

**A G E N D A**  
**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM**

**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 May 19, 2014

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance No. 9036 – An ordinance amending Section 14-1, establishing the speed limit on Preston Road at twenty five (25) miles per hour; and further providing with respect thereto.

**SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL:**

**SERVICE AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Jonathan Clampit – 10 Years

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

District Chief Fred Thomas

Captain Bruce Thornton

Captain Steve Greer

Driver Danny Nelson

Driver Rodney Remore

**A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE OUACHITA PARISH FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2013, Ouachita Parish firefighters arriving at the scene of a head-on collision on La. Hwy. 34 in western Ouachita Parish discovered seventeen year old Kaitlyn Parker severely injured and trapped in one of the vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, despite the risk of fire and explosion these firefighters worked diligently and heroically to extricate Ms. Parker from the demolished vehicle while also providing her with emergency medical treatment;

**WHEREAS**, after the firefighters removed her from the vehicle Ms. Parker was airlifted from the scene directly to LSU Medical Center –Shreveport where she received life-saving care; and,

**WHEREAS**, at its recent “Evening for Heroes” event the LSU Health Sciences Foundation honored and specifically recognized the Ouachita Parish firefighters who aided Ms. Parker;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby commend *District Chief Fred Thomas, Captain Bruce Thornton, Captain Steve Greer, Driver Danny Nelson, and Driver Rodney Remore* for their exemplary service in responding to the September 1, 2013, automobile crash involving Kaitlyn Parker;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the performance of these firefighters be noted as an example of the often-unrecognized service that the members of the Ouachita Parish Fire Department provide to our community.

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**VISITORS:**

- 1) Bill Land – Land 3 Architect, Inc.
- 2) Rev. John Sewell – District F
- 3) Eletha Murray – District F

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- ANIMAL CONTROL:** Hack Tull, OPSO, Acting Director
- CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Deputy Wayne Heckford
- FEDERAL PROGRAMS:** Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director
- FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Patrick Hemphill
- GREEN OAKS:** Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director
- HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Mr. Neal Brown, Director
- LIBRARY:** Ms. Robin Toms, Director
- MOSQUITO CONTROL:** Ms. Shannon Rider, Director
- OCC CORRECTIONS:** Warden Patrick Johnson  
Discussion/Action: Declare Vehicles as Surplus
- PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES:** Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator
- 911 OFFICE:** Mr. Craig Lott

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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Scotty Robinson, Chairperson

- 1) **Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**  
Discussion/Action: Personnel Actions
- 2) **Ms. Shannon Rider, Mosquito Control**  
Discussion/Action: Personnel Actions

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

Discussion/Action:

- Personnel Action Clarification
- Travel Request

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN!**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Mack Calhoun, Chairman**

**1) Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Discussion/Action:

- Final Subdivision Approval – River Styx Subdivision, Unit 2
- Variance for Setback Line – Flagstone Subdivision
- Declare Tractor Surplus & Transfer to Cheniere Lake

**2) Consulting Engineer(s)**

Discussion/Action: Parish Project Updates

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN!**

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

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

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9036  
(FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON PRESTON ROAD AT TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS,** the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Preston Road, a parish road located in Ouachita Parish that runs from Strozier Road easterly to its dead-end;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a speed limit of twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on Preston Road is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be and hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

**Section 14.1. Speed Limits**

Preston Road -- twenty-five (25) miles per hour

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The ordinance was introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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**MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Old Wall Lake Road Bridge
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-26**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN OPINION FROM THE LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN COMPUTER-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:4713(B) provides that the cost of “such furniture and equipment, supplies, and maps” as may be needed by the tax collector shall be borne by the tax recipient bodies of the parish;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:4713(C) provides that the police jury shall purchase these items needed by the tax collector and bill the other tax recipient bodies, such as the school boards and municipalities, for their proportionate share of the costs;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of Ouachita Parish, in his capacity as Ex Officio Tax Collector, has recently acquired necessary computer software through the process described above;

**WHEREAS**, the vendor of said software offers at an additional cost a “maintenance and support contract” to provide for ongoing consultation regarding the use of the software and maintenance of the software’s operational capacity and the Sheriff has determined that this “maintenance and support contract” is necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury are unable to determine whether such a “maintenance and support” is an expense to be borne by the tax recipient bodies pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4713;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby formally request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General concerning the application of La. R.S. 33:4713 to the software “maintenance and support” contract at issue.

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

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: J-1E Canal
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Pine Bayou Extension drainage
- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION: J. S. Clark Cemetery

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

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Raccoon Bayou Drainage Project
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Highway 165 South Corridor

3) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9037  
(INTRODUCTION ONLY)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9016 TO MAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR THEREIN APPLICABLE TO THE SALE OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2013, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance No. 9016 providing an administrative procedure for the conveyance of adjudicated properties that had been adjudicated for at least five years;

**WHEREAS**, state law allows for the conveyance of adjudicated properties that have been adjudicated for at least three years, with the conveyance of such properties being subject to a longer notice period than properties adjudicated for at least five years;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Company processing the conveyance of adjudicated properties has advised the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that citizens have frequently expressed interest in acquiring adjudicated properties that have been adjudicated for more than three but less than five years; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the public interest to include such properties in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's process for the conveyance of adjudicated properties as established by Ordinance No. 9016;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section I ("Administration") of Ordinance No. 9016 be, and is hereby, amended as set forth below to allow for the sale of properties adjudicated at least three years;

**I. "ADMINISTRATION"**

Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby establishes the Ouachita Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (hereinafter "OPPJ" or "Parish" or "Police Jury"). The Parish shall contract with a third party administrator or management company (hereinafter "Management Company") to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

The OPPJ hereby authorizes, pursuant to La. R.S.47:2196, the public sale of all properties adjudicated to the Parish since January 1, 1975, and for a period of at least three (3) years. The sale of said properties shall be

governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and this Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the above-state amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Ordinance by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury

The ordinance was introduced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- A. FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**  
Discussion/Action:
  - Contract with Land 3 Architect for Health Unit building renovations
- B. FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**  
Discussion/Action:
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- C. LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**  
Discussion/Action:
  - Authorization of Hold Harmless Agreement with LADOTD
- D. PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**  
Discussion/Action:
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**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

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