

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 AT 5:38 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, August 3, 2015 at 5:38 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Ms. Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ms. Moore.

<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)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, 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 meeting held on July 20, 2015 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kurt May – 15 Years
Kevin Mitchell – 15 Years
Rodney Remore – 15 Years
William Whetstone – 15 Years

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Shannon Rider – 10 Years

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9078 – An Ordinance revoking the eastern and southern portion of Sonny Dixon Road, beginning at a point 175' east of its northern intersection with Old Sterlington Road; and, further providing with respect thereto. Mr. Mitchell stated that correspondence was sent to all property owners in the area of the road and no objections were reported. 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 David Soignier with Huffman & Soignier. Mr. Soignier presented the 2014 audit report. The firm issued an unmodified opinion on the Police Jury's financial statements. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the 2014 audit as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Sonya Shafer, 1401 Parker Road, Monroe. Ms. Shafer spoke regarding traffic concerns on Parker Road due to Moore Road Bridge being closed. Ms. Shafer also spoke regarding lighting for the road. Ms. Moore stated that the bridge will be open by the end of August. Mr. Mitchell stated that a road lighting district could be created for that area and explained the process. Mr. Mitchell also stated that individual property owners could contact Entergy for lights or create a rural lighting unit.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Mr. Hack Tull, OPSO, Acting Director

Mr. Tull requested to declare a 2007 Ford F-150, asset 14211, as surplus and allow for sale at public auction. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to declare the truck as surplus and allow for sale at public auction. Motion passed without opposition.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the WIOA PY 2015/FY 2016 contract and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the WIOA PY 2015/FY 2016 contract. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding Amendment No. 1 to the WIA PY 2014/FY 2015 contract and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept Amendment No. 1 to the WIA PY 2014/FY 2015 contract. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the FY 2016 STEP contract and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the FY 2016 STEP contract. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested approval to travel to the Southeastern Employment and Training Association conference on September 13-16, 2015. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the travel request.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Patrick Hemphill

Chief Hemphill requested to declare two Spartan fire trucks, assets 5521 and 5745, as surplus and allow for sale through cooperative endeavor agreement. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to declare the trucks as surplus and allow for sale. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested approval for Vincent Toney to attend the National Vehicle Fire, Arson, and Explosion Investigation training on September 21-24, 2015. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL:

Ms. Rider was coordinating the evening spraying, so Mr. Cammack presented her report. Mr. Cammack stated that seventeen pools have tested positive for disease and they will be aerial spraying later in the night.

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 Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Wells, John	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 7/9/2015
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

TERMINATIONS

Babb, Garrett	Termination	Effective 7/15/2015
Rose, Matthew	Resigned	Effective 7/20/2015

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

PROVISIONAL RENEWAL

Moore, Robert	Prov. Fire Service Tech Renewal	Effective 8/11/2015
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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the provisional renewal as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

CONFIRMATIONS

Costa, Joseph	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Ditta, Jason	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Falcon, Evan	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Ferrell, Caleb	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Givens, Harrison	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Gole, Robert	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Hibbard, Caleb	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Hill, Aaron	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Jones, Cody	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Knighten, Carl	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Nolan, Lucas	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015
Stone, Jeremy	From Prob. Firefighter	To Perm. Firefighter	Effective 8/3/2015

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

The chairman recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett requested to open positions for case manager, case worker, and administrative assistant for the STEP program. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to open the positions. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested to open the position for disability resource coordinator. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. 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 6:12 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for the 2014 road striping program and stated that the change order would reduce the contract price

by \$3,189.65. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the LGAP projects for Vernon Drive drainage and Pleasant Valley sewer and stated that they are working on getting the projects advertised.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the contractor is finishing up the south side lanes and will be moving traffic over.

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 6:15 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 asked for an update on St. Andrews Drive. Mr. Crosby stated that the estimated cost for the entire road repair is \$571,323 and \$269,231 for just the north end. No action was taken on this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-28

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING T. M. "MIKE" MULHEARN, SR., TO THE HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term for Mike Mulhearn, Sr., will expire September 9, 2015, and he has served admirably as a member of the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, and desires to remain as a member of the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that T. M. "Mike" Mulhearn, Sr., 106 Union Avenue, West Monroe, LA 71291, be and hereby is reappointed to a six year term on the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, said reappointment beginning September 9, 2015 and ending September 9, 2021.

The above resolution was adopted the 3rd day of August, 2015.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9080

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 8539 AND 8978 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF ELECTION PRECINCT 51 AS REQUIRED BY THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 18:532(B); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Secretary of State has completed the 2014 canvass and has determined that Precinct 51 of Ouachita Parish contains more than 2200 active registered voters; and,

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:532(B)(3) provides that parish governing authorities shall divide precincts shown by the canvass to contain more than 2200 active registered voters;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Ordinance No. 8539 establishing the voting precincts of Ouachita Parish be, and is hereby, amended to divide the present Precinct 51 into "Precinct 51" and "Precinct 51A" as described more fully below.

Precinct No. 51A (Calhoun Middle School)

The point of beginning being the intersection of Pouncey Rd. and the Ouachita Parish Boundary; thence easterly along the Ouachita Parish Boundary to its intersection with La. Hwy 15; thence southeasterly along La. Hwy 15 to its intersection with Brownlee Rd.; thence southerly along Brownlee Rd. to its intersection with Russell Rd.; thence continue in a southerly direction along Russell Rd. to its intersection with Rolleigh Russell Rd.; thence continue in a southerly direction along Rolleigh Russell Rd. to its intersection U.S. Hwy 80; thence westerly along U.S. Hwy 80 to its intersection with Claiborne Rd.; thence northwesterly along Claiborne Rd. to its intersection with Richardson Rd.; thence northerly and westerly along Richardson Rd. to its intersection with La. Hwy 837; thence northerly and westerly along La. Hwy 837 to its intersection with Nick Spillers Rd.; thence northerly along Nick Spillers Rd. to its intersection with Pouncey Rd.; thence northwesterly along Pouncey Rd. and back to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 51 (Calhoun Middle School)

The point of beginning being the intersection with Brownlee Rd. and La. Hwy 15; thence easterly along La. Hwy 15 to its intersection with Victory Lane; thence southeasterly along Victory Lane to its intersection with Ryland Rd.; thence southerly along Ryland Rd. to its intersection with New Chapel Hill Rd.; thence northeasterly along New Chapel Hill Rd. to its intersection with La. Hwy 15; thence

easterly along La. Hwy 15 to its intersection with Cheniere Drew Rd.; thence southerly along Cheniere Drew Rd. to its intersection with U.S. Hwy 80; thence westerly along U.S. Hwy 80 to its intersection with Rolleigh Russell Rd.; thence northerly along Rolleigh Russell Rd. to its intersection with Russell Rd.; thence continue in a northerly direction along Russell Rd. to its intersection with Brownlee Rd.; thence continue in a northerly direction along Brownlee Rd. and back to the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ordinance No. 8978 establishing the Police Jury Districts of Ouachita Parish be, and hereby is, amended to add the new Precinct 51A to the list of precincts comprising Ouachita Parish Police Jury District A; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance and the division of Precinct 51 effected hereby shall be effective August 18, 2015.

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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, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-29

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JERI BETH WATSON TO THE HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term for Jeri Beth Watson will expire October 6, 2015, and she has served admirably as a member of the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, and desires to remain as a member of the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Jeri Beth Watson, 214 Rue De Lieu, West Monroe, LA 71291 be and hereby is reappointed to a six year term on the Hospital Service District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, said reappointment beginning October 6, 2015 and ending October 6, 2021.

The above resolution was adopted the 3rd day of August, 2015.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9078

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF SONNY DIXON ROAD, BEGINNING AT A POINT 175' EAST OF ITS NORTHERN INTERSECTION WITH OLD STERLINGTON ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, representatives of the owner of all of the property adjacent to the eastern and southern portion of Sonny Dixon Road has requested that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury revoke said portion of Sonny Dixon Road in order that their property will no longer be divided by the roadway which will promote development of the property;

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

WHEREAS, in view of the property owner's request, the low volume of traffic on this portion of Sonny Dixon Road, and the condition of said road;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2015, that the portion of Sonny Dixon Road running from a point 175' east of said road's northernmost intersection with Old Sterlington Road and proceeding easterly and then southerly to its southern intersection with Old Sterlington Road be, and is hereby, revoked.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this revocation be is made with the reservation of a servitude for the continuation and maintenance of existing public drainage.

The ordinance was introduced on the 6th day of July, 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 3rd day of August, 2015.

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Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Moon Lake Road. Mr. Crosby stated that the survey is complete and they are starting on the plans. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Old Sterlington Road. Mr. Crosby recommended repairing the road at one time instead of segments.

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 he did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked to defer the matter concerning Tanglewood Subdivision drainage.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the following applications. Motion passed without opposition.

HINTON, CHRISTOPHER

**CRC SQUARED, LLC, DBA NEW EXCEL #15,
5073 JONESBORO RD, WEST MONROE, LA
71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL
LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2015 NEW OWNER**

HINTON, CHRISTOPHER

**WEYLAND INDUSTRIES, LLC DBA EXCEL
EXPRESS #20, 1013 HIGHWAY 557, WEST
MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”,
RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2015 NEW OWNER**

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 6:22 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary