

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014 AT 5:36 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 16, 2014 at 5:36 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, Vice President.

The invocation was given by the vice president. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the vice president.

<u>Members Present</u>	(4)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(2)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The vice president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add an item for approval to move funds on the Community Water Enrichment grants. Mr. Cammack stated that the request was received after the agenda had been published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda with the amendment. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The vice 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 June 2, 2014 was offered by Ms. Moore seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The vice president convened a public hearing on 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered

by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president convened a public hearing on 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The vice president recognized Christine Rambo with the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. Ms. Rambo spoke regarding the Northeast Louisiana Branding Project and stated that the goal of the project is to recruit and retain workforce. Ms. Rambo stated that several businesses in North Louisiana are growing and that the project will build a positive identity for the area. Ms. Rambo stated that the initial cost would be approximately \$200,000 and requested \$50,000 from the police jury. Ms. Rambo stated that they would like to have the funding together in the next couple of months and implement the project next year. No action was taken on this matter.

The vice president recognized Bill Land, Land 3 Architect, Inc. Mr. Land spoke regarding the Health Unit renovations and stated that the low bid was for \$21,900 from R & A Gilmore Enterprises LLC. The vice president stated that this item was on the finance agenda and asked to take it up at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the low bid from R & A Gilmore Enterprises LLC. Motion passed without opposition.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The vice president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented the 2014 Road Program which includes segments of roads to be sealed or improved and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the 2014 Road Program as recommend. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D Canal drainage project and stated that the project is complete and recommended accepting the substantial completion. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Statewide Flood Control projects and stated that he has talked to the stated and let them know that the police jury is in the process of finding funds for the projects. Mr. Crosby stated that he is working on updated cost estimates for the projects.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that the contractor should start work within thirty days.

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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, 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 5:54 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of May 16, 2014 through June 12, 2014 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray presented the bid results for various materials and supplies and recommended approval of the lowest conforming bid in each category.

Aggregates	Contract A – Limestone	Group A, B, & C Terral River Service Inc.
Aggregates	Contract B – Granite	Group A, B & C - R. E. Bentz
Aggregates	Contract C Other Aggregate Material	Group A – Diamond B Construction
Aggregates	Contract C Other Aggregate Material	Group B – Big River Industries
Asphaltic Concrete	Contract A	D & J Construction
Asphaltic Concrete	Contract B	Diamond B Construction
Bridge Timbers & Pilings	Group A & B	Kistachie
Lubrication Oil		Lott Oil
Antifreeze & Coolant		Hill Oil Company LLC

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the lowest conforming bid in all bid results based on the recommendation of the Public Works Director. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson presented the bid results for the third quarter food and food products for Green Oaks. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the low bid of \$23,439.55 from Sysco Food Service. 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 5:55 p.m.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The vice president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson stated that he did not have any items.

The vice president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

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

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell stated that he did not have any items.

The vice president noted that Dr. Reddix was not at the meeting.

The vice president noted that Mr. Smiley was not at the meeting.

The vice president asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Mr. Cammack stated that it is the annual allocation for Homeland Security operations. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant for Homeland Security. Motion passed without opposition.

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

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.

The Ordinance was introduced on the 2nd day of June, 2014.

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

YEAS:	(4)	Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(2)	Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D and Mr. Shane Smiley, District E

The ordinance was adopted this 16th day of June, 2014.

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Mr. Caldwell introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9039

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 48564 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 July 9, 1990, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year redemption period established by

Parish Ordinance No: 9016 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 \$1,340.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Vanessa Minnifield, for the consideration of \$1,340.00 (One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars and Zero cents) cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

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 #48564, with municipal address 0 Lilac Street, West Monroe, LA, 71292 and more fully described as:

Lot in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, beginning 571 feet East and 935.75 feet South of the NW Corner, West 170 feet, Depth South 50 feet.

- 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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The vice president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked to defer the matter concerning the Raccoon Bayou drainage project.

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

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

The ordinance was introduced on the 2nd day of June, 2014.

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

YEAS:	(4)	Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(2)	Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D and Mr. Shane Smiley, District E

The ordinance was adopted this 16th day of June, 2014.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The vice president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack stated that the judge's office is working on the sound system for courtroom 3 and that this item was included in the budget.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding an amendment to the Community Water Enrichment Grants and stated that Greater Ouachita Water requested to move funds from the Standifer project to the Pearl Street project. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to amend the Community Water Enrichment Grant. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items.

The vice president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Green Oaks Agreement for Teaching Services for summer school and recommended approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Agreement for Teaching Services. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Third Party Administration Agreement for the workers compensation coverage and requested authorization to change the contract to Louisiana Agriculture Corporation. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the Third Party Administration Agreement with Louisiana Agriculture Corporation. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the dedication of right-of-way along Forty Oaks Farm Road and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the right-of-way as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

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. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary