

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 AT 5:36 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 3, 2017 at 5:36 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by the president. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the president.

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

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

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the agenda as published. 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 regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on March 20, 2017, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Kenneth Byrdsong – 15 Years

Ronald Clarkston – 5 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

Travis Tatum – 20 Years

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9135 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 14372: Lot 7 of Block 7 of Unit 2 of Gossett’s Subdivision, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in accordance with LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. and to authorize the Ouachita Parish Police Jury president to sign all necessary documents and to address the matters relative thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Bill Land with Land 3 Architect. Mr. Land spoke regarding the new storage/maintenance building at the Fire Department and stated that the estimated cost is \$200,000. Mr. Land requested approval to advertise for bids. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve Mr. Land to advertise for bids for the new storage building. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Land presented Change Order No. 1 for the re-roofing project at the Ouachita Valley branch library and stated that the change order decreases the contract price by \$19,532.08. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Land presented the substantial completion for the re-roofing project at the Ouachita Valley branch library and requested approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Bill Thompson, 212 Martin Road, West Monroe. Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the West Ouachita Sewer District No. 5 rate increase. Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Clampit explained why the increase was needed.

Mr. Thompson also asked for an update on the court costs. Mr. Caldwell stated that he met with the judges but has not followed up with them since the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett informed the Jury that the WIOA board is procuring a One Stop Operator through the RFP process. Ms. Bennett will bring the results of the proposals to her board and the Jury at a future meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Patrick Hemphill

Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

GREEN OAKS:

Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director

Mr. Anderson stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

LIBRARY:

Ms. Robin Toms, Director

Ms. Toms stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson, Dr. Reddix, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. The chair recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Morris, Josh	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 3/9/2017
Wells, John	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 3/9/2017

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

CONFIRMATIONS

Ferrell, C.	From Prob Driver	To Perm Driver	Effective 4/11/2017
Nelson, Danny	From Prob Captain	To Perm Captain	Effective 4/11/2017
Mobley, Brandon	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 3/31/2017
Bowie, Jamar	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Coleman, R.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Cook, Davin	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Davis, Ernest	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Harvey, Zachary	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Hendrix, N.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Hopfinger, H.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Jones, Chris	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Jordan, Casey	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
McFee, Chris	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Medlin, Chris	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Moore, J.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Moore, S.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Perry, Joseph	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017
Sanderson, A.	From Prob Firefighter	To Perm Firefighter	Effective 4/11/2017

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

RESIGNATION

Presley, Calvin	Resigned	Effective 3/26/2017
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Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the resignation as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested to re-hire Caleb Dickens as a probationary firefighter effective April 10, 2017 contingent upon his passing all required tests and receiving Civil Service Board approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to re-hire Caleb Dickens as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Lamar Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to terminate Latwan Winston. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the termination. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to open two positions for Juvenile Detention Officer II male part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to open the positions. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray stated that all roads that were closed during the storm on Sunday are now open.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Slocum Road and stated that the contractor will lay asphalt later in the week.

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

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Crocker Lane. He stated that the utilities have been relocated and that the contractor has finished placing the drainage pipe along Barr Lane.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Forty Oaks Farm Road and Parker Road and stated that he is still working on the plans.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Stubbs Vinson Road and stated that he will be submitting a schedule to DOTD for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the FEMA public assistance and hazard mitigation projects and stated that he is still providing FEMA with the required information.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Safe Routes to Public Places and stated that the application has been submitted.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Jack Crowell Road and St. Andrews Drive and stated that both projects have been surveyed and he will begin working on the plans.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the East Ouachita Economic Development District and asked everyone to support the tax.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Smiley 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, seconded by Ms. Moore offered the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE SECOND FULL WEEK IN MAY AS “WOMEN’S LUNG HEALTH WEEK”; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, every eight minutes, one woman in the U.S. loses her battle with lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of women and men in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and increased awareness will result in screening and early detection for people with lung cancer that will ultimately save lives; and

WHEREAS, public support for research funding will result in better treatment and early detection methods that will ultimately save lives

WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative led by the American Lung Association, to fight against lung cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT PROCLAIMED that Ouachita Parish hereby designates the second full week in May as Women's Lung Health Week throughout the parish, and encourages all residents of Ouachita to learn more about lung cancer, risk factors and screening options.

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Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9135

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 14372: LOT 7 OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT 2 OF GOSSETT'S SUBDIVISION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita on June 23, 1997, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period, as well of the five (5) year for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$1,666.66 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Adrian Jackson for the consideration \$1,666.66 cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on March 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) This property described as Ouachita Parish Parcel #14372, with the municipal address of 714 Roberts Street, Monroe, LA, and more fully described as:

**Lot 7 of Block 7 of Unit 2 of Gossett's Subdivision in the Northwest
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 8, Township 17 North, Range
4 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.**

- 2) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 3) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 4) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 5) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
 - b. E&P LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
 - c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 20th day of March, 2017.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows

YEAS: (6) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D, Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The ordinance was adopted this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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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. 17-28

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2017 AS “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the American Bikers Active Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to motorcycle safety, awareness, and realistic motorcycle legislation; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are less visible than cars and are often unseen by motorists causing thousands of motorcycle riders to be injured or killed in motorcycle accidents each year; and

WHEREAS, a concerted effort to bring motorcycle safety and rider awareness to the forefront is being made to keep cyclists safe; and

WHEREAS, all licensed vehicle operators have the same rights and privileges on our roads and highways, and all motorists should be aware of their surroundings while driving.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month” in Ouachita Parish and encourages all citizens of Ouachita Parish to be aware of their fellow motorists on the roadway, including motorcyclists, and to drive safely at all times.

The above resolution was adopted the 3rd 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 stated that she did not have any items.

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:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the waste tires and stated that an additional \$2,500 is needed to remove the waste tires on Trade Street. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve \$2,500 to complete the waste tire removal. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell recommended amending the contract with Greater Ouachita Water Company to clarify the authority of the water company to sell its property. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the contract amendment as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix commended Mr. Sparks for his hard work with Greater Ouachita Water Company.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items. Mr. Clampit thanked the Public Works department for their work during the storm on Sunday.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

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

- 1) **DANA, DALE H** **DBA T & D LAKESHORE LOUNGE, 202 OLD BASTROP ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2017 NEW**

- 2) **WAGNON, MICHAEL** **LOUISIANA DISCOUNT TOBACCO INC. DBA BAYOU BUTTS & BOOZE #27, 600 THOMAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2017 NEW**

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary