

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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, October 19, 2015 at 5:38 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

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

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>

**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 Ms. Moore 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 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 October 5, 2015 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

There were none.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moon Lake Road and stated that the low bid was from Kepper Trucking & Dirt Contracting, LLC for \$89,722.03. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the bid from Kepper Trucking & Dirt Contracting, LLC as recommended by the engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Ole Highway 15 and stated that the low bid was from Diamond B Construction for \$1,677,323.80. Mr. Crosby recommended approval of the contract subject to approval from DOTD

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-47**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE OLE HIGHWAY 15 PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.011742); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) has received bids for the construction of the Ole Highway 15 project (State Project No. H.011742);

**WHEREAS**, the apparent low bidder for said project is Diamond B Construction which submitted a bid of \$1,677,323.80; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to Diamond B Construction;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute such documents as are reasonable and necessary to award the contract for the construction of the Ole Highway 15 project (State Project No. H.011742) to Diamond B Construction as set forth above;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such authorization is subject to and conditioned upon compliance with the State/Parish Agreement for said project, including the approval of said award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

The above resolution was adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the FY 2016-2017 LCDBG applications and stated that Greater Ouachita Water Company would like to change the application from the Tanglewood area that was previously approved to the Brownville area. Mr. Crosby stated that Greater Ouachita Water Company will do the Tanglewood project with their funds.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to submit a FY 2016-2017 LCDBG application for water improvements in the Brownville – Pink Street area. Motion passed without opposition.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-41**

**A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2016 - FY 2017 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program for potable water improvements in the Brownville – Pink Street Area; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has hired the engineering firm of Lazenby & Associates, Inc. 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 2016 or the FY 2017 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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. No opposition.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-42**

**A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2016 - FY 2017 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program for potable water improvements in the Brownville – Pink Street Area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, 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 Lazenby & Associates, Inc. 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 2016 or the FY 2017 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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. No opposition.

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Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to submit a FY 2016-2017 LCDBG application for water improvements in the Brownville – Violet and Iris Streets area. Motion passed without opposition.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-43**

#### **A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2016 - FY 2017 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program for potable improvements in the Brownville – Violet and Iris Streets Area; and

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

#### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has hired the engineering firm of Lazenby & Associates, Inc. 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 2016 or the FY 2017 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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. No opposition.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-44**

**A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2016 - FY 2017 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program for potable water improvements in the Brownville – Violet and Iris Streets Area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, 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 Lazenby & Associates, Inc., 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 2016 or the FY 2017 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 2016 - FY 2017 LCDBG program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. No opposition.

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Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Capital Outlay program recommended submitting applications for Steep Bayou, Hannah’s Run, Minnifield Road, and Pine Bluff Road. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to submit the applications as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Crosby to submit a cost estimate to prepare a transportation and drainage plan for the parish.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Carriage Hills Subdivision, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Mr. Crosby also recommended approval to accept the subdivision into West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Carriage Hills Subdivision, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept Carriage Hills Subdivision, Unit 2 into West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Vieux Carre Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Vieux Carre Subdivision 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 Rolling Meadows, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant final subdivision approval for Rolling Meadows, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore asked to take up the LCDBG – DN Tanglewood project at this time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the notice of award, construction contract and the notice to proceed for the LCDBG – DN Tanglewood project. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, 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 5:53 p.m. The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of September 18, 2015 through October 15, 2015 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.

Mr. Cammack requested approval to pay the Land 3 Architect invoice for the Animal Control assessment. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve payment of the Land 3 Architect invoice. 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. Calhoun. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:55 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 meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## **MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

### **MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Robinson asked to defer the matter concerning Animal Control's shelter.

Mr. Robinson spoke regarding the possibility of a road district in Indian Lakes and stated that he will bring it back before the Jury at a later meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

### **MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15- 45**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS ARE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REGULATORY AND ROADWAY SIGNS (State Project No. H.009443); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") entered into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("LA DOTD") dated July 23, 2013 for State Project No. H.099443 providing for the purchase and installation of certain regulatory and roadway signs;

**WHEREAS**, in connection with proposed changes to the sign purchase requirements and a proposed increase in funding, LA DOD has prepared "Supplemental Agreement No.1" for the above-referenced project and submitted it to the OPPJ for consideration and,

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of this project is in the interest of the citizens of Ouachita Parish and the terms of the proposed "Supplemental Agreement No. 1" are acceptable;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute “Supplemental Agreement No. 1” for State Project No. H.099443;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute such other instruments or takes such other actions as are reasonable and necessary for the implementation of said Project.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer the matters concerning Cargas Road and the cost estimate for drainage ditch adjacent to Maison Drive in the Frenchman’s Bend area.

The president stated that Dr. Reddix was not present.

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 stated that she did not have any additional items.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Tull requested to open the position for a kennel worker at animal control. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack stated that Ms. Rider requested that the Jury ratify the hiring of Morgan Neal as administrative assistant at Mosquito Abatement. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to ratify the hiring of Morgan Neal. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Anderson requested that the Jury suspend Jermaine Cooper, Anthony Holmes, and Poindexter Goldsmith. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to terminate Jermaine Cooper and Anthony Holmes and to suspend Poindexter Goldsmith. Motion passed without opposition.



The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill requested approval to purchase a mobile recovery unit. Chief Hemphill stated that this purchase was included in the budget. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the purchase of a mobile recovery unit. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the FEMA Lease at 1337 Gourd Bayou Road and recommended approval subject to Mr. Mitchell's review. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the lease at 1337 Gourd Bayou Road subject to being reviewed by the legal department. Motion passed without opposition.

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

### **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Cammack recommended approval of the following beer and whiskey applications. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the following applications. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **AULAKH, LADDIE**                      **AVI-RAJ PROPERTIES LLC DBA HILLSIDE GROCERIES, 506 OLE HWY 15, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**
  
- 2) **AULAKH, LADDIE S.**                **LADLA, LLC DBA PINE HILLS GROCERY, 1300 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**
  
- 3) **AULAKH, LADDIE S.**                **USA TRUCKSTOP, INC., DBA 103 RESTAURANT, 987 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R" 2016 RENEWAL**
  
- 4) **AULAKH, LADDIE S.**                **USA TRUCKSTOP, INC. DBA 103 TRUCKSTOP, 985 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**
  
- 5) **KHADKA, RAJAN**                      **R & K BROTHERS INC. DBA EXCEL MART, 3095 ARKANSAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary