

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Finance Committee of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury met on October 19, 2015 in the Police Jury Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 PM by Walt Caldwell, Chairman.

Police Jurors attending:

Scotty Robinson
Mack Calhoun
Walt Caldwell, Chairman
Shane Smiley
Pat Moore

Police Jurors absent:

Ollibeth Reddix

Mrs. Shannon Rider presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District (OMAD). The OMAD board voted to continue assessing a millage of 1.4 for 2015. The board has also approved raises for employees with some personnel receiving an increase that brings their rate of pay closer to the state average for comparable mosquito control districts. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Mosquito Abatement District and the Mosquito Abatement Emergency Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Mr. John Tom Murray and Mr. David Cobb presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Permit Office. Discussion ensued. A review of fees charged by the department for permits will be done.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets of the Permit Office. Motion carried.

Mr. John Tom Murray and Mr. David Cobb presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Cheniere Lake Park. Discussion ensued. A review of rental fees will be done including a comparison to other similar parks.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Cheniere Lake Park. Motion carried.

Mr. Stuart Parker presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Justices of the Peace and Constables. The budgets are included in the General Fund. The 2016 budget includes a request for a \$25 per pay period increase for each Justice of the Peace and Constable. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Justices of the Peace and Constables. Motion carried.

Dr. Terri O'Neal presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Coroner's Office. The budgets are included in the General Fund. Discussion ensued. There has been an increase in costs for the toxicology testing and for specialty panels that can be done in specific cases. The office is continuing to look for a building to purchase. Revenue opportunities are available if the building has adequate space for services such as a Recovery Suite for organ donation.

No action was taken regarding the budgets.

Mr. Wayne Heckford and Mr. Brad Cammack presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Code Enforcement. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Code Enforcement. Motion passed.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Beautification Program. The budgets are included in the General Fund. Discussion ensued. Staff will determine if an extra detail made up of inmates is available to work in trash pick-up.

No action was taken regarding the budgets.

Mr. Cammack and Miss Karen Cupit presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Road Lighting Districts. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Road Lighting Districts. Motion carried.

Mr. Cammack presented the General Fund budget for informational purposes only. Discussion ensued. Courthouse maintenance projects need to be prioritized so that they can be included in appropriate budgets.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Walt Caldwell, Chairman

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary