

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015 AT 5:43 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 Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 5:43 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.

<u>Members Present</u>	(4)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Pat Moore	District F

<u>Members Absent</u>	(2)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. The president asked to add Senator Walsworth and Joe Holyfield as visitors. Mr. Mitchell asked to add the LWDA 81 TAA Integration Contract extension to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that this item was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next Jury meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore 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 Finance Committee meetings held on September 21, 2015 and October 5, 2015 and the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meeting held on October 19, 2015 was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the following service awards for the month of November.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Roy Davis – 15 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

Matthew Watson – 5 Years

VISITORS:

The president recognized Senator Walsworth. Senator Walsworth thanked Mr. Calhoun for sixteen years of service on the Police Jury and presented a proclamation from the Louisiana State Senate honoring Mr. Calhoun's service to Ouachita Parish.

The president also thanked Mr. Calhoun for his service and presented a plaque to Mr. Calhoun from the Police Jury.

The president recognized Joe Holyfield with the Ouachita Business Alliance. Mr. Holyfield spoke regarding the proposed Ordinance 9084 and stated that the Ouachita Business Alliance supports the ordinance.

Mr. Carrick Inabnett spoke and stated that CenturyLink also supports Ordinance 9084.

Ms. Kathy VanVeckhoven spoke and stated that John Rea Realty also supports Ordinance 9084.

Ms. Moore asked to take up her items at this time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH OUACHITA GREEN ET AL WITH RESPECT TO FUNDS FOR THE COORDINATION OF LITTER CONTROL AND BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS THROUGHOUT OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Business Alliance and other community groups have identified litter control and beautification as areas of concern in Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, improvements in these areas of concern will benefit the citizens of Ouachita Parish by, *inter alia*, reducing public expenditures on abatement, helping alleviate drainage problems, improving the quality of life for parish citizens, and enhancing economic development by making Ouachita Parish more attractive to prospective employers and employees;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Business Alliance and other community groups proposed that “Ouachita Green” work to coordinate the efforts of the local Keep America Beautiful affiliates; promote education concerning litter control and beautification; and, organize and direct special initiatives and events related to the enhancement of litter control and beautification in Ouachita Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Business Alliance and other community groups have proposed that the local governments in Ouachita Parish contribute to the funding of the above-described work of Ouachita Green;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be, and is hereby, authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ouachita Green and other local governments to provide funding for Ouachita Green’s litter control and beautification endeavors as described hereinabove;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding made available from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury through said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall not exceed \$20,000.00 per fiscal year for a period of three (3) fiscal years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall provide that the release of the subject funds to Ouachita Green by the OPPJ shall be conditioned upon the release of like funds by the City of Monroe and by the City of West Monroe; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall require Ouachita Green to keep the OPPJ generally informed of its efforts and that Ouachita Green shall maintain records regarding the expenditure of any funds derived from the OPPJ and such records shall be available for inspection if requested by the OPPJ’s auditors.

The above resolution was adopted on the 3rd day of November, 2015.

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Ms. Moore offered the following ordinance for introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 9084

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH GOVERNING “COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE” TO REQUIRE THE OWNER OF EACH OCCUPIED RESIDENCE OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN GARBAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO MAINTAIN A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PERIODIC COLLECTION, CONVEYANCE, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FROM SUCH RESIDENCE OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING BY A FRANCHISE AGENT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:8002 and Ordinance No. 9049 the Ouachita Parish Police Jury serves as the governing authority of Garbage District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita (“Garbage District No. 1”);

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury issues non-exclusive franchises to companies in the business of collecting, conveying and properly disposing of solid waste in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, including Garbage District No. 1, and most residents and businesses regularly utilize such services;

WHEREAS, because the use of such garbage service has heretofore been voluntary many residents and some businesses within Garbage District No. 1 have elected to use other means for the handling of their solid waste. Some of these residents and businesses fail to dispose of their solid waste in a legal or appropriate fashion;

WHEREAS, improper and illegal dumping of solid waste in Garbage District No. 1 causes the public to incur significant expense and difficulties within said District, including but not limited to, trespassing by those dumping illegally; clean-up costs incurred by the public and by victimized landowners; congestion of public drains resulting in the aggravation of flooding problems; increased costs of roadside litter pick-up prior to mowing rights-of-way; and, code enforcement costs. Further such illegal dumping of solid waste causes general damage to the aesthetic beauty of said District; decreases the sense of pride among District citizens; and makes a negative impression on visitors and businesses that could adversely impact economic development in the area comprising Garbage District No. 1;

WHEREAS, the experience and information gained from the work of the Ouachita Parish Code Enforcement officers, the Ouachita Parish Administrative Hearing Officer, and the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department further shows that the ill-effects of improper and illegal dumping of typical household or commercial solid are much more evident in urban or suburban areas of the parish having a high concentration of residential rental units such as Garbage District No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that it is in the public interest to require the owners of each occupied residence or commercial building in Garbage District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish to provide a regular, reliable method for the proper collection, conveyance, and disposal of their solid waste through the services of a franchise agent.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in legal and regular session and in its capacity as the governing authority of Garbage District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, that Chapter 8, Article III, of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish governing “Collection of Solid Waste” be, and hereby is, supplemented and amended to add Section 8-28.1, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 8-28.1. – Mandatory Solid Waste Collection and Disposal in Garbage District Number 1 of Ouachita Parish.

The owner of every occupied residence or commercial building in Garbage District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish shall maintain a contractual arrangement that provides for the collection, conveyance, and disposal of solid waste from such residence or commercial building by a franchise agent on a regular basis of not less than two (2) times per month. The obligation of the owner may be satisfied by a contractual arrangement maintained by the occupant of such residential rental unit.

The violation of this provision shall be deemed to be and is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and any person convicted of the violation thereof shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or ordered to perform not more than 40 hours of community service, or any combination of such penalties.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2016, and continue through December 31, 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of the introduction of this Ordinance and of a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse be published in the Official Journal and Auxiliary Journal prior to said Public Hearing.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: **Chief Patrick Hemphill**
Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

GREEN OAKS: **Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director**
Mr. Anderson stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** **Mr. Neal Brown, Director**
Mr. Brown stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

LIBRARY: **Ms. Robin Toms, Director**
Ms. Toms stated that she did not have anything to add to her written report.

OCC CORRECTIONS: **Warden Patrick Johnson**
Warden Johnson stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The president called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Harrison, R.	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 10/19/2015
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

CONFIRMATIONS

Bedoit, H.	From Prob. Fire Captain	To Perm. Fire Captain	Effective 11/10/2015
Strong, Timothy	From Prob. Fire Driver	To Perm. Fire Driver	Effective 11/10/2015
Mack, Travis	From Prob. Fire Driver	To Perm. Fire Driver	Effective 11/24/2015

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the confirmations as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

STATUS CHANGE

Daniel, J.	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
David, Bryant	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Mathis, William	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Raffray, Taylor	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Savage, Jacob	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Spillers, Joseph	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Stephenson, B.	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015
Tarrance, James	Recruit	Prob. Firefighter	Effective 10/01/2015

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the status change as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to open three positions for male Juvenile Detention Officer II. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to open the positions. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Smith updated the Jury on open enrollment and stated that everything is going well and they will finish this week.

A motion to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Finks Hideaway Road project and stated that the contractor should begin paving the north side of the road later in the week.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Oak Circle project and stated that all of the drainage work has been completed and the contractor will start on the curb and gutter when the ground dries.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Ole Highway 15 project and stated that DOTD is working on the contract.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Vernon Drive project and stated that the contractor has ordered materials.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Moon Lake Road project and stated that he is waiting on approval from FEMA.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Capital Outlay projects and stated that the applications for Steep Bayou Sewer – Phase 1, Steep Bayou Sewer – Phase 2, Steep Bayou Sewer – Phase 3, South Frontage Road, Hannah’s Run control structure, and water and sewer improvements for Calhoun Technology Park were sent on Friday

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Hannah’s Run control structure. Mr. Crosby stated that \$400,000 was approved for the project and that \$134,000 in matching funds is needed.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson spoke regarding Animal Control’s shelter and stated that he is still looking into forming an advisory board for Animal Control. No action was taken at this time.

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 a transportation and drainage plan until the next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Cargas Road. Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Clack is working on ownership information.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on a cost estimate for a drainage ditch adjacent to Maison Drive. Mr. Murray stated that the Public Works Department is evaluating the area. Mr. Murray stated that the cost estimate is approximately \$19,000.

The president stated that Dr. Reddix and Mr. Smiley were not at the meeting.

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 recommended approving the Policy and Procedures updates for FEMA and LCDBG. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the Policy and Procedures updates. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the fiscal agent for the Police Jury and recommended accepting the proposal from Origin Bank. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the proposal from Origin Bank. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the bid results for the OCC and Green Oaks pharmacy bid and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from Professional Care Pharmacy. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the bid from Professional Care Pharmacy. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the LWDA 81 TAA Integration Contract extension and recommended approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the LWDA 81 TAA Integration Contract extension. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have any items.

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

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the following applications. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **DUCHESNE, GARY B** **DBA DUCHESNE PRAIRIE RD GROCERY, 1527 PRAIRIE RD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 2) **CORDELL, JOHN H.** **CENTRAL OIL & SUPPLY CORP DBA HARDE MART #103, 331 HWY 546, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 3) **CORDELL, JOHN H.** **CENTRAL OIL & SUPPLY CORP DBA HARDE MART #115, 104 HWY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 4) **FULLER, TERRY** **DBA FULLER'S GROCERY, 4140 HWY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 5) **KEY, TANDY** **BIG STAR OF FARMERVILLE, INC. DBA FRESH MARKET HARVEST FOODS, 127 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 6) **CAMPBELL, GUS** **G & J INVESTMENTS OF OUACHITA LLC DBA REVOLUTION PARK RACING AND ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX, 8850 FRONTAGE RD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 7) **SINGH, DILBAGH** **K & A OF MONROE LLC DBA SUPER SAVE #3, 4509 CYPRESS ST, STE. 2, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2016 RENEWAL**

- 8) SINGH, DILBAGH K & A OF MONROE LLC DBA ROYAL
DAIQUIRI & BAR, 4509 CYPRESS ST., SUITE 1,
WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER
“CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2016
RENEWAL
- 9) BELTON, ALANA & JOHN ROYAL RESTAURANT LLC DBA WINGSTOP
#16 WEST MONROE, 4920 CYPRESS STREET,
WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER
“CLASS A”, RETAIL RESTAURANT “CLASS R”,
2016 RENEWAL

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary