

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Finance Committee of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury met on November 3, 2014 in the Police Jury Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by Chair Walt Caldwell.

Police Jurors present were:

Scotty Robinson
Mack Calhoun
Walt Caldwell
Shane Smiley
Pat Moore

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District (OMAD) were presented by Director Shannon Rider. The OMAD board recommends raising the millage from 1.10 mills to 1.4 mills for 2014 and 2015. The board has also decided to move from their current pay scale to the 0.50% increment pay scale used by other Police Jury departments. Human Resources and the Treasurer will work the department on this.

Jurors asked about response to chikungunya, a disease spread by mosquitoes. Mrs. Rider said that removing standing water was a good deterrent to spreading this disease.

Mrs. Rider also stated that the largest areas of her budget outside of personnel costs were contractual services, chemicals, and fuel. These areas are all variable due to the response needed each year for disease carrying mosquitoes.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Mosquito Abatement Emergency Disease Control fund were presented by Director Shannon Rider. She stated that there are no plans at this time to replace funds that were used in 2013 for response.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Mosquito Abatement Emergency Disease Control Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Ouachita Parish Fire Department and the Fire Department Capital Outlay fund were presented by Chief Patrick Hemphill. The department plans to increase minimum staffing by two to add another truck in service on a shift. A new firefighter class will be needed to continue maintain staffing as current staff retires.

Chief Hemphill would like to increase the base pay by \$100 per month. He would also like to raise the incentive pay for those certified as paramedics by \$100 per month. There are plans to purchase three new fire trucks, a mobile recovery unit, and two staff vehicles. Station expansions will continue in 2015.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for both the Ouachita Parish Fire Department and the Fire Department Capital Outlay Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Section 8 Housing program funds were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. The department will be updating their computer software in 2015. Increased funding from the federal government is anticipated for 2015.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Section 8 Housing Program funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – PHOCAS grant were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. This is a regional grant.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – PHOCAS grant. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) grant were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. This grant employs one staff member. The grant ends in 2016 unless it is extended.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – DEI grant. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Leap Program were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. This department will add to its staffing and have a total of three staff.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for WIA – Leap Program. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) grant were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. This grant continues to support those laid off from Hostess and GP-Arkansas.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – TAA grant. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Dislocated Worker Program were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. This program should grow as the definition of a dislocated worker has changed recently to include those who have been laid off.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA- Dislocated Worker Program. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Youth Program were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs. Mrs. Bennett stated that seventy-five percent (75%) of the funding must be used for out of school youth. There are no plans to have a summer youth program in 2015.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Youth Program. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for WIA – Adult Program were presented by Mrs. Doretha Bennett, director of Federal Programs.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the WIA – Adult program. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the General Liability Insurance Reserve fund were presented by Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer. The fund balance along with lower claims has allowed for the allocation paid by departments to be reduced the last three years.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the General Liability Insurance Reserve fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Workers Compensation Fund were presented by Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that the rates paid in to the fund would be increased.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Amended and 2015 Proposed budgets for the Workers Compensation Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

There were no other items to come before the committee.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Walt Caldwell, Chairman

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary