

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017 AT 5:45 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, November 6, 2017 at 5:45 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

The invocation was given by Ms. Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Moore.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Jack Clampit</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Clampit asked to add a travel request under his name. This item was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. 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 meeting held on October 16, 2017, was offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Arthur McMullen – 10 Years  
Dalton Fowler – 10 Years

**TREASURER**

Robert Gaines – 5 Years

### **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

Doretha Bennett – 30 Years

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

John Washington – 5 Years

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Barry Brown – 20 Years

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9168 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 8895: 3.033 acs in N2 of SW4 SEC22 T18N R5E-less parts sold-less lot bk 939/310-less lot bk 986-774-less lot bk 986/775 less lot bk 1016/644- less 3.03 acs bk 1384/123- less 3.03acs bk 1400/413- sold 3.029 acs bk 2006-885 r117804- sold 3.027acs bk 2216/684 R#123165 st, 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9169 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 55038: Lot five (5) of block five (5), Wilson Williams Addition to Monroe, Louisiana, as per plat on file in the office of the clerk and recorder of 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

### **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Laddie Aulakh, 985 Highway 80 E, Calhoun. Mr. Aulakh requested approval for Sunday sales of alcohol in District B. Mr. Mitchell recommended requesting an attorney general's opinion as to whether the Police Jury could take such action without an election, whether such an ordinance could be limited to one district, and other related matters. Mr. Clampit asked for a resolution requesting an attorney general's opinion to be placed on the next agenda.

The president recognized Charlotte Wade, 2002 Monroe Avenue, Monroe. Ms. Wade stated that she has been written up by code enforcement due to illegal dumping on property she owns in West Monroe and asked what her options are to keep people from dumping on the property. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would see what could be done.

**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.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS:** **Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**  
Ms. Bennett stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** **Chief Patrick Hemphill**  
Chief Hemphill asked to defer the purchase of equipment.

**GREEN OAKS:** **Ms. Dorothea Bridges, Interim Director**  
Ms. Bridges stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

**HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** **Mr. Neal Brown, Director**  
Mr. Brown stated that he received approval from FEMA for the hazard mitigation plan.

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

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The president called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

**SICK LEAVE**

Brown, Christian	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 9/28/2017
Jones, Chris	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 9/30/2017
Morris, Joshua	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 10/23/2017
Dowdy, Charles	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 9/11/2017

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the sick leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

**FMLA LEAVE**

Hibbard, Caleb	FMLA Leave	Effective 10/13/2017
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the FMLA leave as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Bridges, Green Oaks. Ms. Bridges requested the following: to open the position of administrative assistant and to hire Sheila Elmore to the position, to open the position of administrative secretary and to hire Patricia Singleton to the position, to promote

Austin Malicoate, Damian Atkins, and Kilwana Ross to full-time, and to reclassify Betty Harris to permanent part-time. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve all requests. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bridges recommended terminating Dominique Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell requested an opportunity to address this personnel matter in executive session and waived any right to twenty-four hours' notice of such executive session. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to enter into executive session at the end of the regular meeting to take up this matter. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray recommended terminating James Kendrix. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the termination. Motion passed without opposition.

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

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Smiley, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the request for a variance for lot lines for Cross Pointe Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to grant the variance for lot lines subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding final subdivision approval for Pelican Grove Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to grant final subdivision approval for Pelican Grove Subdivision 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 Comanche Trail emergency repairs and stated that the change order will adjust the contract quantities to match the as-built quantities. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the substantial completion for Comanche Trail and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby stated that he had submitted requests to Capital Outlay for the following projects: River Styx pump station; Steep Bayou Sewer Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3; Hannah's Run control structure; and Calhoun Industrial Site. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to ratify the 2018-2019 Capital Outlay requests. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby stated that he had submitted applications to Hazard Mitigation for Raccoon Bayou and East Town and Country drainage. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to ratify the Hazard Mitigation applications. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the allocation of hazard mitigation funding and recommended submitting a letter to GOHSEP to release \$3,481,021 to the City of West Monroe for them to use for property acquisition. Motion offered by Mr. Clampit, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize the president to sign the letter for GOHSEP approving the release of funds. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clampit to authorize the president to sign the letter for GOHSEP approving the release of \$1,265,153 to the City of Monroe for the purchase of generators instead of property acquisition. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the clarification of ownership of the FY 2017 LCDBG projects and stated that the state requires that the parish own the improvements for five years and then donate the lines back to Greater Ouachita Water Company. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to authorize the president to execute a letter to the LCDBG program stating that the parish will own the lines for five years. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Jack Crowell Road and stated that the last layer of chip seal has been done and the road will be scheduled for striping.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Slocum Road and stated that the contract is finishing the punch list items.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Caples Road and stated that the project is complete.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding St. Andrew's Drive cross drain replacement and stated that there were a few utility conflicts and the contractor will be back on the project on November 13.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding St. Andrew's Drive road project and stated construction should begin early next year.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Augusta Drive and stated that the bid opening will be held on November 15.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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

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

**MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9168**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 8895: 3.033 ACS IN N2 OF SW4 SEC22 T18N R5E-LESS PARTS SOLD-LESS LOT BK 939/310-LESS LOT BK 986-774-LESS LOT BK 986/775 LESS LOT BK 1016/644- LESS 3.03 ACS BK 1384/123- LESS 3.03ACS BK 1400/413- SOLD 3.029 ACS BK 2006-885 R117804- SOLD 3.027ACS BK 2216/684 R#123165 ST, 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 July 2, 2013 for nonpayment of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, 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 \$1,362.89 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Byron R. & Mary Jane Thomas for the consideration \$1,362.89 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 October 26, 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 #8895, Timberway Lane, and more fully described as:

**3.033 ACS IN N2 OF SW4 SEC22 T18N R5E- LESS PARTS SOLD- LESS LOT BK 939/310- LESS LOT BK 986-774-LESS LOT BK 986/775 LESS LOT BK 1016/644 LESS 3.03 ACS BK 1384/123- LESS 3.03 ACS BK 1400/413- SOLD 3.029 ACS BK 2006-885 R117804- SOLD 3.027 ACS BK 2216/684 R#123165**

- 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.

The ordinance was introduced on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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

YEAS: (4) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D

The above ordinance was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 9169**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 55038: LOT FIVE (5) OF BLOCK FIVE (5), WILSON WILLIAMS ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF 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 July 6, 2012, 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: 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 at \$1,364.56 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Chasity Gray for the consideration \$1,364.56 cash, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and



**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below is scheduled for public auction on October 16, 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 #55038, with a municipal address of 308 Marx Street, Monroe, LA, and more fully described as:

**LOT FIVE (5) OF BLOCK FIVE (5), WILSON WILLIAMS ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT ON THE FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.**

- 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.

The ordinance was introduced on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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

YEAS: (4) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D

The above ordinance was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9170**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO THE MONROE HOUSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO LA. CONST. ART. 14, SEC. 7 (B) AND LA. R.S. 47:2205, ET SEQ.; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 47:2205 authorizes the donation of adjudicated properties for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, La. Const. Art. 14, Sec. (7)(B) authorizes the donation of blighted or abandoned housing property to non-profit organization who agree to renovate and maintain such properties until conveyance of such properties by the organization;

**WHEREAS**, in a regular meeting held June 5, 2017, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury resolved to donate the following properties to Monroe Housing Authority ("MHA") via Resolution 17-40:

1. Parcel 54548 Ward 30 Lot 17 SQ 62 Ouachita Cotton Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn
2. Parcel 65599 Ward 30 Lot 18 SQ 63 Ouachita Cotton Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn
3. Parcel 42102 Ward 30 Lot 10 SQ 62 Ouachita Cotton Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn
4. Parcel 42099 Ward 30 Lot 10 SQ 49 Ouachita Cotton Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addn

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that such donation is in the public interest and in accordance with applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the donation of the abandoned adjudicated properties identified above to the Monroe Housing Authority upon completion of the procedures for the donation of adjudicated property pursuant to La. R.S. 47:4201, et seq.;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be, and hereby is, authorized to execute such document as are reasonable and necessary to complete the donation described above.

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Mr. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9171**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL 50566 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 09, 2009, for nonpayment of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 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 purchase price in the amount of \$1,794.84 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has received a written offer to purchase said property from Ivan Thomas for the consideration of \$1,794.84, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

**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 is described as Parcel # 50566 / 3312 Gayton Street:

**LOT 5, SQUARE 13, BTW ADDITION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.**

- 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. Robinson introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9172**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, GOVERNING MATTERS CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION AND BURNING; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Fire Department has requested amendments to certain provision of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana concerning burning in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish and matters relative to Fire Protection District Number One of Ouachita Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as the governing authority of both Ouachita Parish and Fire Protection District Number One of Ouachita Parish, finds said amendments to be in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section 15-16 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing “Open Air Burning” be supplemented and amended to provide as follows (*changes shown by underlined additions and stricken deletions*):

**“Sec. 15-16. Open-air burning; prohibition.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to burn any material which releases any contaminants as defined under LSA-R.S. 30:2053, within one hundred (100) feet of a residential or commercial structure.

(b) Any person or persons who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for a term in the parish jail no to exceed ten (ten) days or both.”

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section 20-13 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing “Investigation of Fires” be supplemented and amended to provide as follows (*changes shown by underlined additions and stricken deletions*):

**Sec. 20-13. - Investigation of fires.**

The designated arson investigator(s) of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires within the jurisdiction of said District when:

(1) ~~Damage due to the fire is estimated to be twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or more.~~ Fire damage to a vehicle or property of any type is \$20,000 or more;

(2) ~~On scene fire personnel are unable to make a cause determination when damage is less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)~~ The District or Deputy Chief on scene cannot determine the origin and cause;

(3) ~~On scene fire personnel have reason to suspect the fire might be incendiary in nature~~ There is evidence or suspicion of arson or another crime;

(4) ~~Death or bodily injury requiring ambulance transport has resulted from the fire or the efforts to control or extinguish the fire.~~ A death or any injury associated with the fire which requires the transport of fire personnel or the public to a hospital for treatment occurs: or,

5) The fire involves any structure which requires the responding apparatus to take measures to extinguish the fire.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Section 20-14 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing “Authority to Make Arrests and Carry Firearms” be supplemented and amended to provide as follows (*changes shown by underlined additions and stricken deletions*):

**Sec. 20-14. - Authority to make arrests and carry firearms.**

The Chief of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish is authorized to issue a commission to any arson investigator of the district granting such investigator the authority to carry and use firearms and to make arrests for violations of those offenses set forth in R.S. 40:1563.1. Investigators receiving such commissions shall ~~first be certified~~ attain certification by the council on peace officer standards and training (P.O.S.T.) or be qualified by the P.O.S.T. council, or both.

The authority granted to the district's arson investigators through such commissions shall extend to all powers, function, duties and responsibilities set forth for local arson investigators in R.S. 40:1563.1 and shall not be construed to grant any authority not enumerated in said statute.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that except as set forth above, the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-70**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JORDAN GUILLOT TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6, 2017 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2020; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau, and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan Guillot has expressed a desire to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Jordan Guillot be and hereby is appointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning November 6, 2017 and ending November 6, 2020.

The resolution was adopted the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

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The president recognized Mr. Clampit, District B.

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

Mr. Clampit requested approval of mileage reimbursement for a meeting he will be attending in Natchitoches. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The president stated that Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Reddix were not at the meeting.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-71**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE**

**STUBBS VINSON ROAD PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.011784) (FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H011784); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) has proposed an Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to facilitate a project for the construction of Stubbs Vinson Road in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.011784 and as Federal Aid Project No. H.011784; and,

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

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute the proposed Agreement with LA-DOTD for the project for the construction of Stubbs Vinson Road in Ouachita Parish, said project being identified as State Project No. H.011784 and as Federal Aid Project No. H.011784.

The above resolution was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

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

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

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore stated that the Together Louisiana Conference on November 9 in Baton Rouge has been rescheduled and she will not be able to attend. Ms. Moore also stated that Chennault Aviation Museum and the African American Museum will be presenting a program on November 9 honoring Major General James T. Whitehead, Jr.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

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

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

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the ratification of the substantial completion for the Green Oaks chiller project. Motion offered



by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to ratify the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

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 applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the following applications as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

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| <b>DECKARD, STEVEN</b>      | <b>DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #17835, 4932 HIGHWAY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2017 NEW</b>                |
| <b>SAEED, AMIN A.</b>       | <b>ARSHY ADENAH LLC DBA TAZ MART, 801 NEW NATCHITOCHEST ST., WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>                      |
| <b>KEY, TANDY</b>           | <b>BIG STAR OF FARMERVILLE, INC. DBA FRESH MARKET HARVEST FOODS, 127 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>                         |
| <b>KARNJANAKIT, AUCHARA</b> | <b>DBA AM-OR FOOD MART, 1841 HWY 80 EAST, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>  |
| <b>WILLIAMS, JAMES</b>      | <b>WAL-MART LOUISIANA LLC DBA WALMART MARKET #2940, 5251 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>          |
| <b>AULAKH, LADDIE S.</b>    | <b>USA TRUCKSTOP, INC., DBA 103 RESTAURANT, 987 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, RETAIL RESTAURANT “CLASS R” 2018 RENEWAL</b> |
| <b>AULAKH, LADDIE S.</b>    | <b>USA TRUCKSTOP, INC. DBA 103 TRUCKSTOP, 985 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>                               |
| <b>AULAKH, LADDIE S.</b>    | <b>LADLA, LLC DBA PINE HILLS GROCERY, 1300 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL</b>                                  |

**AULAKH, LADDIE S.** USA TRAVEL PLAZA, LLC DBA INTERSTATE LIQUORS, 450 HIGHWAY 546 WEST, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**AULAKH, LADDIE S.** USA PLAZA, INC., DBA ROADHOUSE, 989 HWY 80 E, SUITE D, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2018 RENEWAL

**AULAKH, LADDIE** AVI-RAJ PROPERTIES LLC DBA HILLSIDE GROCERIES, 506 OLE HWY 15, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**AULAKH, LADDIE S.** USA GROCERY LLC DBA CALHOUN GROCERIES, 974 HIGHWAY 80 EAST, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**CAMARENA, YAHVE** EL AZTECA WEST MONROE LLC DBA AMIGOS, 7702 DESIARD STREET, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, RETAIL RESTAURANT “CLASS R”, 2018 RENEWAL

**CORDELL, JOHN H.** CENTRAL OIL & SUPPLY CORP DBA HARDE MART #103, 331 HWY 546, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**CORDELL, JOHN H.** CENTRAL OIL & SUPPLY CORP DBA HARDE MART #115, 104 HWY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**COX, GREG** COX, INC., DBA GENE COX’S, 2401 ARKANSAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2018 RENEWAL

**QUARLES, MICHAEL** QUARLES ENTERPRISES INC DBA THE OASIS, 417 THOMAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2018 RENEWAL

**LEAR, BERNIE** JOHNNY’S PIZZA HOUSE INC. DBA JOHNNY’S PIZZA HOUSE #4, 3001 OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”, RETAIL RESTAURANT “CLASS R”, 2018 RENEWAL

<b>LEAR, BERNIE</b>	<b>JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE INC. DBA JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE #13, 1126 HWY 139, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>LEAR, BERNIE</b>	<b>JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE INC. DBA JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE #14, 102 WALLACE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>LEAR, BERNIE</b>	<b>JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE INC. DBA JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE #16, 1322 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>LEAR, BERNIE</b>	<b>JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE INC. DBA JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE #30, 1700 THOMAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>SINGH, DILBAGH</b>	<b>K &amp; A OF MONROE LLC DBA ROYAL DAIQUIRI &amp; BAR, 4509 CYPRESS ST., SUITE 1, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>SINGH, DILBAGH</b>	<b>K &amp; A OF MONROE LLC DBA SUPER SAVE #3, 4509 CYPRESS ST, STE. 2, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>FULLER, TERRY</b>	<b>DBA FULLER'S GROCERY, 4140 HWY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2018 RENEWAL</b>
<b>DUCHESNE, GARY B</b>	<b>DBA DUCHESNE PRAIRIE RD GROCERY, 1527 PRAIRIE RD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2018 RENEWAL</b>

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The president advised that Mr. Caldwell has asked to step down as chairman of the finance committee and stated that Mr. Smiley will serve as finance committee chairman for the remainder of the year.

The Jury entered into executive session at 6:34 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Clampit to terminate Dominique Mitchell as recommended by the Green Oaks interim director. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Clampit. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Scotty Robinson, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary