

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

**Monday, October 16, 2017  
Police Jury Conference Room**

The Finance Committee of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury met on October 16, 2017 in the Police Jury Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Walt Caldwell, Chairman.

Jurors attending:

Scotty Robinson  
Jack Clampit  
Walt Caldwell  
Ollibeth Reddix  
Shane Smiley  
Pat Moore

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Judges/Court Reporters in the General Fund were presented by Tim Langston, CPA, Judge Scott Leehy, and Ben Jones.

An assistant to one of the judges is currently being used as a part-time court reporter. The capital outlay requests include needed new technology.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Judges/Court Reporters in the General Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Court Fees fund and Criminal Jurors Fees fund were presented by Tim Langston, CPA.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Court Fees fund and the Criminal Jurors Fees fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for Green Oaks Juvenile Detention Home and Green Oaks Reserved funds were presented by Ms. Dorothea Bridges.

The operations fund transfer will transfer \$150,000.00 to the reserved fund in 2018. Current plans for 2018 call for repairing the roof and purchasing a new vehicle.

Mrs. Moore moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Green Oaks Juvenile Detention Home and Green Oaks Reserved funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Juvenile Detention Home 2006 Construction fund were presented by Mr. Brad Cammack.

Dr. Reddix moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Juvenile Detention Home 2006 Construction fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District and Mosquito Abatement Emergency Disease Control funds were presented by Mrs. Shannon Rider.

The District is currently assessing 1.4 mills which is lower than their approved millage. The current aerial contract period expires at the end of 2017. The department will be purchasing an inventory of chemicals in 2017 that will be available for next year. The department plans on purchasing one new truck with the associated equipment during 2018.

Mr. Clampit moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District and Mosquito Abatement Emergency Disease Control funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the 9-1-1 Communications District fund were presented by Mr. Craig Lott.

The district is currently having Winbourne Consulting conduct a funding study and audit of surcharge revenue stream. The AT&T Wireline revenue has greatly decreased in 2017. An investigation is ongoing to get an explanation.

Capital outlay expenses include purchasing mobile computers for Monroe Fire Department, completing a telephone upgrade and a backup CAD/Telephone equipment facility, upgrading the telephone system, replacing USP units at OPSO and AMR, and replacing the HVAC system at the 9-1-1 center.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Clampit seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the 9-1-1 Communications District fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Jail Operations, Jail Maintenance Reserve, and Jail 2007 Major Improvements funds were presented by Warden Patrick Johnson.

The number of DOC inmates is anticipated to drop. Currently, it is expected that 30 inmates will leave the facility in November. This is due to re-sentencing guidelines.

The phone contract is out for bid. Implementation of a tablet system for education is being considered. Forty women are now in the work release program. The Jail Operations fund will transfer \$180,000.00 to the Maintenance Reserve fund in 2017 and 2018. The Jail 2007 Major Improvements fund will end after 2017.

Mr. Clampit moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for the Jail Operations, Jail Maintenance Reserve and Jail 2007 Major Improvements funds. Motion passed without opposition.

Warden Johnson asked for the opportunity to speak to the Police Jury concerning the Sheriff's proposal to develop an OPSO Women's Work Release at Ouachita Correctional Center (OCC). He presented a handout to the jurors.

The Sheriff would like to construct a new building at OCC to house the OPSO Women's Work Release Program. The OPSO would pay for all expenses related to the facility.

Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

The 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #9 were presented by Mr. Brad Cammack.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Clampit seconded a motion to approve the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #9. Motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Walt Caldwell, Chairman

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary