

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 5:38 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, June 5, 2017 at 5:38 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Jack Clampit, Vice-President.

The invocation was given by Dr. Reddix. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Reddix.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Jack Clampit</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The vice-president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add a letter of support for Save Our Shelter Organization for a grant application. This item was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to amend the agenda as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack also asked to add a travel request under Mr. Brown’s name. This item was also received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to amend the agenda as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The vice-president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public comment period. Motion passed without opposition.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on May 15, 2017, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The vice-president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9139 – An Ordinance amending Sections 3½-59 and 21-116 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing the elevation of mechanical systems for structures in special flood hazard areas; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

**SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL:**

The vice-president spoke regarding the selection of the Official Journal for the next year. A motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the *Ouachita Citizen* as the Official Journal and the *Monroe Dispatch* as the Supplemental Journal for the year ending June 30, 2018. Motion passed without opposition.

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

**GREEN OAKS**

Dorothy Brantley – 25 Years

**VISITORS:**

The vice-president recognized Frank Wilcox with Monroe Housing Authority and Kenneth Wilson with the Monroe City Council. Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Wilson stated their support for Resolution No. 17-40.

Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-40**

**A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY’S AGREEMENT TO CONVEY CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF MONROE TO THE MONROE HOUSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO LA. CONST. ARTICLE 7 SECTION 14 (B); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Housing Authority (“MHA”) has undertaken an initiative aimed at improving and revitalizing the Ouachita Cotton Mill Company’s Second Addition to the City of Monroe, a neighborhood that has become riddled with blighted and abandoned properties;

**WHEREAS**, MHA proposes to acquire properties in this neighborhood that are presently blighted and/or abandoned and construct quality, affordable single-family homes thereon;

**WHEREAS**, MHA and its affiliated entities are properly-recognized 501(c) non-profit organizations that have a history of successful construction and administration of housing complexes and developments;

**WHEREAS**, this proposed project is supported by the City of Monroe as part of its “Fight the Blight” initiative; and,

**WHEREAS**, La. Constitution Article 7 Section 14(B)(6) specifically allows the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or parish to a non-profit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with La. Const. Art. 7 Sec. 14(B)(6), the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby covenant and agree to donate to the Monroe Housing Authority, or its properly-qualified affiliated entities, the following adjudicated properties in Ouachita Cotton Mill Company’s Second Addition to the City of Monroe (as identified by municipal address)

- 1208 S. 3rd St
- 1412 S. 4th St
- 1304 S. 4th St
- 1711 S. 3rd St
- 1211 S. 4th St
- 1406 S. 3rd St
- 1405 S. 3rd St
- 1413 S. 4th St
- 1200 S. 3rd St
- 1304 S. 3rd St
- 1609 S. 3rd St
- 1413 S. 3rd St
- 1417 S. 4th St
- 800 Pecan St
- 1109 S. 4th St
- 1209 S. 3rd St
- 1501 S. 3rd St
- 1107 S. 3rd St
- 1411 S. 3rd St
- 1205 S. 3rd St
- 1300 S. 4th St
- 1709 S. 3rd St
- 711 Pecan St
- 711 Beauregard
- 1309 S. 3rd St

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The vice-president recognized John Badger, 200 South Lake Circle, Monroe. Mr. Badger requested the Jury to look at Highway 594 and Willett Place Boulevard for road improvements. Mr. Murray stated that he would speak to the state about the request for Highway 594 and that his department would look at Willett Place Boulevard.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Stephanie Mullins, Director**

Ms. Mullins stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report. The Jury asked Ms. Mullins to elaborate on the improvements at the shelter. Ms. Mullins stated that repairs have been made to the kennels and lights have been added.

### **FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**

Ms. Bennett presented a proposed agreement from Capital Finance Authority for a home-buyers assistance program that has been well received in other parishes and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the cooperative endeavor agreement with Capital Area Finance Authority. Motion passed without opposition.

### **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.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Mr. Neal Brown, Director**

Mr. Brown spoke regarding the generator for the Ouachita Parish Health Unit and stated that the total cost would be approximately \$320,000. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve Mr. Brown to proceed with acquiring a generator for the Ouachita Parish Health Unit. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Brown requested approval for Mary Lopez to attend the Citizens Emergency Response Team training. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

### **LIBRARY: Ms. Robin Toms, Director**

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

### **PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES: Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator**

Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have anything to add to her written report.

### **911 OFFICE: Mr. Craig Lott, Director**

Mr. Lott stated that he did not have any items to add to his 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 6:01 p.m. The chair recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

### **SICK LEAVE**

Nelson, Danny	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 5/19/2017
Bethea, Mark	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 5/2/2017
Harris, Dustin	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 5/22/2017

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

### **PROMOTION**

Givens, Harrison	From Perm Firefighter	To Prob Fire Driver	Effective 5/22/2017
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the promotion as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett requested to open the position of housing support specialist and to promote Patiece Smith to the position. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve opening the position and promotion Patiece Smith. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested approval of the job description for Housing Support Specialist II, to open the position, and to promote LaTanya Ausberry to the position. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the job description, to open the position and to promote LaTanya Ausberry. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray requested a pay increase for Jeremy Clack to Grade 229 Step 37A. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the pay increase. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested to hire Randall Hopkins as the special projects coordinator. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Randall Hopkins. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks. Mr. Anderson requested to hire Misty Whitt, Candace Hubbard, Kilwana Ross, and Donna Cole-Burrell at Juvenile Detention Officer II female part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the new hires as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Anderson requested to hire Travillion Pegross, Damion Atkins, and Malicate Austin as Juvenile Detention Officer II male part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Clampit to approve the new hires as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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A motion to enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary and final subdivision approval for Mims Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Dr. Reddix to grant preliminary and final subdivision approval for Mims Subdivision subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding preliminary subdivision approval for Le Coude Subdivision, Units 1 & 2 and recommended approval. Mr. Murray also recommended granting approval of the requested variance for the cul-de-sac and lot lines. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to grant preliminary subdivision approval and approval of the requested variances for Le Coude Subdivision, Units 1 & 2 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for the West Ouachita Industrial Park chloramination system and stated that the change order was for additional fittings and piping and would increase the contract by \$4,950. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the 2017 road program which includes segments of roads to be sealed or improved and recommended approval. Mr. Crosby also recommended moving \$275,000 from the rehabilitation program to the sealing program. Mr. Clampit stated that he is not happy with the road program as presented due to District B not being fairly represented but that he would make the motion to approve the road program due to the recommendation by Mr. Crosby and the necessity of moving forward. Mr. Clampit also stated that he appreciated Mr. Crosby's work on the road program. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the 2017 road program as presented and to revise the budget to accommodate the different programs. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Crocker Lane and stated that construction is almost complete and final inspection should be held at the end of the week.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding St. Andrews Road and Jack Crowell Road and stated that he is waiting on the soil borings for the pavement recommendations.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding 40 Oaks Farm Road and stated that plans have been submitted to DOTD.

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

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Caples Road and stated that the notice to proceed as been issued.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Slocum Road and stated that the contractor will be repairing four driveways and then road striping can be done.

Mr. Crosby stated that he is still working with FEMA on the hazard mitigation and public assistance projects.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The vice-president stated that Mr. Robinson was not at the meeting.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 9139**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3½-59(b) AND 21-116 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, GOVERNING THE ELEVATION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS FOR STRUCTURES IN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the present Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury require that the lowest level of buildings constructed in floodprone areas or areas of special flood hazard shall be at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation;

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain and/or improve Ouachita Parish's rating in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to specify that this requirement of one (1) foot of freeboard above the base flood elevation also applies to the electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities of such buildings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the clarifying application of the one (1) foot freeboard requirement to such service facilities is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section 39½-59(b) of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended as set forth below to clarify application of the one (1) foot freeboard requirement to service facilities of certain buildings and structures [new language is underlined];

**Sec. 3½-59. - Land use restrictions.**

*(a) Non-floodprone areas: All residences, buildings, etc., shall be constructed so that the ground floor level shall be one foot above the natural ground.*

*(b) Floodprone areas: Construction may be permitted providing the lowest ground level of the building is floodproofed by elevating to an elevation at least one (1) foot above the 100-year base flood elevation, and attendant utilities and sanitary facilities are constructed in such a manner to minimize or eliminate flood damage. Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding. Such facilities shall be located a minimum of one (1) foot above the Base Flood Elevation.*

*(1) Construction may be permitted when it shall appear from certification of the Federal Housing Administration that other and varying mean sea level elevations are authorized by the Federal Housing Administration.*

*(2) Construction may be permitted where the developer by private means or otherwise has protected buildings and/or subdivisions from flooding by means of suitable levels or other barriers. All such protective devices must be approved by the Ouachita Parish engineer.*

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section 21-116 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended as set forth below to clarify application of the one (1) foot freeboard requirement to service facilities of certain buildings and structures [new language is underlined];



**Sec. 21-116. - General standards for flood hazard reduction.**

*In all areas of special flood hazard the following standards are required:*

*(1) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;*

*(2) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed at least one (1) foot above the highest adjacent grade regardless of elevation and shall incorporate design and construction methods and practices that minimize flood damage. Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding. Such facilities shall be located a minimum of one (1) foot above the Base Flood Elevation.;*

*(3) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage;*

*(4) All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;*

*(5) All new and replacement sanitary sewerage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharges from the system into flood waters; and*

*(6) On-site disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.*

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective prospectively upon its adoption by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that except as supplemented and amended hereby, all provisions of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish shall remain in full force and effect.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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

YEAS: (5) 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: (1) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A

The ordinance was adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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Mr. Clampit introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9140**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 15444: 302 HADLEY STREET, 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 19, 1998, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**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: 9016 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 \$1,661.44 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Crystal Piper for the consideration \$1,661.44 cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below was subject to public auction on June 1, 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 #15444, municipal address 302 Hadley Street, Monroe, LA, and more fully described as:

**A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SHOWN AS BEECHWOOD STREET AT THE WEST END OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT NO. 2 OF KINGSTON SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN BY PLAT FILED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 18 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID BEECHWOOD STREET HAVING BEEN REVOKED AS SHOWN BY INSTRUMENT FILED JULY 22, 1963 IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 789, PAGE 626 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID BLOCK 7 OF UNIT 2 OF KINGSTON SUBDIVISION; THENCE MEASURE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE HADLEY STREET A DISTANCE OF 50.45 FEET; THENCE MEASURE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 151.31 FEET; THENCE MEASURE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF HADLEY STREET A DISTANCE OF 50.45 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE MEASURE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 151.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

- 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.

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Mr. Clampit introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9141**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 67491: 709 WASHINGTON STREET, WEST MONROE, 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 22, 1995, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**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: 9016 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 \$1,730.19 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Kathryn Plunk for the consideration \$1,730.19 cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below was subject to public auction on June 1, 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 #67491, municipal address 709 Washington Street, West Monroe, LA, and more fully described as:

**WEST 100 FT OF NO½ LOT 10 SQ. 3 UNIT 3 CAGE & WATKINS RESUB  
HAYNES TRACT**

- 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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-38**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, POLICIES, AND APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FY 2017 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; Scotty Robinson 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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**MR. JACK CLAMPIT, DISTRICT B:**

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

The vice-president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

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

The vice-president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix presented a plaque to Mr. Murray and the Public Works Department for their work during the March 2016 Flood.

Mr. Smiley, Public Works chairman, presented the following proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON THE OCCASION OF “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States the week of May 21 – 27, 2017 was recognized as “National Public Works Week”;

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department, under the leadership of Director John Tom Murray, strive to provide excellent service to the citizens of Ouachita Parish throughout the year;

**WHEREAS**, during the past year the employees of the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department have borne the work required to repair the roads, bridges and other roadway infrastructure throughout Ouachita Parish that was damaged by the devastating Flood of March 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in Regular and Legal Session, does hereby endorse and support the National Public Works Week;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby specifically recognize and thank the men and women of the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department for the service they render for the citizens of Ouachita Parish.

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The vice-president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

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

Mr. Smiley asked to defer the matters concerning the CWEF grants.

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit offered the follow resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-41**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES IN THE CONTROL OF AQUATIC VEGETATION IN BAYOU DESIARD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Bayou DeSiard is a state waterbody located in Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, for many years the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has worked to control duckweed and other aquatic vegetation that appears in Bayou DeSiard and adversely impacts the public's use of the bayou for fishing and boating and these efforts have been effective and much-appreciated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has received numerous complaints from constituents that Bayou DeSiard is experiencing a particularly noxious growth of duckweed and other aquatic vegetation which is thought to have been exacerbated by the mild winter;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby formally request that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department undertake efforts to control the proliferation of duckweed and other aquatic plants in Bayou DeSiard.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. No opposition.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-39**

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING BRIDGES TO THE FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST FOR 2017-2019; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that:



**SECTION 1:** The Ouachita Parish Police Jury requests to program the following bridges in the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program Priority List for 2017-2019 as follows:

<b>STRUCTURE</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>RECALL</b>	<b>CROSSING</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b>
U3732326921031	Good Hope	400494	North Tupawek Bayou	\$ 470,120.00
5372222921041	Red Cut #3	400017	Watson Branch	\$ 582,540.00
5372174921281	Pine Bluff #4	400107	Drain to Cypress Creek	\$ 592,760.00
5372308920651	Pine St.	400740	Pine St. & 10th St. Int.	\$ 367,920.00
5372312920501	Harrison St.	400928	Concrete Canal	\$ 474,500.00
5372237920471	Harmon Johnson	400925	Drain to Prairie Bayou	\$ 204,400.00
5372299921861	Britton #2	400034	Drain to Cheniere Creek	\$ 316,820.00
5372235922021	Herman Dickerson	400424	Brown Creek	\$ 316,820.00
5372176921411	Tack Allen	400120	Drain to Cypress Creek	\$ 235,060.00
5372204921051	C. Rawls	400024	Prairion Bayou	\$ 786,940.00

**SECTION 2:** The Ouachita Parish Police Jury has contacted the adjacent property owners, and have received a tentative verbal agreement for the right-of-way acquisition however, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will obtain the right-of-way by expropriation should it become necessary in the future, and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will have all utilities relocated prior to construction.

**SECTION 3:** A copy of the resolution/priority selection listing should be sent to Gary C. Pentek, P.E., DOTD Plan Development Engineer.

**SECTION 4:** All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above resolution was adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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The vice-president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore requested of approval for a reimbursement for travelling to Jackson, MS for a meeting. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak with the Charmingdale adjudicated property. Mr. Mitchell stated that it was decided that the properties needed to be handled on a case by case basis.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The vice-president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested approval for a letter of support to the Save Our Shelter Organization. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the letter of support. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The vice-president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the renewal of the OCC and Green Oaks health services contracts and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the OCC and Green Oaks health services contracts. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice-president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

## **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following bottle club application and recommended denying the application due to the applicant having a license revoked in the Town of Richwood within the last two years. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to deny the following application and to refund the license fees. Motion passed without opposition.

**THAXTON, KESHANTA**

**DBA PC'S LOUNGE, 601 SMITH STREET,  
WEST MONROE, LA 71292, AFTER HOURS,  
2017 NEW**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The vice-president recognized Linda Badger, 387 Stubbs McCormick Road, Monroe. Ms. Badger spoke regarding the condition of Stubbs McCormick Road and stated that the road needs to be repaired. Mr. Murray stated that the Public Works Department will continue patching the road as needed. Mr. Crosby stated that the road would need to be rebuilt in order to address the conditions caused by poor drainage. Mr. Murray stated that his department would look at the roadside drainage to see if anything can be done at this time.

The vice-president recognized Elbert Smith, 415 Stubbs McCormick Road, Monroe. Mr. Smith asked if hot mix could be used when patching the road. Mr. Clampit stated that the Public Works Department would look into the cost of using hot mix.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary