

# **A G E N D A**

## **OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.  
OUACHITA PARISH COURTHOUSE – COURTROOM 3**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Scotty Robinson, President

**INVOCATION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on April 6, 2015

**VISITORS:**

- 1) Representatives from Greater Ouachita Water
- 2) Bill Robertson – Public Service Commissioner’s Office
- 3) Citizens to speak about Greater Ouachita Water

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Discussion/Action:

- Preliminary Subdivision Approval – Riverview Subdivision
- Preliminary & Final Subdivision Approval – Jackson Square West
- Preliminary Subdivision Approval – Mallard Estates, Unit 3
- Re-Subdivision Plat Approval of Lots 28-31 – Autumn Place Subdivision
- Oak Circle Bid Results & Request for Funding
- Finks Hideaway Road Change Orders
- Parish Project Updates

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Walt Caldwell, Chairman**

**1) Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Discussion/Action:

- Claim Statement (3/13/2015 – 4/16/2015)
- Green Oaks Food & Food Products Second Quarter Bid Results
- Surplus Vehicle

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN!**

**RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

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

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

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Greater Ouachita Water Company
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-13**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN OUACHITA PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

**WHEREAS**, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality an freedom of choice; and

**WHEREAS**, the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice – selection of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the departments and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Ouachita Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as Fair Housing Month in the Parish of Ouachita.

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3) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Ridgedale Lake Road Speed Limit

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

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Old Sterlington Road

2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: FEMA Flood Map Revision for Frenchman’s Bend Subdivision

**DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-14**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITY OF MONROE’S “HAPPY WEEK” INITIATIVE; DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-24, 2015, AS “HAPPY WEEK” IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Cleoria Dunn, a local educator, was inspired by the Pharrell Williams song “Happy” to create a “Happy Week” celebration to boost morale and encourage positive civic engagement in Monroe, Louisiana and surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Jamie Mayo has declared April 20-24, 2015 to be “Happy Week” in the City of Monroe and has encouraged residents to participate by performing “Random Acts of Kindness Everyday” during said week; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the concept of “Happy Week” is worthwhile and should be recognized outside the corporate limits of Monroe,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in Regular and Legal Session, does hereby endorse and support the City of Monroe’s “Happy Week” initiative;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate the week of April 20-24, 2015, as “Happy Week” in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish and does further encourage residents to bring happiness to the lives of others by performing “Random Acts of Kindness Everyday” during such week.

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2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-16**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY’S OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF THE SWANSON CORRECTION CENTER FOR YOUTH ONTO PROPERTY EAST OF JACKSON STREET; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

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**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-15**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK SPITES TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2015 AND ENDING APRIL 20, 2020; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Frank Spites has expressed a desire to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Town and Country Drainage District No. 1;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular sessions that Frank Spites, 11 Elmwood Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, be and hereby is appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Town & Country Drainage District No. 1 for a five (5) year term beginning April 20, 2015, and ending April 20, 2020.

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**MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**A. FEDERAL PROGRAMS:**

**Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**

Discussion/Action:

- New Job Descriptions & Request to Open
  - Recruitment & Placement Specialist
  - Office Assistant II
  - Workforce Development Specialist III
  - Federal Programs Case Manager
  - Workforce Development Special Projects Coordinator

**B. FISCAL:**

**Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Discussion/Action:

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**C. FIRE:**

**Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

Discussion/Action:

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**D. LEGAL:**

**Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**

Discussion/Action:

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**E. PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Discussion/Action:

- Variance at 385 Keystone Road

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

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