

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AT 5:34 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 21, 2015 at 5:34 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.

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| <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. The president asked to add Bill Land as a visitor. Mr. Smiley asked to add the appointment of Brandon Muey to the Town & Country Drainage District #1 to the agenda. Mr. Smiley stated that he had received the information after the agenda was published and the appointment was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley 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 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 September 8, 2015 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9082 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as: Lot 11, Square 16, Unit 8, Airport Addition, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, 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 Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Bill Land, Land 3 Architect. Mr. Land updated the Jury on his assessment of the Animal Shelter. Mr. Land stated that he has finalized the floor plan of a potential new shelter with the staff. Mr. Land stated that he will have the final assessment completed later in the week.

The president recognized Rita Tucker, 105 Lake Powell Drive, West Monroe. Ms. Tucker presented information to the Jury on the need for a new animal shelter and submitted a petition in favor of a new shelter signed by more than 3,000 people. Ms. Moore and Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding other pressing issues facing the Police Jury, namely roads. Mr. Caldwell encouraged Ms. Tucker and the groups she represented to assist the Police Jury by developing private funds that could reduce the tax burden associated with a new animal shelter.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Frenchman's Bend, Unit 17 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to grant final subdivision approval for Frenchman's Bend, Unit 17 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Blue Sky Enclave and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant final subdivision approval for Blue Sky Enclave subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the quotes for the LGAP Vernon Drive and Pam Drive drainage improvements and stated that the low quote was from Amethyst Construction for \$124,327. Mr. Crosby stated that there is \$80,000 available from LGAP and recommended requesting to reallocate \$36,167 from the Pleasant Valley project to the Vernon Drive and Pam Drive project. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to award the project to Amethyst Construction and allow the president to sign all related construction documents and to send a request to LGAP to reallocate funds to Vernon Drive and Pam Drive from Pleasant Valley. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to budget the remainder of the required funds from the General Fund for the Vernon Drive and Pam Drive project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby stated that he would have recommendations for the LCDBG program at the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby stated that the bid opening for Ole Highway 15 will be October 14.

Mr. Crosby stated that the bid opening for Moon Lake Road will be October 15.

Mr. Crosby stated that work is ongoing on the Oak Circle project and Finks Hideaway Road project.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The president called the finance committee meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of August 14, 2015 through September 17, 2015 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. 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. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded Mr. Calhoun to accept Amendment No. 3 to the LWIA 81 TAA contract. Motion passed without opposition.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9082

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 11, SQUARE 16, UNIT 8, AIRPORT ADDITION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 June 6, 2010, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 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 \$745.82; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Cherlon Brown for the consideration of \$745.82 (seven hundred and forty-five dollars and eighty-two cents) cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on September 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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 #7979, with municipal address 3612 Johnson Street, Monroe, LA 71203, and more fully described as:

Lot 11, Square 16, Unit 8, Airport Addition, 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 17th day of August, 2015.

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

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| YEAS: | (5) | Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F. |
| NAYS: | (0) | |
| ABSTAIN: | (1) | Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C |
| ABSENT: | (0) | |

The above ordinance was adopted on the 21st day of September, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-33

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND COLLECTIONS OF THE 2014 PARISH AND SPECIAL TAXES; AND GRANTING PROPER QUIETUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the schedule of charges and collections of the 2014 Special and Parish Taxes showing the amount of

taxes collected in accordance with the schedule on file in the Office of the Secretary is hereby approved and the proper quietus granted therefore in accordance with law

The above resolution was adopted this 21st day of September, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-34

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT TO CONSIDER WHETHER TRAFFIC CONTROLS OR OTHER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HWY. 80 AND AVANT ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, due to continued residential and commercial development in western Ouachita Parish, traffic congestion on U.S. Hwy. 80 in the area between Well Road and Vancil Road has significantly increased;

WHEREAS, such congestion can be expected to increase during La. DOTD's imminent Arkansas Road Project; and,

WHEREAS, significant traffic congestion on U.S. Hwy. 80 making it quite difficult for motorists to safely enter U.S. Hwy. 80 from Avant Road;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby requested to study the flow of traffic in the area of the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 80 and Avant Road for the purpose of determining whether a traffic light or other traffic control device is appropriate to improve the flow of traffic in the area of this intersection;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; the District 5 Headquarters Office of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and the Legislative Delegation representing this area of western Ouachita Parish.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 21st day of September, 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 asked to defer the matter concerning Old Sterlington Road.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-35

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRANDON MUEY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Brandon Muey has expressed a desire to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Town and Country Drainage District No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular sessions that Brandon Muey, 66 West Elmwood, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, be and hereby is appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Town & Country Drainage District No. 1 for a five (5) year term beginning September 21, 2015, and ending September 21, 2020.

The above resolution was adopted on the 21st day of September, 2015.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Lincoln Parish Detention Center for surplus protective gear from the Ouachita Parish Correctional Center. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Lincoln Parish Detention Center. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray recommended terminating Terrance Lawson in order that the driver's position he occupied could be filled. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the termination. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to promote Danyl Sonnier to Vehicle Wash Facility Operator. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the promotion. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The president recognized Joe Riser with the ULM Talent Search Program. Mr. Riser stated that he works with eight area schools and will be starting a mentoring program to prepare students for college. Mr. Riser stated that he would like to work with the Jury to help getting the program started.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary