

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 AT 5:33 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, March 16, 2020 at 5:33 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Jack Clampit</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Larry Bratton</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Lonnie Hudson</b>	<b>District F</b>

<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Michael Thompson</b>	<b>District D</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell asked to add the Council on Aging special event permit to the agenda. This item was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Hudson 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.

Mr. Thompson entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on March 2, 2020 was offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9328 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 68166, 85162, 82192 & 22550) 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. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

## **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Arvin Vielman, 216 Monarch Drive, Monroe. Mr. Vielman spoke regarding a canal behind his home that is causing erosion in his yard.

The president recognized Marvin Jones, 400 Monarch Drive, Monroe. Mr. Jones also stated his concerns regarding the canal behind Monarch Drive.

Discussion ensued concerning the canal servitude in place on these properties.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for Linda Drive and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 2 for Steeplechase Circle and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve Change Order No. 2. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the substantial completion for Steeplechase Circle. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby requested approval to begin the design phase for the 2020 parish striping program. There will be 45 segments for approximately \$431,000.00. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Hudson to authorize Mr. Crosby to begin design work on the 2020 parish striping program. Motion passed without opposition.

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Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, 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 6:05 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of February 14, 2020 through March 12, 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.

Mr. Cammack requested approval of the payment to the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of amounts claimed by the court pursuant to statute from the Jury and criminal and civil juror fees funds. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the payment. 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. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:08 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:**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-16**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE WELL ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.013776); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has received bids for the construction of the Well Road project (State Project No. H.013776);

**WHEREAS**, the apparent low bidder for said project is D & J Construction Company LLC which submitted a bid of \$725,269.20; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to D & J Construction Company LLC;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute such documents as are reasonable and necessary to award the contract for the construction of the Well Road project (State Project No. H.013776) to D & J Construction Company LLC as set forth above;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such authorization is subject to and conditioned upon compliance with the State/Parish Agreement for said project, including the approval of said award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

The above resolution was adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-18**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF A TAXABLE EXCESS REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020, BY CADEVILLE WATER DISTRICT, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,460,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of Cadeville Water District, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Cadeville Water District, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on February 3, 2020, authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,460,000 (the "Bond"), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and installing improvements, extensions and additions to the drinking water system of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has requested that the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), give its consent and authority for the District to incur debt and to issue the Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415(B) it is now the desire of this Governing Authority of the Parish to approve the issuance of the Bond by the District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1.** In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and La. R.S. 33:1415(B), and in accordance with the request of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District, the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, hereby approves the incurring of debt by the District and the issuance by the District of its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,460,000, for the aforesaid purposes. The aforesaid debt shall be issued pursuant to La. R.S.39:526 and Sub-Part A, Part II, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and shall be sold to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

**SECTION2.** The Bond will be secured by and payable the revenues of the District of subsequent years, after the payment from such revenues of (1) all charges required by law or regulation, (2) all contractual obligations, (3) all necessary and usual charges provided for by ordinance or resolution, excluding depreciation and (4) all payments in respect of bonds for

which a pledge or dedication of specified taxes or revenues has been provided by law or in proceedings authorizing such bonds, regardless of the date of issue of such bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority., and neither the Parish of Ouachita nor this governing authority shall in any way be liable for the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bond.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, 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)

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

/s/ Karen Cupit  
Recording Secretary

/s/ Shane Smiley  
President

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-19**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE INTEREST OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY IN THE ENDORSEMENT OF Y3K, LLC AND THEIR PROJECT #20190433-EZ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981, Act 901 was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature, and Act 337 was enacted by the 1982 Legislature, Act 433 was enacted by the 1987 Legislature, and Act 581 was enacted by the 1995 Legislature, and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Ouachita Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the business is located within former Census Tract 104 Block Group 1, which, at the time of the above legislation, was **NOT** a designated Enterprise Zone or within the boundaries of an Economic Development Zone, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Ouachita Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements Ouachita Parish agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To REFUND all applicable\* local sales taxes on the purchase of the material used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, for housing any legitimate business enterprise, and machinery and equipment used in that enterprise. This tax refund would be on materials, construction and equipment purchased for a project and used by a business **permanently on that site**.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**Section 1.** **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Y3K, LLC, and their project #20190433-EZ is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

**Section 2.** **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provision or item of this resolution of the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above resolution was adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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The president recognized Mr. Bratton, District C.

**MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Bratton introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9330**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ALL PARISH ROADS IN THE VARIOUS UNITS OF FRENCHMAN'S BEND SUBDIVISION FOR USE BY "GOLF CARTS" IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 32:299.4; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the parish roads located within the various units of Frenchman’s Bend Subdivision (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Frenchman’s Bend”) are all classified as local streets providing access to residential structures. The only non-residential structure in Frenchman’s Bend is the Frenchman’s Bend Country Club and Golf Course, including its various outbuildings;

**WHEREAS**, local streets such as those in Frenchman’s Bend are not typically used by “through” traffic as part of a continuous route. Local streets also do not typically carry commercial trucks with heavy loads

**WHEREAS**, Frenchman’s Bend is surrounded on three-sides by Bayou DeSiard and on the fourth side by a railroad right-of-way. From a traffic standpoint, Frenchman’s Bend is an “island” with a single roadway entrance and no “through” streets; and,

**WHEREAS**, Frenchman’s Bend is known as a golf community, with most sections of the community having proximity to at least a portion of the eponymous golf course;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that all parish roads in all present units of Frenchman’s Bend Subdivision be, and are hereby, designated for use by “golf carts” in accordance with La. R.S. 32:299.4;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to post signage of this designation in accordance with state law, including but not necessarily limited to, signage at the entrance to Frenchman’s Bend Subdivision; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the designation established by this ordinance shall apply to any additional parish roads dedicated in any exiting or future unit(s) of Frenchman’s Bend Subdivision, unless an exception to such designation is made by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as a condition of its acceptance of the dedication of such roadway.

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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. Robinson offered the following ordinance for adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9328**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCEL 68166, 85162, 82192 & 22550) 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# 68166:** LOT IN LOT 35 G B HAYNES RESUB OF NW4 SEC 15 & NE4 OF NE4SEC 16 T17N R3E BEG AT SW COR LOT 35, E 150 FT, N 100 FT, W 150 FT, S 100 FT TO BEG, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 139 DELAUGHTER STREET , WEST MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/24/2015

**Purchaser: Paul B. Roberts    Bid: \$100.00                      Auction Date: March 03, 2020**

2. **PARCEL# 85162:** LOT 21 SQ 1 HARRISON RESUB SQ 3 TIPPIT & COBB 2ND ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 3306 PEARL STREET, MONROE, LA. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/28/2016

**Purchaser: Murphy Enterprises, LLC                      Bid: \$1,386.82    Auction Date: March 10, 2020**

3. **PARCEL# 82192:** LOT 16 SQ 2 ANIS MATTHEW ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1910 MORTON STREET, MONROE, LA. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/01/1991

**Purchaser: Mona Profit                      Bid: \$2,000.00                      Auction Date: March 10, 2020**

4. **PARCEL# 22550:** LOT 8 SQUARE 2, UNIT 2, ML OWENS ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 431 HICKORY STREET , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/13/2016

**Purchaser: David Mancill                      Bid: \$1,582.41                      Auction Date: March 2, 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, 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 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9329**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCEL 56093) 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# 56093:** LOT 15 SQ 1 ARENTS RESUB MILLER TRACT, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS LOCATED ON 2034 ADAMS STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH 6/19/1998

**Purchaser: John Christian Eby, III Bid: \$100.00 Auction Date: March 24, 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, 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 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 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, seconded by Mr. Bratton offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-17**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE HADLEY STREET PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.013791); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has received bids for the construction of the Hadley Street project (State Project No. H.013791);

**WHEREAS**, the apparent low bidder for said project is Amethyst Construction Inc. which submitted a bid of \$708,911.30; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to Amethyst Construction Inc.;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute such documents as are reasonable and necessary to award the contract for the construction of the Hadley Street project (State Project No. H.013791) to Amethyst Construction Inc. as set forth above;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such authorization is subject to and conditioned upon compliance with the State/Parish Agreement for said project, including the approval of said award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

The above resolution was adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack requested to hire Karn Jones as building, ground and maintenance worker. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to hire Karn Jones. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill presented the bid results for the stationary emergency generators and transfer switches and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from McKoin's Generator Service. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Bratton to accept the bid from McKoin's Generator Service. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill presented the bid results for rescue tools and recommended accepting the bid from BGS LLC. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the bid from BGS LLC. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Watershed Initiative appointments and informed the Jury that it did appear there would be conflict of interest for Charles Taylor's firm were he to serve on the committee. Mr. Mitchell recommended appointing someone to replace Mr. Taylor on the committee. No action was needed.

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

Mr. Cammack presented Ms. Bennett's items and stated that Ms. Bennett requested to open the special project coordinator position and hire Eugenia White to the position. Ms. Bennett also requested to open the positions for Workforce Development Specialist II, Workforce Development Officer III and monitor. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve all requests. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack stated that Ms. Bennett requested to defer the other personnel matters.

#### **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the special event permit for the Council on Aging and requested that the Jury approve the permit to be reissued with the date change once the event is rescheduled. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to allow for the date change on the special event permit. Motion passed without opposition.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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 6:28 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary