

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AT 5:32 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, September 15, 2014 at 5:32 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 the Boy Scouts Webelos Pack 234.

<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)
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell asked to add a resolution under Dr. Reddix’s name to appoint Autrey Howell to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mr. Cammack asked to add an item for an extension to the WIA contract for the Trade Adjustment Act program. Mr. Cammack also asked to add an item to accept the award for the Arrest Grant for the Family Justice Center. These items were received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Ms. Moore to amend the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agenda as amended. 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 September 2, 2014 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9052 – An ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as: Parcel No. 14092 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. 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 president recognized the Boy Scouts Webelos Pack 234 and stated that they are working towards their citizenship merit badge. Mr. Smiley presented a proclamation to the boy scouts.

The president recognized Nina Bennett with PAWS of Northeast Louisiana. Ms. Bennett spoke on the organization's events and programs going on in Ouachita Parish.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Joey Riggin, Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Riggin spoke regarding the pipeline damaged roadway project and stated that the contractor has started working on the project and the anticipated completion date is October 3.

Mr. Riggin spoke regarding the T-1A Canal project and stated that the contractor is working on the project.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 5:59 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of August 18, 2014 through September 11, 2014 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Deputy Hack Tull and Mr. Cammack presented the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for Animal Control. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for Animal Control. Motion passed without opposition.

Deputy Hack Tull and Mr. Cammack presented the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the Animal Control Shelter Improvement Fund. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the Animal Control Shelter Improvement Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the Administrative Fund. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the Administrative Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the CDBG Prairie Road Water Fund. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for the CDBG Prairie Road Water Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for Code Enforcement. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budget for Code Enforcement. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the WIA Trade Adjustment Act contract amendment and stated that it is for an additional \$50,000. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept and authorize the president to sign the amendment. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Arrest Grant and stated that the grant was for October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. Mr. Cammack stated that the grant was for \$299,999. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept and authorize Mr. Cammack to sign the grant. 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 Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson asked to defer the matter concerning the Vancil Road turn lane.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-46

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JERRY EDMONDSON TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2017; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Jerry Edmondson term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Edmondson, 302 Tupawek Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Jerry Edmondson, 302 Tupawek Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning September 15, 2014 and ending September 15, 2017.

The above resolution was adopted the 15th day of September, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-47

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GRETCHEN KOVAC TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2017; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Gretchen Kovac term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Kovac, 214 River Oaks Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Gretchen Kovac, 214 River Oaks Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning September 15, 2014 and ending September 15, 2017.

The above resolution was adopted the 15th day of September, 2014.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office to allow the sheriff to use approximately 42 acres adjacent to the former Ouachita Parish Landfill located on Trade Street in order for the sheriff to construct and operate recreational facilities including but not limited to baseball, softball, and soccer fields. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize police jury staff to take the actions necessary to purchase approximately two acres of land adjacent to Cheniere Lake Area 1 for the use of the public at the Area 1 park with fund from the General Fund – Reserved fund with the understanding that the funds will be replenished if any other land around the lake is sold in the future. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9053

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER, ACQUISITION AND EXCHANGE OF VARIOUS PROPERTY RELATED TO THE FORMER CALHOUN EXPERIMENTAL STATION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Donation dated June 15, 1891, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") conveyed to Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ("LSU") a 333+/- acre tract located in Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 of Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, (the "Donated Property") to be used by LSU as an experimental farm;

WHEREAS, said Act of Donation provided that if LSU ceased using the property as an experimental farm, the property would revert to and be transferred back to the OPPJ;

WHEREAS, LSU has ceased operations of an experimental farm on the Donated Property and is prepared to transfer the property to the OPPJ;

WHEREAS, LSU owns two additional tracts adjacent to the Donated Property which LSU has no obligation to return or transfer to the OPPJ (the "Owned Property"), and LSU owns an additional 20+/- acre tract north of the Donated Property, a portion of which is within the right-of-way of Interstate 20 (the "Twenty Acre Tract");

WHEREAS, if LSU transferred all of the Donated Property back to the OPPJ, the Owned Property would be without access to U.S. Highway 80, which Highway is north of the Owned Property;

WHEREAS, LSU and the OPPJ have negotiated an agreement whereby LSU would retain full ownership of a portion of the Donated Property adjacent to and immediately north of the Owned Property (the “Exchange Property”) to give LSU frontage on U.S. Hwy. 80, and in return LSU would transfer/exchange to the OPPJ the Twenty Acre Tract and a strip of land no more than 200’ wide along the southern boundary of the Owned Property;

WHEREAS, the Exchange Property being retained by LSU has a value that is more or less equivalent to the combined value of the Twenty Acre Tract and the ≤ 200’ wide strip described above that LSU will transfer/exchange to the OPPJ; and,

WHEREAS, the LSU Board of Supervisors has authorized the execution of an “Act of Reconveyance, Transfer and Exchange” in substantially the form of Exhibit “1” attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby, in legal and regular session, approve and authorize the above-described reconveyance, transfer and exchange of property by and between the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize and empower its President, Shane Smiley, to execute on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury an “Act of Reconveyance, Transfer and Exchange” substantially in the form of Exhibit “1” attached hereto and made a part hereof, with such changes and modifications as he deems appropriate, but with the attachment of a plat of survey depicting the property to be acquired by the OPPJ and the property to be transferred/exchanged by the OPPJ; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any and all acts taken by Shane Smiley, President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in executing said “Act of Reconveyance, Transfer and Exchange” and any and all other related documents, are hereby ratified and confirmed as the acts of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

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

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-48

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AUTREY LANE HOWELL TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2017; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Autrey Lane Howell's term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Autrey Lane Howell, 6516 Cypress Pointe Drive, Monroe, LA 71203, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Autrey Lane Howell, 6516 Cypress Pointe Drive, Monroe, LA 71203 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning September 15, 2014 and ending September 15, 2017.

The above resolution was adopted the 15th day of September, 2014.

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MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9052

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 14092 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 19, 2009, 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 \$582.73; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Billy Haddad dba C & H Land Co., for the consideration of \$582.73 (Five hundred eighty two dollars and seventy three 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 #14092, with municipal address 0 Mary Street, Monroe, LA 71202 and more fully described as:

Lot 5, Square 3 of G. O. Dooley’s Subdivision, 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.

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

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; and Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The ordinance was adopted this 15th day of September, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-44

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2014 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMONSTRATED NEEDS PROJECT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2014 LCDBG program for Demonstrated Needs (DN) improvements for Greater Ouachita Water Company - Tanglewood Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all engineering costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has hired the engineering firm of Shuler Consulting Company to provide engineering services relative to the LCDBG program. All engineering fees are established in the LCDBG application and are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2014 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has agreed to utilize local funds to pay all engineering costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2014 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 15th day of September, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-45

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2014 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMONSTRATED NEEDS PROJECT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2014 LCDBG program for Demonstrated Needs improvements for Greater Ouachita Water System - Tanglewood Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has hired the administrative and engineering firms of GNF Management Company, Inc. and Shuler Consulting Company, to assist in the preparation of said application for the fees of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively. An additional fee of \$35,000.00 will be paid to the administrative firm of GNF Management Company, Inc., for subsequent program administration of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2014 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other administrative costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2014 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 15th day of September, 2014.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked to defer the matter concerning the Federal Programs building.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs Director. Ms. Bennett requested to open the open the position of youth counselor. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested to hire LaKesha January to the positon of youth counselor. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire LaKesha January. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any additional 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 spoke regarding the West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16 acceptance of the sewerage system in Flagstone Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the sewerage system for Flagstone Subdivision. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray asked to declare the following as surplus and allow to sale at public auction: Sutech 33” Commercial Mower, Asset 13005; Alamo VM 60 Side Cutter, Asset 13954; Alamo VM 60 Side Cutter, Asset 13956; and, Landpride Rear Discharge Finish Mower, Asset 14483. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to declare the assets as surplus and allow to sale at public auction. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Flagstone Subdivision and recommended approval upon the punch list items being addressed and the completion bond being approved. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant final

subdivision approval subject to the punch list items being addressed and the completion bond being approved. 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. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary