

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Finance Committee of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury met on November 16, 2015 in the Police Jury Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Walt Caldwell, Chairman.

Police Jurors attending:

Walt Caldwell, Chair

Pat Moore

Ollibeth Reddix

Shane Smiley

Police Jurors absent:

Mack Calhoun

Scotty Robinson

Mr. John Tom Murray and Mr. David Cobb, Public Works Director and Assistant Director respectively, presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Public Works department. Discussion ensued. The department plans to purchase four vehicles, a knuckleboom loader/truck, gradall type excavator, and four tractors with boom mower attachments in 2016. The GPS mapping is included in 2015. There will be a \$500,000 transfer to the Parish Transportation Fund in 2016.

Mr. Smiley moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Public Works department. Motion carried.

Mr. Brad Cammack presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Public Works Reserved fund. Discussion ensued. An additional \$25,000 was received in this fund during 2015.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Public Works Reserved fund. Motion carried.

Judge Benjamin Jones and Mrs. Laura Hartt presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the District Judges and Court Reporters. Both of these budgets are part of the General Fund. Discussion ensued. The District Judges department has included a new expense in 2016 for Metro E which is used to connect the courts to Green Oaks and Morehouse Parish. The JAVS systems will be phased out of the courtrooms as they need to be replaced. One new system will be put in courtroom two during 2016. The budget also includes twenty-five percent of the salary and benefits of the second information systems employee in lieu of maintenance contracts that have been paid in the past.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets of the District Judges and Court Reporters. Motion carried.

Mr. Brad Cammack and Judge Benjamin Jones presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Court Fees and Criminal Jurors' Fees funds. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Court Fees and Criminal Jurors' Fees funds. Motion carried.

Mr. Brad Cammack, Ms. Deela Woods, Ms. Sharon Jones, and Ms. Terrie Lowens presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Louisiana Job and Employment Training (LaJet), Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), Professional Healthcare Opportunities – Careers and Support (PHOCAS) and Disability Employment Initiative (DEI). These programs are all one hundred percent federal grants. Discussion ensued. The DEI program is ending in 2015.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for all of the WIA, WIOA, LaJet, STEP, TAA, PHOCAS, and DEI grants. Motion carried.

Mr. Brad Cammack and Ms. Terrie Lowens presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Section 8 program. The program is divided into three funds – administration, program, outside housing. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Section 8 program. Motion carried.

Warden Patrick Johnson presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Jail Operations. Discussion ensued. It is anticipated that telephone access fees will reduce in 2016 due to a cap imposed by the FCC. The tax renewal will be in 2016.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budget for Jail Operations. Motion carried.

Warden Patrick Johnson and Mr. Brad Cammack presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Jail Maintenance Reserve fund. This fund receives a transfer from the Jail Operations fund. It is budgeted for \$180,000 for both 2015 and 2016. Discussion ensued.

Warden Patrick Johnson and Mr. Brad Cammack presented the 2015 Amended and 2015 proposed budgets for the Jail 2007 Major Improvements fund. These are the funds remaining from the levy of the 2007 tax. Discussion ensued. A chiller and piping will be needed in the men's unit. The replacement will be budgeted for 2016.

Dr. Reddix moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed budgets for the Jail Maintenance Reserve fund and the Jail 2007 Major Improvements fund. Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Lott, 9-1-1 director, presented the 2015 Amended and 2016 proposed budgets for the 9-1-1 Communications District. Discussion ensued. There is a shift in revenue from prepaid wireless and postpaid wireless. The department is sharing the cost of the GIS analyst with Public Works. Additional hardware and software will be needed to support the New World CAD System. An allocation to various response agencies is included in the 2016 budget to purchase 200 additional mobile licenses and mobile switch capacity.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to table the budget until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Walt Caldwell, Chairman

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary