

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY APRIL 17, 2017 AT 5:39 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 Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:39 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Ms. Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ms. Moore.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Jack Clampit</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(0)</b>
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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Clampit asked to add an appointment to the Cheniere Lake Advisory Committee under his name due to a resignation on the committee that was received after the agenda was published. Action was needed because the committee would be meeting before the next meeting of the Jury. Mr. Mitchell asked to add the 911 revenue billing audit to the finance committee meeting. This item was inadvertently left off of the agenda and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit 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 came forth at this point in the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on April 3, 2017 was offered by Mr. Clampit seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized Don Plunk, Jr. and Mike Wood with the Cheniere Lake Advisory Committee. Mr. Plunk stated that the Cheniere Lake Advisory Committee was requesting the Jury to approve thinning the timber in the lake while the lake has been drawn down. Mr. Plunk

and Mr. Wood explained how timber-thinning would improve the lake and that the lake being drawn down for an extended period to accommodate the work on LA Highway 3033 presented a unique opportunity to thin the trees in the lake bed. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize advertising for a timber contract for Cheniere Lake. Motion passed without opposition.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Slocum Road and stated that the road should be completed within the next three weeks.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Caples Road and stated that the bid opening will be April 20.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Crocker Lane and stated that the road should be completed within the next three weeks.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the FEMA public assistance and hazard mitigation projects and stated that he met with FEMA on the public assistance projects and he will be sending them more information on the projects. Mr. Crosby stated that FEMA is reviewing the hazard mitigation projects.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Gustav/Ike projects and stated that he has submitted applications for Raccoon Bayou and East Town & Country Drainage District.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Forty Oaks Farm Road, Parker Road, St. Andrew's Road, and Jack Crowell Road and stated he is working on the design for these projects.

Mr. Clampit stated that Mr. Crosby was awarded surveyor of the year by the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors.

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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Caldwell, called the finance committee meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of March 17, 2017 through April 13, 2017 and recommended approval. Mr. Clampit questioned the water bills at OCC and Mr. Cammack explained that the charges had been verified. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve payment of the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

The chairman recognized Mr. Lott, 911 Office. Mr. Lott stated that inconsistencies were discovered in the revenue fees and the 911 Advisory Board has recommended a revenue fee audit. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve contracting with Winbourne Consulting for the 911 revenue fee audit. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Toms, Library. Ms. Toms requested approval to purchase a 2017 Ford transit van for \$23,223.90. Ms. Toms stated that this purchase was included in the budget. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the vehicle purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Clampit. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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

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

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

Mr. Robinson stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

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

Mr. Clampit, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-30**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNIFER MCMULLEN TO THE CHENIERE LAKE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MIKE MEEKS WHO RESIGNED FROM SAID BOARD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the resignation of Mike Meeks has created a vacancy on the Cheniere Lake Citizens' Advisory Committee;

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer McMullen has expressed a desire to serve as a member of the Cheniere Lake Citizens' Advisory Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Jennifer McMullen be and is hereby appointed to serve on the Cheniere Lake Citizens' Advisory Committee to serve the unexpired term of Mike Meeks, said term of office to end March 7, 2020.

The above resolution was adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

Mr. Caldwell stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix offered the following proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING THE OUACITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S APPRECIATION TO MR. WOOD T. ("TOMMY") SPARKS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE IN EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICE TO CITIZENS ACROSS OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, for many years Wood T. ("Tommy") Sparks has served as the President of Greater Ouachita Water Company and in that capacity has overseen the expansion of community water and sewerage services to citizens in many areas of Ouachita Parish to whom such service were previously unavailable;

**WHEREAS**, by expanding the availability of community water and sewerage to previously unserved areas of Ouachita Parish, Wood T. ("Tommy") Sparks has enabled Greater Ouachita Water Company to help improve the quality of life in our community and has contributed to significant residential and commercial growth throughout Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, whereas Wood T. ("Tommy") Sparks has stepped into the gap to assume the operation of failed or failing water and sewerage systems across Ouachita Parish and by doing so has greatly improved the living conditions and utility services for thousands of citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the fact that operating a not-for-profit utility company such as Greater Ouachita Water Company is too often a thankless task, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the history of service provided by Wood T. ("Tommy") Sparks is truly worthy of this public expression of appreciation;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** that, by these presents, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby express its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Wood T. (“Tommy”) Sparks for his leadership and dedication to Greater Ouachita Water Company and for his efforts to provide citizens and businesses throughout Ouachita Parish with quality community water and sewerage service.

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The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

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

Mr. Smiley stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to offer letters of support for Amtrak rail service along the I-20 Corridor. Motion passed without opposition.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding an agreement between G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District and Richland Hospital Service District and stated that a resolution showing the Jury’s consent to the cooperative endeavor agreement between the hospital service districts was needed for the agreement to go forward.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-29**

**A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY’S CONSENT TO AN “*INTER-DISTRICT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND DENTAL SERVICES*” BETWEEN G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1A OF THE PARISH OF RICHLAND; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District (“Cooley”) desires to engage, and Hospital Service District No. 1A of the Parish of Richland

("RHSD") wishes to provide, medical, behavioral health, and dental services, as agreed between Cooley and RHSD, for the benefit of those living within the boundaries of Cooley's district and who are served by Cooley;

**WHEREAS**, a cooperative agreement between RHSD and Cooley is required under La. R.S. 46:1051 to permit RHSD to provide medical, behavioral health, and dental services within the boundaries of Cooley's district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") created Cooley through the adoption of Ouachita Parish Ordinance No. 7127 on or about April 11, 1962. Accordingly, La. R.S. 46:1051 requires the OPPJ's consent to the proposed cooperative agreement between Cooley and RHSD

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby evidence its consent to the proposed "*Inter-District Memorandum of Agreement for Provision of Medical, Behavioral Health and Dental Services*" between G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District and Hospital Service District No. 1A of the Parish of Richland;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes its President to execute such instruments or correspondence, or take such other action, as is reasonable and necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

The above resolution was adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

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The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Cheeks Road Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Cheeks Road Subdivision subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Alexander's Cove and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Alexander's Cove subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to move Cade Kellebrew from Equipment Operator I to vehicle wash facility operator. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the change in job title. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to promote Carlo Roppollo IV to Grade 212 Step 52B due to him obtaining his Class "B" commercial driver's license. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the promotion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to terminate Roytez Jackson for job abandonment. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the termination. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to demote Danyl Sonnier from vehicle wash facility operator to Equipment Operator I. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the demotion. Motion passed without opposition.

### **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

There were none.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary