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OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 January 5, 2015

VISITORS:

- 1) Tom Janway, City of Monroe

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Discussion/Action:

- Parish Project Updates

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Walt Caldwell, Chairman

1) Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Discussion/Action:

- Claim Statement (12/12/2014-1/15/2015)

OTHER BUSINESS:

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9062
(INTRODUCTION ONLY)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO THE MONROE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO LA CONST. ART. 14, SECT. 7 (B) AND LA. R.S. 47:2205, ET SEQ.; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 47:2205 authorizes the donation of adjudicated properties for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution;

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

WHEREAS, LA Const. Art. 14, Sec. (7) (B) authorizes the donation of blighted or abandoned housing property to non-profit organization who agree to renovate and maintain such properties until conveyance of such properties by the organization;

WHEREAS, the Monroe Housing Authority (“MHA”) has requested the donation of the following property in the Kings Oaks Addition, that has long been abandoned and adjudicated to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the purpose of constructing affordable housing thereon:

1. Parcel 60739, Ward 30, Lots 1-10, Square R, King Oaks Addition

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that such donation is in the public interest and in accordance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the donation of the abandoned adjudicated property identified above to the Monroe Housing Authority upon completion of the procedures for the donation of adjudicated property pursuant to La. R.S. 47:4201, et seq.;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be, and hereby is authorized to execute such document as are reasonable and necessary to complete the donation described above.

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MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9063
(INTRODUCTION ONLY)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY SEALED BIDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4712 OF A 5.431+/- ACRES TRACT IN SEC. 37, T17N, R2E, OUACHITA PARISH COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS “CHENIERE LAKE PARK AREA 6”; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has determined that a certain 5.431+/- acres tract in Sec. 37, T17N, R2E, Ouachita Parish commonly referred to as “Cheniere Lake Park Area 6” (as more particularly described in the “Legal Description” attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”) is no longer needed for a public purpose and the sale of this surplus property is in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has obtained an appraisal from A J Burns Jr. of Appraisal Consultants, LLC dated December 22, 2014, reflecting an appraised value for said property of \$70,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that pursuant to the provisions of La. R. S. 33:4712, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the sale of that a certain 5.431+/- acres tract in Sec. 37, T17N, R2E, Ouachita Parish commonly referred to as “Cheniere Lake Park Area 6” (as more particularly described in the

“Legal Description” attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”) pursuant to the following terms:

- 1) The tract is to be sold by sealed bids to the highest bidder, but for a price of not less than the appraised value of \$70,000.00;
- 2) Bid packets including information regarding the property and the forms upon which bids are to be submitted may be obtained from Jeremy Clack, Special Projects Coordinator, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, Rm. 201, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, LA 71291, (318) 327-1340. To be considered a bid must be submitted on the form included in the above-mentioned bid packets (or a copy thereof); must be signed by the bidder or an authorized representative of the bidder; and, must be accompanied by a deposit check or similar instrument made payable to the “Ouachita Parish Police Jury” in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price;
- 3) Bids will be received in the office of Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Room 203 Ouachita Parish Courthouse, Monroe, Louisiana, before on or before 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 26, 2014**;
- 4) Bids will be opened, read aloud and tabulated at 2:00 p.m. **Thursday, February 26, 2014**, in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Conference Room located on the Second Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse, Monroe, Louisiana;
- 5) The deposit check or instrument of the successful bidder for each parcel will be negotiated by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on the third business day following the opening of bids and applied to the purchase price. If the check or instrument is returned unpaid, the bid will be considered void and the property will be offered to the next highest bidder whose bid is above the reserve price or minimum bid of \$70,000.00. The deposit check or instrument of unsuccessful bidders will not be negotiated and will be voided and returned to the address indicated on the bid form;
- 6) Sales to be closed within 60 days from the opening of bids, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties;
- 7) The Seller will pay a fee of two percent (2.0%) to any licensed real estate agent indicated on the bid form as the agent producing the successful bidder;
- 8) The Ouachita Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject all bids as to any or all of the parcels identified above.
- 9) The sale will be made with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury reserving all mineral rights, but agreeing that no mineral lessee shall conduct surface operations on the property; and,
- 10) The property will be sold “as is” with no warranty, except as to title.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Scotty Robinson, President, be and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute a Purchase Agreement and an Act of Sale on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

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MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AND THE AUDITING FIRM HUFFMAN & SOIGNIER APAC; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has engaged the auditing firm of Huffman & Soignier APAC, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the annual audit of the financial records, practices, and systems of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury members recognize the role of the annual audit in contributing to the development of sound and efficient financial and managerial practices; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury members and staff agree to provide all financial records, board minutes and documents required by the auditing firm, and their pledge not to knowingly withhold any financial records or related data that in its judgment would be relevant to the audit;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the annual audit, the Legislative Auditor requires the auditing firm to obtain a completed Compliance Questionnaire, indicating financial and legal compliance with the laws of the state of Louisiana and pertinent accounting regulatory bodies;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury confirms cooperation with the audit process and its report on status of observance of the laws of the state of Louisiana through its completion of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Compliance Questionnaire attached herein as part of the Board proceedings.

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DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Park Circle
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Willet Place

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-03

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TED DAVIDSON TO THE PRAIRIE ROAD WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Ted Davidson, 322 Prairie Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202 has expressed a desire to serve on the Prairie Road Water District Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Ted Davidson, 322 Prairie Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202 be and hereby is appointed to the Prairie Road Water District Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of five years beginning January 20, 2015 and ending on January 20, 2020.

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- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Hadley Street from Winnsboro Road to Nutland Road
- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION: I-20 Economic Development Board meetings
- 4) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Travel Request – LOCUS Leadership Summit
- 5) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Legacy Arms Company proposed shooting range

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. FISCAL:** **Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**
Discussion/Action:
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- B. FIRE:** **Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**
Discussion/Action:
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- C. LEGAL:** **Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**
Discussion/Action:
• Set-back variance – 410 Thatcher Lane
- D. PUBLIC WORKS:** **Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**
Discussion/Action:
• 2015 Herbicide Program

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

- 1) **GREEN JR, TERRY** **WAL-MART LOUISIANA LLC DBA WALMART
MARKET #2940, 5251 CYPRESS STREET, WEST
MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”,
RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2015 NEW**

OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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