

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Date of Notice:** August 14, 2020

A public meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will be held as follows:

**DATE:** August 17, 2020

**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Police Jury Meeting Room  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Ouachita Parish Courthouse)  
301 South Grand  
Monroe, Louisiana

**AGENDA:** See Detailed Agenda Posted  
With This Notice

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING DOES INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES AND LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2020 (ORDINANCE NO. 9345 & ORDINANCE NO. 9346).**

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# **AGENDA**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.  
OUACHITA PARISH COURTHOUSE – COURTROOM 3**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Shane Smiley, 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 August 3, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 1) To consider levying additional millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.
- 2) Adoption of adjusted millage rates following reappraisal and valuation for all ad valorem taxes levied by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (Ordinance No. 9345)

- 3) Adoption of millage rates and levy of ad valorem taxes and service charges for the year 2020 (Ordinance No. 9346).
- 4) Adjourn Public Hearing

**VISITORS:**

- 1)

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Discussion/Action:

- Well Road Change Order No. 2
- Inventory of projects for LA Watershed Initiative
- Beulah Church Road
- Wallace Dean drainage
- East Lafayette drainage/D'Arbonne Hills
- Parish project updates

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:            Mr. Robinson, Chair**

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

Discussion/Action:

- Claim statement (7/17/2020 – 8/13/2020)
- Budget versus actual report
- Cooperative purchasing agreement
- Request to purchase vehicle for Coroner's Office
- Request for education reimbursement

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN**

**RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

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

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

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9345  
(FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOLLOWING REAPPRAISAL AND VALUATION FOR ALL *AD VALOREM* TAXES LEVIED BY THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY**

**WHEREAS**, La. Const. Art. VII, Sec. 23 requires the periodic adjustment of the rates of ad valorem taxes based on the reappraisal and valuation of all property subject to such taxes;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Legislative Auditor has provided the Ouachita Parish Police Jury with such adjusted millage rates for the ad valorem taxes it levies based on the most recent reappraisal and valuation; and,

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 47:1705 requires each tax recipient body to adopt an ordinance or resolution setting forth and designating such adjusted millage rates;

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, acting in accordance with law as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and certain taxing districts located therein, in a public meeting held on August 17, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23© of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

| <u>Millage</u>                              | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. General Alimony (outside municipalities) | 4.10 mils            |
| 2. General Alimony (inside municipalities)  | 2.05 mils            |
| 3. Public Library                           | 7.58 mils            |
| 4. Health Unit/Animal Control               | 0.74 mils            |
| 5. Mosquito Abatement                       | 1.39 mils            |
| 6. Juvenile Detention Center                | 2.88 mils            |

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| 7. | Ouachita Correctional Center | 9.13 mils |
| 8. | Road Lighting District No. 1 | 5.0 mils  |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, inasmuch as 2020 is the first year of a tax authorized by the voters on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Fire Protection Districts fire protection facilities and obtaining water for fire protection purposes there are no adjusted millage rates for said tax. Rather, the maximum authorized rate for said tax is 19.11 mils as set forth in the proposition approved by the voters of Ouachita Parish on the date set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Ouachita, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9346  
(FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REVENUE FOR THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, LEVYING ANNUAL TAXES FOR SAID PURPOSES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**2020 REVENUE LAW**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, acting in accordance with law as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and certain taxing districts located therein, in a public meeting held on August 17, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that said Ouachita Parish Police Jury voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

| <u>Millage</u>                              | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>2020 Levy</u> |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. General Alimony (outside municipalities) | 4.10 mils            | 4.14 mils        |
| 2. General Alimony (inside municipalities)  | 2.05 mils            | 2.07 mils        |
| 3. Public Library                           | 7.58 mils            | 7.64 mils        |
| 4. Health Unit/Animal Control               | 0.74 mils            | 0.75 mils        |

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|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 5. Mosquito Abatement              | 1.39 mils        | 1.39 mils <sup>1</sup> |
| 6. Juvenile Detention Center       | 2.88 mils        | 2.90 mils              |
| 7. Ouachita Correctional Center    | 9.13 mils        | 9.2 mils               |
| 8. Road Lighting District No. 1    | 5.0 mils         | 5.0 mils               |
| 10. Fire Protection District No. 1 | N/A <sup>2</sup> | 19.11 mils             |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, acting in accordance with law as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and certain taxing districts located therein, in a public meeting held on August 17, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, that said Ouachita Parrish Police Jury voted to levy the following taxes, assessments and or service charges on all property subject thereto as shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said taxes, assessments or service charges are:

| <u>Tax, Assessment, Service Charge, etc.</u> | <u>2020 Levy</u>      | <u>Collection Charge</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Woodlands (La. R.S. 3:4321)               | Eight (8) cents/ acre | N/A                      |
| 2) Road Lighting District No. 4              | \$10.00               | \$0.50                   |
| 3) Road Lighting District No. 5              | \$15.00               | \$0.75                   |
| 4) Road Lighting District No. 6              | \$15.00               | \$0.75                   |
| 5) Road Lighting District No. 7              | \$15.00               | \$0.75                   |
| 6) Road Lighting District No. 9              | \$25.00               | \$1.25                   |
| 7) Road Lighting District No. 10             | \$125.00              | \$6.25                   |
| 8) Road Lighting District No. 11             | \$20.00               | \$1.00                   |
| 9) Road Lighting District No. 13             | \$20.00               | \$1.00                   |
| 10) Road Lighting District No. 14            | \$55.00               | \$2.75                   |
| 11) Road Lighting District No. 16            | \$25.00               | \$1.25                   |
| 12) Road Lighting District No. 17            | \$35.00               | \$1.75                   |

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<sup>1</sup> Levied at adjusted rate

<sup>2</sup> First year of levy of millage rate approved in election held Nov. 6, 2018

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| 13) Road Lighting District No. 18 | \$40.00  | \$2.00 |
| 14) Road Lighting District No. 19 | \$40.00  | \$2.00 |
| 15) Road Lighting District No. 20 | \$10.00  | \$0.50 |
| 16) Road Lighting District No. 22 | \$20.00  | \$1.00 |
| 17) Road Lighting District No. 23 | \$30.00  | \$1.50 |
| 18) Road Lighting District No. 24 | \$35.00  | \$1.75 |
| 19) Road Lighting District No. 26 | \$15.00  | \$0.75 |
| 20) Road Lighting District No. 27 | \$55.00  | \$2.75 |
| 21) Road Lighting District No. 28 | \$45.00  | \$2.25 |
| 22) Road Lighting District No. 29 | \$20.00  | \$1.00 |
| 23) Road Lighting District No. 30 | \$10.00  | \$0.50 |
| 24) Road Lighting District No. 32 | \$50.00  | \$2.50 |
| 25) Road Lighting District No. 33 | \$50.00  | \$2.50 |
| 26) Road Lighting District No. 34 | \$70.00  | \$3.50 |
| 27) Road Lighting District No. 35 | \$70.00  | \$3.50 |
| 28) Road Lighting District No. 36 | \$70.00  | \$3.50 |
| 29) Road Lighting District No. 38 | \$45.00  | \$2.25 |
| 30) Road Lighting District No. 39 | \$150.00 | \$7.50 |
| 31) Road Lighting District No. 40 | \$75.00  | \$3.75 |
| 32) Road Lighting District No. 42 | \$0.00   | \$0.00 |
| 33) Road Lighting District No. 44 | \$90.00  | \$4.50 |
| 34) Road Lighting District No. 45 | \$40.00  | \$2.00 |
| 35) Road Lighting District No. 46 | \$5.00   | \$0.25 |
| 36) Road Lighting District No. 47 | \$70.00  | \$3.50 |
| 37) Road Lighting District No. 48 | \$60.00  | \$3.00 |
| 38) Road Lighting District No. 49 | \$60.00  | \$3.00 |

39) Road Lighting District No. 51

\$25.00

\$1.25

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all said taxes enumerated herein in the various sections of this Ordinance shall be exigible and collectable on the same day in the manner as provided by existing laws and ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Ouachita, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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3) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-41**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE WELL ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.013776); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has advised that the Well Road project (State Project No. H.013776) has reached substantial completion;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the President to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Well Road project and to take such other actions as are necessary in connection therewith.

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**MR. JACK CLAMPIT, DISTRICT B:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9348  
(INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE EASTERNMOST 150' OF BLAZIER ESTATE ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

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**MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-38**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.**

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**MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2019-2020 CWEF contract – Prairie Road Water District

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

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-37**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND COLLECTIONS OF THE 2019 PARISH AND SPECIAL TAXES; AND GRANTING PROPER QUIETUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the schedule of charges and collections of the 2019 Special and Parish Taxes showing the amount of taxes collected in accordance with the schedule on file in the Office of the Secretary is hereby approved and the proper quietus granted therefore in accordance with law

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2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-39**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE HARRELL ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.013798); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has received bids for the construction of the Harrell Road project (State Project No. H.013798);

**WHEREAS**, the apparent low bidder for said project is D & J Construction Company LLC which submitted a bid of \$1,430,955.75; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to D & J Construction Company LLC;

**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 Harrell Road project (State Project No. H.013798) to D & J Construction Company LLC 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.

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3) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-40**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE STUBBS VINSON ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.011784); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has advised that the Stubbs Vinson Road project (State Project No. H.011784) has reached substantial completion;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the President to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Stubbs Vinson Road project and to take such other actions as are necessary in connection therewith.

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4) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9347  
(INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 44715, 59161, 45635, 56837, 58624, 23416, 87776, 49223, 52564, 6625, 880099, & 62919) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

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**MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:**

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: GPS on parish vehicles

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- A. FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**  
Discussion/Action:
- Coroner's building
  - Police Jury office space
- B. FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**  
Discussion/Action:
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- C. LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney**  
Discussion/Action:
- 911 Advisory Board composition
- D. PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**  
Discussion/Action:
- Resubdivision of Lots 31 & 32 of Old Darbonne Crossing, Phase 2
  - Request to setback variance – West Oaks, Unit 2
  - Authorization to bid – 55 ton trailer
- E. GREEN OAKS: Mr. Jesse Williams, Interim Director**  
Discussion/Action:
- Personnel action(s)
- F. LA WATERSHED: Ms. Karen Cupit, Coordinator**  
Discussion/Action:
- LA Watershed update

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion/Action:

**ADJOURN**