

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AT 5:30 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 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

The president gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Members Present</u>	(5)
Jack Clampit	District B
Larry Bratton	District C
Michael Thompson	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Lonnie Hudson	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Scotty Robinson	District A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add an item for a travel request for the 911 office. This 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on February 18, 2020 was offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition.

SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

GREEN OAKS:

Marvin Jones – 20 years

PUBLIC WORKS:

Carlo Roppolo – 5 years

Billy Fenn – 30 years

VISITORS:

There were none.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Stephanie Mullins, Director

Ms. Mullins requested to purchase a 2020 Ford F-250 for \$26,568.81 off state contract. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the vehicle purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Bobby Moore, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Moore stated that he did not have any items to add to the chief’s written report.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Ken Rochelle, Director

Mr. Rochelle asked to defer the cooperative endeavor agreement with OCC until the next meeting of the Jury.

LIBRARY: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack presented the bid results for grounds maintenance and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Northeast Lawn Service for \$40,000.

Mr. Cammack also presented the bid results for Security Guard Service and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Securitas Security Services, USA for \$127,567.44.

Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the bids from Northeast Lawn Service and Securitas Security Services, USA for these services. Motion passed without opposition.

LSU AG CENTER: Ms. Cathy Agan

Ms. Agan introduced Kimberly Butcher who updated the Jury on the nutrition program.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: Ms. Shannon Rider, Director

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

911 OFFICE: Mr. Jade Gabb, Coordinator

Mr. Gabb requested to purchase a portable building, asset 16263, from the Fire Department at fair market value. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the purchase as a cooperative endeavor agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Gabb requested to send James Green in Shantrail Scott’s place to the Tyler Technologies conference. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mr. Bratton, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Moore, Fire Department. Mr. Moore recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

Sick Leave

Name	Action	Effective Date
1) Wells, John	Termination of Sick leave	2/12/20
2) Meachum, Dale C.	Sick leave	2/04/20
3) Mathis, Xavier	Sick leave	1/30/20

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

Confirmations

Name	From	To	Effective Date
1) Moore, Samuel	Prob. Driver	Perm. Driver	03/25/20
2) Turner, O'Mar	Prob. Captain	Perm. Captain	03/25/20

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the confirmations as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

Terminations/Retirements

Name	Action	Effective Date
1) Alvis, Terry	Retired	2/13/2020
2) Woods, Nancy	Retired	2/13/2020
3) Bennett, Mark	Retired	3/22/2020

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the terminations as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Rochelle, Green Oaks. Mr. Rochelle requested to hire Evan Brown as a Juvenile Detention Officer II. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to hire Evan Brown. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mrs. Smith, Human Resources. Mrs. Smith presented the updated 911 accrued leave policy, explained this was needed in connection with a change to twelve hour shift, and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the 911 accrued leave policy. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business the Personnel Committee meeting a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit. Motion passed without opposition.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mr. Thompson, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

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

The chair recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby requested approval to advertise the Hannah's Run project for bids. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to authorize the advertisement of bids for the Hannah's Run project. Motion passed without opposition.

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

There being no other business to come before this committee at this time a motion to adjourn the Public Works committee meeting and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

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

The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

MR. JACK CLAMPIT, DISTRICT B:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SPRING OF 2020 FOR RIVER READS: ONE BOOK, ONE OUACHITA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Public Library, 90.3 KEDM Public Radio and other organizations across the region are urging all residents of Ouachita Parish to participate in the River Reads: One Book, One Ouachita parish-wide reading and book discussion initiative during March and April 2020; and

WHEREAS, the title selected by a diverse group of librarians is *Queen Sugar* by Natalie Baszile; and

WHEREAS, the novel portrays Louisiana life; and

WHEREAS, the Library will host 12 themed programs including a visit from the author herself to enrich the lives of residents; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of River Reads: One Book, One Ouachita is to encourage literacy, to remind people of the common human problems and opportunities that unite rather than divide us as a community, and to foster open discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the spring of 2020 will hereby be designated for River Reads: One Book, One Ouachita.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020. No opposition.

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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 expressed his concerns with the current flooding in various parts of the parish.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JEREMY CLACK TO SERVE AS THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY’S “RESPONSIBLE CHARGE” FOR CERTAIN ROAD PROJECTS; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) has applied for grant funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“LaDOTD”) to improve a number of roads in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is required to designate an employee to serve as its representative and “Responsible Charge” for these projects; and,

WHEREAS, the OPPJ’s Special Projects Coordinator, Randy Hopkins, who presently serves as its “Responsible Charge” for these projects has given notice that he will soon be leaving the OPPJ’s employment; and,

WHEREAS, the OPPJ’s Asst. Public Works Director, Jeremy Clack, possesses all qualifications necessary to serve as Responsible Charge, is familiar with the duties of a Responsible Charge, and previously served as the OPPJ’s Responsible Charge:

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate its Asst. Public Works Director, Jeremy Clack, as “Responsible Charge” for those projects for which La DOTD requires that the OPPJ designate an OPPJ employee as such.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020. No opposition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Ouachita Parish School Board (“OPSB”) announced plans to move its central office and sell its properties on Bry Street (the “Central Office”), St. John Street (the “Media Center”), and Jackson Street (the “IT Building”) in the City of Monroe, south of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse and Annex;

WHEREAS, in a public meeting held on August 6, 2018, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) offered to purchase said properties for the price of \$1,198,000.00, the appraised value of the properties;

WHEREAS, thereafter in a public meeting the OPSB accepted the OPPJ’s offer with the understanding that the sale of the properties would not be completed until the OPSB had completed the construction/renovation of its new central office and moved its operations from the properties described above; and,

WHEREAS, the OPSB has moved its operations and is now in a position to complete the sale of these properties

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session does hereby authorize and approve the purchase of the OPSB properties on Bry Street (the “Central Office”), St. John Street (the “Media Center”), and Jackson Street (the “IT Building”) in the City of Monroe, to be more particularly described in the Act(s) constituting the conveyance, for and in consideration of the sum of \$1,198,000.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Police Jury be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to execute such Act(s) of Sale and related documents on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as are reasonable and necessary to complete the acquisition of the above-described properties.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRADLEY N. CAMMACK, PARISH TREASURER, TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY AND/OR OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOVERING “UNCLAIMED PROPERTY”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, from time to time the Ouachita Parish Police Jury discovers that the Louisiana State Treasurer’s Office has in its possession “unclaimed property” or funds of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and/or the Parish of Ouachita;

WHEREAS, it is possible that similar agencies in other states could also possess “unclaimed property” or funds of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and/or the Parish of Ouachita; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, has an obligation to recover these public funds for the benefit of the citizens of Ouachita Parish,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its Treasurer, Bradley N. Cammack, to act as the representative of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and/or the Parish of Ouachita, for the purpose of recovering any “unclaimed property” of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and/or the Parish of Ouachita from the Louisiana Treasurer’s Office or such public offices that hold unclaimed property in other states;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization set forth above includes, but is not limited to, the authority to execute such claims forms or other documents as are reasonable and necessary for the recovery of any “unclaimed property” of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and/or the Parish of Ouachita

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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Mr. Smiley asked Mr. Crosby to comment on the agenda item concerning Ouachita Parish’s Watershed Initiative appointments. Mr. Crosby recommended the following list of appointments for the Ouachita Parish’s “Parish Subcommittee” and explained this list had been developed in coordination with Ms. Golden of the City of Monroe and Mr. George of the City of West Monroe:

Floodplain Manager:	Charles Taylor
Local Drainage or Levee District:	Brandon Waggoner
Local Engineer:	Kim Golden
Natural Resources:	James Hendrix
Community Representative:	John Miller, Janet Durden and Rev. Dauzart
Academic in Related Field:	Dr. Leigh Hersey and Dr. Gene Tarver
Soil/Water Conservation or Agriculture:	Todd Perry
Regional Planning & Development Dist.:	Doug Mitchell
Builder, Developer or Local HBA:	James Reneau
Environmental Non-profit:	Stuart Hodnett
Chamber of Commerce:	David Hampton and Clark Cooper
Real Estate, insurance or Banking:	Brenda Johnson and Rick Guillot

Mr. Crosby also added that the recommendation was for the Police Jury to designate Charles Taylor to serve as Ouachita Parish’s designee to the Region 3 Steering Committee. Mr. Mitchell raised the issue that Mr. Taylor’s service could create a question as to whether Mr. Taylor’s engineering firm, S. E. Huey Co., would be disqualified from working on projects selected by the committees on which Mr. Taylor served. Discussion ensued.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-14

A RESOLUTION NAMING MEMBERS OF THE OUACHITA PARISH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE REGIONAL WATERSHED INITIATIVE; DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WATERSHED REGION 3 STEERING COMMITTEE; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, as part of Louisiana’s Regional Watershed Initiative, each parish governing authority in Watershed Region 3 is to name a Parish Subcommittee and a person is to be designated as the parish’s representative on the Region 3 Steering Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby name the following to serve on the Parish Subcommittee for Ouachita Parish:

Floodplain Manager:	Charles Taylor
Local Drainage or Levee District:	Brandon Waggoner
Local Engineer:	Kim Golden
Natural Resources:	James Hendrix
Community Representative:	John Miller, Janet Durden and Rev. Dauzart
Academic in Related Field:	Dr. Leigh Hersey and Dr. Gene Tarver
Soil/Water Conservation or Agriculture:	Todd Perry
Regional Planning & Development Dist.:	Doug Mitchell
Builder, Developer or Local HBA:	James Reneau
Environmental Non-profit:	Stuart Hodnett
Chamber of Commerce:	David Hampton and Clark Cooper
Real Estate, insurance or Banking:	Brenda Johnson and Rick Guillot

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby identifies Charles Taylor as its selection to serve as Ouachita Parish’s selection to the Region 3 Steering Committee.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ATTORNEY TO SEEK THE OPINION(S) OF THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS AND/OR ATTORNEY

GENERAL CONCERNING ISSUES RAISED BY AN ENGINEER'S SERVICE ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FORMED AS PART OF LOUISIANA'S REGIONAL WATERSHED INITIATIVE; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the organizational plan for Louisiana's Regional Watershed Initiative calls for each parish governing authority in Watershed Region 3 is to name a Parish Subcommittee and a person is to be designated as the parish's representative on the Region 3 Steering Committee;

WHEREAS, because of his long-standing expertise regarding the interaction of the various natural and man-made drainage channels in Ouachita Parish and the various flood-control projects undertaken over the years, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has appointed Mr. Taylor to Ouachita Parish's "Parish Subcommittee" and supports his designation as Ouachita Parish's representative to the Region 3 Subcommittee and ultimately to the Region 3 Steering Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is a member and owner of S.E. Huey Co. ("Huey"), an engineering, architecture and surveying firm established in Monroe in 1928. Another engineer in the Huey firm serves as the consulting City Engineer for the City of West Monroe and the firm often provides engineering services to both the City of Monroe and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes and directs the Parish Attorney to seek the opinion(s) of the Louisiana Board of Ethics and/or Attorney General as to whether Charles Taylor's service on the committees identified above would create a conflict of interest that might disqualify S. E. Huey Company from providing engineering services for projects selected by said committees.

The above resolution was adopted the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson, District F.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-10

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MARCH 16-20, 2020, AS "HAPPY WEEK" IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, several years ago Ms. Cleoria Dunn, a local educator, was inspired by the Pharrell Williams song “Happy” to create an annual “Happy Week” celebration to boost morale and encourage positive civic engagement in Monroe, Louisiana and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the concept of “Happy Week” is worthwhile and should continue to be recognized in Ouachita Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the focus of this year’s “Happy Week” is “Overcoming Violence with Kindness” and focuses on supporting programs of The Wellspring;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in Regular and Legal Session, does hereby endorse and support the “Happy Week” initiative;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby designate the week of March 16-20, 2020, as the 7th Annual “Happy Week” in Ouachita Parish and does further encourage residents to bring happiness to the lives of others by “Overcoming Violence with Kindness” and supporting the efforts of The Wellspring during such week.

The above resolution was adopted on the 2nd day of March, 2020. No opposition.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented Change Order No. 1 for the annex elevator project and recommended approval. Mr. Cammack also recommended accepting the substantial completion for the project. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve Change Order No. 1 and to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Moore, Fire Department. Mr. Moore 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 Director. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the following application as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

SHAHEEN, WARIS

**CYPRESS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LLC DBA
QUICK TRIP #2, 4140 HIGHWAY 34, WEST
MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”,
RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2020 NEW**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey application and explained the specific circumstances related to this special event application. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval to allow sales until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday March 8, 2020. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson to approve the following application as recommended. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the special event permit to allow alcohol sales until midnight on Sunday, March 8. Motion passed without opposition.

WALKER, GEORGE

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ARENA
BILLIARDS, 1411 THOMAS ROAD, WEST
MONROE, LA 71291, MARCH 3-8, 2020 – CLASS
A BEER PERMIT & CLASS C LIQUOR PERMIT**

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Clampit. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary