strozier Road easterly to its dead-end;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a speed limit of twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on Preston Road 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 hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

**Section 14.1. Speed Limits**

Preston Road -- twenty-five (25) miles per hour

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The ordinance was introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (5) 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: (1) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A

The ordinance was adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

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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 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. Mr. Murray stated that persistent precipitation had resulted in continued hydrologic conditions inconsistent with completion of the project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-26**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN OPINION FROM THE LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN**

**COMPUTER-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:4713(B) provides that the cost of “such furniture and equipment, supplies, and maps” as may be needed by the tax collector shall be borne by the tax recipient bodies of the parish;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:4713(C) provides that the police jury shall purchase these items needed by the tax collector and bill the other tax recipient bodies, such as the school boards and municipalities, for their proportionate share of the costs;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of Ouachita Parish, in his capacity as Ex Officio Tax Collector, has recently acquired necessary computer software through the process described above;

**WHEREAS**, the vendor of said software offers at an additional cost a “maintenance and support contract” to provide for ongoing consultation regarding the use of the software and maintenance of the software’s operational capacity and the Sheriff has determined that this “maintenance and support contract” is necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury are unable to determine whether such a “maintenance and support” is an expense to be borne by the tax recipient bodies pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4713;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby formally request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General concerning the application of La. R.S. 33:4713 to the software “maintenance and support” contract at issue.

The above resolution was adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014. No opposition.

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The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Cammack about J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Cammack stated that the contractor wanted more money than the Jury had previously agreed to pay. Mr. Cammack also stated that he talked to Julia Kirby about inmate labor from OCC to finish leveling the ground and that he is working on getting everything finalized.

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Crosby about Pine Bayou Extension drainage. Mr. Crosby stated that they did work on a lateral ditch off of Pine Bayou. Mr. Crosby stated that Pine Bayou does need to be cleaned out but it would be expensive.



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

Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9038**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO DECREASE THE SPEED LIMIT FOR A PORTION OF FINKS HIDEAWAY ROAD TO 25 MPH; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, presently the speed limit in effect for that portion of Finks Hideaway Road east of Leon Patrick Drive is 45 miles per hour;

**WHEREAS**, construction will shortly begin on a major construction project for the expansion of Finks Hideaway Road between U.S. Hwy. 165 and Holland Drive;

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of safety the Construction Engineer and contractor have requested that the speed limit in this construction zone be lowered to 25 mph.; and,

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the scope and duration of the above-described project the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the requested reduction of the speed limit on a portion of Finks Hideaway Road 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(109) of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to lower the speed limit for that portion of Finks Hideaway Road west of Holland Drive to 25 mph.;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is directed to post signage indicating this new speed limit without delay and that said 25 mph speed limit shall become effective upon the posting of such signage.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore thanked everyone for their help while she was out of town.

Ms. Moore asked to defer the item concerning Raccoon Bayou drainage until the next meeting of the Jury.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Highway 165 South corridor and stated that a study was done last year and stated that she would like to move forward on the recommendations from the study. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore introduced the following ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 9037**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9016 TO MAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR THEREIN APPLICABLE TO THE SALE OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2013, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance No. 9016 providing an administrative procedure for the conveyance of adjudicated properties that had been adjudicated for at least five years;

**WHEREAS**, state law allows for the conveyance of adjudicated properties that have been adjudicated for at least three years, with the conveyance of such properties being subject to a longer notice period than properties adjudicated for at least five years;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Company processing the conveyance of adjudicated properties has advised the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that citizens have frequently expressed interest in acquiring adjudicated properties that have been adjudicated for more than three but less than five years; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the public interest to include such properties in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's process for the conveyance of adjudicated properties as established by Ordinance No. 9016;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section I ("Administration") of Ordinance No. 9016 be, and is hereby, amended as set forth below to allow for the sale of properties adjudicated at least three years;

#### **I. "ADMINISTRATION"**

Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby establishes the Ouachita Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (hereinafter "OPPJ" or "Parish" or "Police Jury"). The Parish shall contract with a third party administrator or management company (hereinafter "Management Company") to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

The OPPJ hereby authorizes, pursuant to La. R.S.47:2196, the public sale of all properties adjudicated to the Parish since January 1, 1975, and for a period of at least three (3) years. The sale of said properties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and this Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the above-state amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Ordinance by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

**FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**  
Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department.**  
Chief Hemphill stated that union president Scotty Garvin was present. Mr. Garvin spoke regarding the Fill a Boot Campaign for the MDA and thanked the Jury for allowing the Fire Department to continue with the campaign.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

**LEGAL: Mr. Jay Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**  
Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Hold Harmless Agreement for the project to repair the roads damaged by the Cadeville Pipeline. Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Riggin with Lazenby & Associates has requested a copy of the standard specifications from DOTD and that DOTD requires a Hold Harmless Agreement before they release that information. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, 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. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary