

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 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, July 20, 2020 at 5:39 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mr. Clampit 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)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed with Mr. Robinson abstaining.

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 July 6, 2020 was offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed with Mr. Clampit abstaining.

VISITORS:

There were none.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the drainage easement plat for Love Estates and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the drainage easement plat. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the right-of-way plat for Parker Lane and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the right-of-way plat for Parker Lane. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for Red Cut Road and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Beulah Church Road and stated that the cost to do a chip-seal of the southernmost section of this roadway would likely be about \$600,000.00. Mr. Robinson asked what the cost difference would be if asphalt were used and Mr. Crosby stated that cost could be \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to move forward with preparing complete cost estimates for this project as a chip-seal roadway and as an asphalt roadway. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby update the Jury on other ongoing projects in the parish.

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Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The president called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of June 12, 2020 through July 16, 2020 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton 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.

As part of the budget discussion, Mr. Cammack informed the jurors of the amount \$61,000 that has been spent to date on the newly purchased school board buildings for maintenance, data connectivity, and the amount of \$345,000 spent to date parish wide on the COVID-19 related expenditures. Ms. Cupit elaborated on the reimbursement applications through the CARES Act funding for the COVID-19 expenditures.

The chair recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the LWDA 81 PY 20 FY 21 WIOA contract and requested approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the contract. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding a contract for special accounting services and requested approval of the contract with Russell Recotta. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the contract with Russell Recotta. 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. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Clampit. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Hudson 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:

A brief discussion ensued about D'Arbonne Hills drainage. No action was taken.

The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

MR. JACK CLAMPIT, DISTRICT B:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHENIERE SPILLWAY AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.008226) (FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H008226); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) has proposed an Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to facilitate a project for the replacement of the Cheniere Spillway & Bridge in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.008226 and as Federal Aid Project No. H008226; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the above-described project is a worthwhile public project that will benefit the citizens of Ouachita Parish and that the Agreement proposed by LA-DOTD is in order;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute the proposed Agreement with LA-DOTD for the project for the replacement of the Cheniere Spillway & Bridge in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.008226 and as Federal Aid Project No. H008226.

The above resolution was adopted on the 20th day of July, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-32

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICKEY MERRITT TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 20, 2020 AND ENDING JULY 20, 2023; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term for Mickey Merritt has expired, however the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds his continued service as a member of said Board of Commissioners to be in the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Mickey Merritt, 401 J. T. Griggs Road, Calhoun, LA 71225 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning July 20, 2020 and ending July 20, 2023.

The resolution was adopted the 20th day of July, 2020.

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Mr. Clampit noted that Cheniere Lake Area 6 was currently closed and suggested that the property could be sold and the proceeds could be used for improvements at the other Cheniere Lake areas that were in use by the public. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize Mr. Mitchell to begin the process of selling Cheniere Lake Area 6 in accordance with law. 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 presented the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S APPRECIATION TO MAYOR JAMES E. ("JAMIE") MAYO FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROE; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, James E. (“Jamie”) Mayo has lived in the public eye of Ouachita Parish for the last six decades: as a basketball star at Northeast Louisiana University in the 1970’s; a businessman in the 1980’s; a member of the Monroe City Council in the 1990’s; and, most notably, as the Mayor of the City of Monroe from 2001 to present;

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Monroe elected Mayor Mayo to five (5) consecutive terms spanning nineteen (19) years and constituting the longest tenure of any Mayor since the incorporation of the City of Monroe nearly two centuries ago;

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure Mayor Mayo has worked consistently and diligently to promote his vision for the City of Monroe; and,

WHEREAS, during his time in office Mayor Mayo has established and maintained a working relationship between the City of Monroe and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that has allowed both governments to better serve the interests of their citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT PROCLAIMED that, by these presents, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby commend Mayor Mayo for his legacy of service to the City of Monroe and wish him much health, happiness, and success in his future endeavors.

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Mr. Thompson recognized Mayor Brown and a newly elected alderman of the Town of Richwood. Mr. Thompson asked Public Works to look at Highland Road and Martin Luther King in the Richwood area.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley asked to defer the matter concerning the Comcast franchise agreement to the next meeting of the Jury.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, POLICIES, AND APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FY 2020 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for water improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Procurement Policy, (2) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments and (4) Grievance Procedure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the President to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bradley N. Cammack and Karen Cupit are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Shane Smiley shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Origin Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Bradley N. Cammack is authorized to sign checks on the official depository, which is required for each check.

The above resolution was adopted on the 20th day of July, 2020.

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Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9344

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 5309, 17638, 47255, 59684, 65212, 33061, & 30553) 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 5309:** LOT 7, SQUARE 72 UNIT 11 BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 4012 CHURCH STREET, MONROE, LA. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/23/1997

Purchaser: Magnolia Johnson Estates Bid: \$100.00 Auction Date: July 21, 2020

2. **PARCEL 17638:** EAST 90 FT LOT 31 SQ 2 UNIT 2 M L OWNES ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 428 BAWCOM STREET, WEST MONROE, LA. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/13/2016

Purchaser: Multiple Bidders Bid: \$1,022.49 Auction Date: July 21, 2020

3. **PARCEL 47255:** LOT 4, SQUARE 7 UNIT 3 BTW ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 3106 BAILEY STREET, MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH IN 1990

Purchaser: Lavell Warren Bid: \$2,000.00 Auction Date: July 21, 2020

4. **PARCEL 59684:** LOTS 1, 2, & 3 OF BLOCK 80 OF LAYTON'S THIRD OR SOUTHER ADDITION OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT MADE BY R.O. MORRISON, C.E., DATED MAY 1915, RECORDED AT PAGES 2 AND 3, OF PLAT BOOK 3 OF THE PLAT WAS REVISED BY PLAT MADE BY W.I. NEEL DATED APRIL 6, 1956, RECORDED AT PAGE 23, OF PLAT BOOK 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, ADJUDICATED TO THE CITY OF MONROE ON 7/1/2011; QUITCLAIMED TO THE PARISH ON MAY 20, 2020 FILED IN BOOK 2618 PAGE 346 OF CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH

Purchaser: Lasandra Jones Bid: \$5,335.07 Auction Date: July 21, 2020

5. **PARCEL 65212:** LOTS 14, 15, & 16, SQUARE 6 WILSON WILLIAMS ADDITION; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS LOCATED ON WILSON STREET, MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/13/2001

Purchaser: Stephen Collins Bid: \$100.00 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

6. **PARCEL 33061:** LOT 14 SQ 16 OUACHITA COTTON MILLS 2ND ADDITION; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 801 S 8TH STREET, MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/10/2015

Purchaser: Simmie Anderson Bid: \$100.00 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

7. **PARCEL 30553:** SOUTH ½ OF NW ¼ OF NW ¼ AND SOUTH ½ OF NW ¼ OF NW ¼ OF SEC 14 T16N R1E – LESS 1.75 ACS BK 1277-769 AND LESS 10 ACS BK 1320-893; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS LOCATED ON JACK CROWELL ROAD, EROS, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/13/2016

Purchase: Multiple Bidders Bid: \$684.90 Auction Date: July 28, 2020

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.

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

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 stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Henry Anna Subdivision, Unit 2 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to grant preliminary subdivision approval for Henry Anna Subdivision, Unit 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 911 personnel actions and stated that Mr. Gabb was requesting to promote Tonya Small from 911 call-taker permanent part-time to 911 call-taker shift supervisor permanent part-time and to reclassify Theresia Porter to 911 call-taker. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the personnel requests. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The president recognized Curtis Garth, 2300 Georgia Street, Monroe. Mr. Garth spoke regarding his dispute with a bank.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary