

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AT 5:35 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:35 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Members Present</u>	(6)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Jack Clampit	District B
Larry Bratton	District C
Michael Thompson	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Lonnie Hudson	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. Mr. Mitchell asked to add the bid results for sand, clay, gravel to the agenda. Bid were opened earlier in the day and action was needed in the event that sand or gravel would need to be purchased before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments concerning any matters on the approved agenda. 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 February 3, 2020 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9326 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 26490 & 91981) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9327 – An Ordinance changing the name of “Vayda Mae Lane” a parish road, to “Eagle Ridge Cove”; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Robinson asked to take up Ordinance No. 9327 at this time.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9327

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF “VAYDA MAE LANE” A PARISH ROAD, TO “EAGLE RIDGE COVE”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, “Vayda Mae Lane” is a short parish road in Eagle Ridge Subdivision running south off of Eagle Ridge Lane and ending in a cul-de-sac;

WHEREAS, the owners of the lots along Vayda Mae Lane have asked the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to change the name of said road to “Eagle Ridge Cove” which will more readily identify their addresses as being located in Eagle Ridge Subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Communications District has no objection to this name change;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does by these presents change the name of “Vayda Mae Lane” to “Eagle Ridge Cove;”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this Ordinance be provided to the Ouachita Parish Communications District, the Ouachita Parish Fire Department, the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department, the Ouachita Parish Sheriff’s Office, and the appropriate Postmaster;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this Ordinance be filed in the Conveyance Records and the Clerk of Court be requested to note this name change on the Plat of Eagle Ridge Subdivision.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 3rd day of February, 2020.

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. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson,

District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.

NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 18th day of February, 2020.

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Mr. Robinson asked to take up the matter concerning the resubdivision of Lots 9-15 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision at this time. Mr. Murray recommended approval of the resubdivision. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to grant resubdivision approval for Lot 9-15 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision subject to comments from the engineer and Public Works Department being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

There were none.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Riggin, Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Riggin presented the bid results for Greenbriar Drive improvements and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Turner & Turner Contracting LLC for \$300,005.70. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the bid from Turner & Turner Contracting LLC and to authorize the president to sign all necessary contract documents. Motion passed without opposition.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mr. Robinson, called the finance committee meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

The chair recognized Ms. Cupit, Assistant Treasurer. Ms. Cupit presented the claim statement for the period of December 13, 2019 through February 13, 2020 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve payment of the claims for the period stated as recommended by the treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Cupit presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

Ms. Cupit stated that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has requested to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of an asphalt distributor and bridge timbers and pilings. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the piggyback requests. 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 Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

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

The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

MR. JACK CLAMPIT, DISTRICT B:

Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close and gate off Cheniere Lake Area 6 until the lake is back to pool stage. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Bratton, District C.

MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:

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

The president recognized Mr. Thompson, District D.

MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:

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

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9326

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCEL 26490 AND 91981) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

1. **PARCEL# 26490:** NORTH 26 FT LOT 3 & SO 36 FT LOT 2 SQ 73-A OUACHITA COTTON MILLS 2ND ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1602 S 10th STREET , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/13/2016

Purchaser: Markus Bosley Bid: \$2,500.00 Auction Date: February 11, 2020

2. **PARCEL# 91981:** LOT 15 SQUARE 2 HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1715 STANDIFER AVENUE , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/14/2016

Purchaser: Alvin A. Calhoun Bid: 1,001.66 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

WHEREAS, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9016 and 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 for each property and

WHEREAS, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

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) The properties 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.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.

- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P Consulting Services, 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 Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
 - c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, 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 properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. 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 3rd day of February, 2020.

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. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(0)	

The above ordinance was adopted on the 18th day of February, 2020.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson, District F.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Ms. Cupit, Assistant Treasurer. Ms. Cupit presented the bid results for sand, clay, gravel and stated that the only bid was received from Dennis Carpenter. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the bid from Dennis Carpenter. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Moore, Fire Department. Mr. Moore requested approval of the continuation of the provisional appointment of Carl Knighten as the fire service and supply technician. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the provisional appointment. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the regional grant memorandum of understanding between the Ouachita Parish Fire Department, City of Monroe Fire Department and City of West Monroe Fire Department for the purchase of handheld radios. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the memorandum of understanding. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray requested to hire Jeffery Kellebrew to the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to hire Jeffery Kellebrew. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to declare the following vehicles and equipment as surplus and to sell these items at public auction:

Truck – 2008 Ford F-150 Pickup 4x2 / #137 / Asset #14475 / VIN – 1FTVX12568KD79411
Truck – 2008 Ford F-150 Pickup 4X2 / #139 / Asset #14776 / VIN - 1FTVX12V49KB97756
Truck – 2011 Ford F-150 Pickup 4X4 / #143 / Asset #15264 / VIN - 1FTVX1EF7BKD56912
Truck – 2009 Chevrolet C8500 / #418 / Asset # 14884 / VIN – 1GBT8C4B49F411595
Truck – 2009 Chevrolet C8500 / #419 / Asset # 14882 / VIN – 1GBT8C4BX9F412119
Truck – 2009 Chevrolet C8500 / #420 / Asset # 14883 / VIN – 1GBT8C4B09F412159
Tractor – 2006 New Holland STD Cab – Diesel / #772 / Asset #13959 Serial # B72624M
UTV – 2007 Kawasaki Mule / #054 / VIN - JK1AFCJ11785185512
Culvert Cleaner – 2000 Pipe Hunter Boss / #1232 / VIN – 1T9P71629YP394443
Cutter - Alamo 8’ Offset Cutter / Asset #15067
Cutter - Alamo 8’ Offset Cutter / Asset #15068
Cutter - Alamo 8’ Offset Cutter / Asset #15069
Trailer – 1990 Eager Beaver / #1006 / VIN – 112HGV299LT035049
Racks – Weather Guard “Headache” Rack for Pick-up Trucks – Quantity (three) 3
Boxes – Weather Guard Cross-bed Box for Pick-ups – Quantity (five) 5
Fuel Dispenser – Diesel Fuel Dispenser / Serial # 03578538483 - Quantity (one) 1

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Robinson to declare the vehicles and equipment as surplus. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Robinson to allow for the surplus vehicles and equipment to be sold at public auction. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Cupit stated that Ms. Bennett requested approval for three staff members to attend the Southeastern Employment and Training Association conference from March 8-11, 2020. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the travel request. 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. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary