

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 5:34 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, October 5, 2020 at 5:34 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Cammack asked to add Resolution 20-50 to add to the District Attorney’s September expenses to the CARES Act application to the agenda. The request for this action was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Mr. Smiley asked to add Tommy Hayes as a visitor. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, 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 September 21, 2020 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9350 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 125466, 20393, 53441, 77734, 8881, 14856, 72925 & 73787) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9351 – An Ordinance revoking the westernmost portion of Lucky Lane; and, further providing with respect thereto. Bobby Stokes, 171 Lucky Lane, Monroe, appeared and spoke in favor of the ordinance. No one else appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9352 – An Ordinance amending Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, to establish a speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour for Meadowlark Drive; providing for a public hearing; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Tommy Hayes. Mr. Hayes introduced himself to the Jury and stated that he is running for judge in the Fourth Judicial District Court.

A motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Review to hear any and all appeals or protests from taxpayers on their 2020 assessments was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

The taxpayers filing protests were:

- 1) **ARCP MT Monroe LA LLC, Assessment # 114832**
- 2) **DT Retail Properties, Assessment # 120645**
- 3) **Community Trust Bank, Assessment # 40194**
- 4) **Community Trust Bank, Assessment # 51193**
- 5) **LKQ Corporation, Assessment # 104989**
- 6) **Bruckner Truck Sales, Assessment # 54748**
- 7) **Monroe Retail Group LLC, Assessment #s
48219, 48220, 48221, 48223, 48224, 48225, 48230, & 48231**
- 8) **Pecanland Village Shopping Center, Assessment # 73076**
- 9) **Polestar LA Monroe (Desiard) LLC, Assessment # 44567**

The president recognized Stephanie Smith, Assessor. Mrs. Smith spoke regarding the tax appeals and asked that the Board of Review uphold the assessments as prepared by the Assessor's office. Mrs. Smith stated that Monroe Retail Group LLC withdrew their appeals. Mrs. Smith presented supporting documentation for the record. No one appeared on behalf of any of the protesting taxpayers.

No one else appeared or came forth to speak regarding the tax appeals.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Robinson to uphold the property assessments as prepared by the parish assessor and to refer the appeals to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Motion passed without opposition.

The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

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 Pat Hemphill**
Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

GREEN OAKS: **Mr. Jesse Williams, Interim Director**
Mr. Williams was not at the meeting. Mr. Cammack presented the bid results for the fourth quarter food and food products and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Ben E. Keith for \$30,179.62. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to accept the bid from Ben E. Keith. Motion passed without opposition.

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: **Mr. Neal Brown, Director**
Mr. Brown requested approval of the 2020 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant and the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to accept the grants and act as the fiscal agent. Motion passed without opposition.

PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES: **Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator**
Ms. Kirby stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

911 OFFICE: **Mr. Jade Gabb, Coordinator**
Mr. Gabb stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

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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. Hudson. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mr. Bratton, called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Hudson. Mr. Hudson stated that he would like to move forward with scheduling interviews for the Green Oaks director position. No action was taken.

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

Sick Leave

Name	Action	Effective Date
Turner, Brett	Extended sick leave	9/14/2020

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

Confirmations

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Moore, Jacob	Prob. Driver	Perm. Driver	10/07/2020
Martin, Brandon	Prob. Captain	Perm. Captain	10/07/2020
Young, Michael	Prob. Deputy Chief	Perm. Deputy Chief	10/07/2020
Moore, Robert	Prob. Administrative Asst. to the Fire Chief	Perm. Administrative Asst. to the Fire Chief	10/07/2020

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

Retirement

Name	Action	Effective Date
Daily, Ronald	Retires as Deputy Chief	9/25/2020

Promotions

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Mobley, Jimmy	Perm. District Chief	Prob. Deputy Chief	10/05/2020
Martin, Leonard S.	Perm. Captain	Prob. District Chief	10/05/2020
Jones, Cameron	Perm. Driver	Prob. Captain	10/05/2020
Bowie, Jamar	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020
Davis, Ernest	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020
Jordan, Casey	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020
Medlin, Joshua	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020
Perry, Joseph	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020
Spillers, Joseph Ryan	Perm. Firefighter	Prob. Driver	10/05/2020

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the retirement and promotions as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that action was not needed for the termination on the agenda due to the employee resigning before the meeting.

Mr. Cammack requested to open the building, grounds and maintenance worker position. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to open the position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested for a pay increases for Curtis Boyette and Robert Gaines. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the increases. Discussion ensued.

Substitute motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to table the matter until the next meeting of the Jury. The substitute 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. Robinson. 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 6:01 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray, Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding minor subdivision approval for Hattaway Subdivision, Unit 1 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to grant minor subdivision for Hattaway Subdivision, Unit 1 subject to comments from the Public Works Department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby updated the Jury on 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. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Robinson asked to carry the matter concerning Wallace Dean drainage to the next meeting.

The president stated that Mr. Clampit was absent and did not have any items.

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 asked to defer the matter concerning the evaluation and use of buildings and office space to the next meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-47

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA REGARDING THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LADOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as

determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the parish to reflect all structural changes, and obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges, which require load posting or closing, are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load-posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the Parish by the LADOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

The above resolution was adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley asked Mrs. Smith, Human Resources, to speak regarding the 2021 employee benefits. Mrs. Smith presented the renewal for the 2021 health insurance and recommended accepting option 2 from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Smiley stated that he would like to reduce the employer portion by 1%. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal option 2 for 2021 and to reduce the employer portion of the premium to 73%. Motion passed without opposition.

Mrs. Smith presented the renewals for dental, vision, and life insurances for 2021 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the renewals for dental, vision and basic life insurances for 2021 contingent to a 0% increase for vision insurance and to also discontinue the policy from New York Life for 2021. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the Police Jury meetings in November and stated that the meeting for November 3 is on Election Day. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton to move the meetings to November 9 and November 23. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to prepare a cost estimate for the south end of Holland Drive. Motion passed without opposition.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9350

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 125466, 20393, 53441, 77734, 8881, 14856, 72925 & 73787) 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# 125466:** TRACT 2 ASHTON PARK SUBDIVISION, NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: LOCATED ON BABY BEE LANE, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/09/2017

Purchaser: Daniela P. Crawford Bid: \$1,675.25 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

2. **PARCEL# 20393:** LOTS 1, 2, & 4 WESLEY ADDITION (ERROR IN LEGAL 2192/2750), MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 708 NEW NATCHITOCHESS ROAD , WEST MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/24/2014

Purchaser: David Mancill Bid: \$1,852.69 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

3. **PARCEL# 53441:** LOT 6, BLOCK 20, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, UNIT 4, OUACHITA PARISH LOUISIANA, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1111 S MCGUIRE AVENUE , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED ON 7/03/2009

Purchaser: R L Traylor Enterprises, LLC Bid: \$1,750.22 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

4. **PARCEL# 77734:** LOT 30, SQUARE 7, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 3113 BARLOW STREET , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED ON 9/01/1993

Purchaser: Thomas & Serena Reese Bid: \$1,866.66 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

5. **PARCEL# 8881:** A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND IN LOT 25 OF UNIT NO. 2, E.2. CRUSE SUBDIVISION OF THE L.P. ALEXANDER TRACT IN SECTIONS 18 AND 42, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, AS PER PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 10 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF (E ½) OF SAID LOT 25, THENCE FRONTING EAST IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF MYERS AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET; THENCE BACK SOUTH BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES, A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 115

OAKLAND STREET , WEST MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/13/2016, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS:1112 MYERS STREET, MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/17/1999

Purchaser: Herbert Allen Bid: \$666.66 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

6. **PARCEL# 14856:** LOT ONE (1), BLOCK THREE (3) OF F.C. TERIA'S GEROG WASHINGTON CARVER PARADISE ADDITION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT ON FILE AND RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 8, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2009 CONOVER STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/5/2012

Purchaser: Herbert Allen Bid: \$2,180.53 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

7. **PARCEL# 72925:** THE EAST THIRTY-ONE (31) FEET OF LOTS ONE AND TWO (1 AND 2) OF BLOCK TWO (2) OF F.C. TERZIA'S GEROG WASHINGTON CARVER PARADISE ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2000 CONOVER STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/13/2011

Purchaser: Herbert Allen Bid: \$2,636.20 Auction Date: September 22, 2020

8. **PARCEL# 73787:** LOT 7 OF BLOCK 40 OF UNIT NO. 9, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT IN PLAT RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA , MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 3812 WILEY STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/22/1995

Purchaser: SCW Investment Group Inc. Bid: \$1,866.66 Auction Date: September 22, 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 21st day of September, 2020.

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

YEAS: (5) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; 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: (1) Mr. Jack Clampit, District B

The above ordinance was adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9351

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE WESTERNMOST PORTION OF LUCKY LANE; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Lucky Lane is a parish road running westerly from U.S. Hwy. 165 North to a dead end;

WHEREAS, Ouachita Christian School is the owner of all property along and accessed by Lucky Lane more than 150' west of the western boundary of the right-of-way of the railroad running along the western side of U.S. Hwy. 165 North;

WHEREAS, Ouachita Christian School has asked that the portion of Lucky Lane running through its property be revoked in order that it might better control access to its campus and better utilize its property for purposes such as event parking; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the requested revocation will not adversely affect other properties and is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2020, that the portion of the public right-of-way of Lucky Lane located more than 150' west of the intersection of Lucky Lane and the western line of the railroad right-of-way be, and is hereby, revoked.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 21st day of September, 2020.

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

YEAS: (5) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; 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: (1) Mr. Jack Clampit, District B

The above ordinance was adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9353

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 49905, 37290, 42177 & 37604) 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# 49905:** LOT 4 SQUARE 6 FILHIOLS ADDITION, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1907 ADAMS STREET , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/01/2010

Purchaser: Jackson & Fontenot Construction Co., LLC Bid: \$100.00 Auction Date: 10/6/2020

2. **PARCEL# 37290:** A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND SITUATED IN LOT SI OF SQUARE TEN OF AUSTIN & EBY'S FIRST SOUTHERN ADDITION TO WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA AS PER PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 13, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 404 S 1ST STREET , WEST MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/24/2015

Purchaser: Jerome C. Kaufman Bid: \$658.35 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

3. **PARCEL# 42177:** LOT 6, SQUARE 12, RENWICKS ADDITION , MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2406 GRAMMONT STREET , MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/17/1995

Purchaser: Alonzo Johnson Bid: \$1,333.33 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

4. **PARCEL# 37604:** LOTS 10 & 12 OF BLOCK 3 OF SUPERIOR DEVELOPMENT CO. RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 6 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE OF B LOCK 3 OF ATKINS STATION ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 10 PAGE 4 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA,

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2626 RAILROAD AVENUE, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 7/11/1992

Purchaser: Donald Robinson

Bid: \$2,000.00 Auction Date: Lot Next Door

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. Robinson offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-49

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARION GALLIEN TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 5, 2020, AND ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2024; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of East Town & Country Drainage District No. 1, and Marion Gallien has expressed a desire to serve on said board;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Marion Gallien, 24 Paige Drive, Monroe, LA 71203, is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of East Town & Country Drainage District No. 1 for a term of four (4) years, beginning October 5, 2020 and ending October 5, 2024.

The above resolution was adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-50

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THROUGH THE LOUISIANA CARES ACT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has an obligation to insure funding of expenses of the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office pursuant to LA R.S. 16:6; and,

WHEREAS, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office has requested additional funds for payroll related expenses associated with COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office has requested an additional \$159,863.74 for payroll related expenses from September 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will request reimbursement from the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Cares Act for the additional expenses requested by the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office; and,

WHEREAS, the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office will reimburse the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for any money not approved by the Louisiana Cares Act;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to provide additional funds in the amount of \$159,863.74 for the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office for payment of payroll related expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The above resolution adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson, District F.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9352

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR FOR MEADOWLARK DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, considering the traffic volume and characteristics of the roadway, the establishment of a speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour on Meadowlark Drive is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to establish and provide for a specific speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour for Meadowlark Drive.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 21st day of September, 2020.

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

YEAS: (5) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; 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: (1) Mr. Jack Clampit, District B

The above ordinance was adopted on the 5th day of October, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-48

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE TANGLEWOOD DRIVE PROJECT (STATE PROJECT NO. H.013796); 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 Tanglewood Drive project (State Project No. H.013796);

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder for said project is Amethyst Construction, Inc. which submitted a bid of \$485,502.00; 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 Tanglewood Drive project (State Project No. H.013796) 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 5th day of October, 2020.

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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 stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. 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. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the following application as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **ISMAIL, MOHAMED** **DBA KING FOOD MART LLC, 610 SMITH ST., WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER “CLASS B”, RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS D”, 2021 RENEWAL**

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary