

**Ouachita Parish Police Jury  
Finance Committee/Budget Meeting**

**Monday, November 20, 2017  
Police Jury Conference Room**

The Finance Committee of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury met on November 20, 2017 in the Police Jury Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Mr. Shane Smiley, Chairman.

Jurors attending:

Scotty Robinson  
Jack Clampit  
Ollibeth Reddix  
Shane Smiley  
Pat Moore

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the District Attorney and the Criminal Court Fund were presented by District Attorney Steve Tew. The District Attorney budget is in the General Fund.

The District Attorney's staffing has been reduced due to attrition. Ten clerical and six attorneys have left. Two of the six attorneys will be replaced. The criminal justice reform efforts in the state may impact revenues for the District Attorney's office. The office will need to be innovative in offsetting these possible reductions including looking at highway intradiction.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the District Attorney. Motion passed without opposition.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Criminal Court Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Library and the Library Capital Outlay funds were presented by Robin Toms, library director. The library kept the 2017 millage rate at 7.64 mills.

The department budgeted a merit increase of 4% for employees who qualify based on the evaluation plan. Also, a 6% increase is included for the director. Two new positions, a PR

coordinator and an Education coordinator, may be filled in 2018. The Ouachita Valley Branch of the library is slated for improvements in 2018 to include new shelving, furnishings, and flooring. This budgeted in the Capital Outlay budget.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Library. The motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Clampit seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Library Capital Outlay fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Fire Department and Fire Department Capital Outlay funds were presented by Chief Pat Hemphill. The department assessed 18.83 mills in 2017 and recommends a renewal of the millage before the expiration.

The department budgeted a 2% salary increase as is included in the working agreement. Retirement contributions have increased from 25.25% to 26.5% in June 2017. The 2018 rate has been calculated to be 27.25%. It is planned for a new class of firefighters to be hired in 2019. Training costs are expected to increase as younger firefighters are brought onto the USAR team.

The department plans on replacing the Zetron radio system in dispatch during 2018 as the current system is over twenty years old. Equipment will also be installed at the secondary dispatch site. Station renovations will continue in 2018. A helipad is also anticipated to be built at the main office. A new communication tower will also be built. A site will have to be purchased.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Fire Department and the Fire Department Capital Outlay funds. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix exited the meeting.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Public Works and Public Works Reserved funds were presented by Jeremy Clack, Assistant Director and John Tom Murray, Director.

Among the 2018 capital outlay purchases are three pickup trucks and two medium duty dump trucks. One will be fitted with a herbicide tank. They will also continue the GPS mapping project and purchase new facility management software. A transfer of \$500, 00.00 will be made to the parish transportation fund.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Public Works and Public Works Reserved funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Humphries Garrett Road Sewer were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. No action was taken on these items.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Pink Street and CDBG – Iris and Violet funds were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. These projects should end in 2018.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the CDBG – Pink Street and CDGB – Iris and Violet funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Economic Development fund were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Clampit seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Economic Development fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended budget for the V-Vehicle Fund was presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. The fund should end after 2017.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended budget for the V-Vehicle fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Justices of the Peace and Constables were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. The budget is part of the General Fund.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Justices of the Peace and Constables. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Code Enforcement were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. The fund is supported by a \$100,000.00 transfer from the General Fund.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Code Enforcement. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Keep Ouachita Beautiful were presented by Brad Cammack, Treasurer. The budget is part of the General Fund.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Keep Ouachita Beautiful. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Clampit seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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Shane Smiley, Chairman

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary