

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HELD ON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a special called session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Conference Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Scotty Robinson, President.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to approve the agenda as published. 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. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Clampit to close the public comment period. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the emergency repairs to Comanche Trail and stated that a water line ruptured under Comanche Trail and caused significant damage to the road on the evening of September 8, 2017. Mr. Crosby stated that during the past week he had prepared specifications, provided them to multiple contractors and received sealed bids that were opened on September 14 with the lowest conforming bid coming from Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$274,342.30. Mr. Mitchell stated that if the Jury certified this situation as a public emergency the normal requirements of the public bid law do not all apply and the Jury could accept the Amethyst Construction bid as recommend by Mr. Crosby. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Crosby then explained the circumstances that supported certifying this as a public emergency.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-62

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE DAMAGE/COLLAPSE OF A PORTION OF COMANCHE TRAIL RESULTING FROM A RUPTURED WATER MAIN CONSTITUTES A “PUBLIC EMERGENCY” PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on the evening of Friday, September 8, 2017, a large, high pressure water main ruptured under Comanche Trail, just north of Indian Lake Drive;

WHEREAS, water rushing from this ruptured main significantly damaged the road bed and roadway rendering a section of the roadway approximately 200’ in length collapsed or otherwise impassable;

WHEREAS, this damage to Comanche Trail has cut-off direct vehicular access to dozens of homes. A detour is available to allow vehicles to reach all but a few of these homes; however, that detour involves placing significant traffic on two particularly narrow, curving residential streets that were not designed or intended for such traffic;

WHEREAS, residents in the immediate area of the collapsed roadway are unable to reach their homes by vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the consequences of the sudden and unforeseen event that rendered this section of Comanche Trail impassable constitutes a “public emergency” under La. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a)

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby certifies the sudden and unexpected rupture of a large, high pressure water main under Comanche Trail that occurred on or about September 8, 2017, which damaged a portion of that roadway to the extent that it is impassable, to constitute a “Public Emergency” pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212(D)(1)(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of this Public Emergency shall be published within 10 days in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above resolution was adopted the 15th day of September, 2017.

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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the lowest conforming bid and award the contract to Amethyst Construction, Inc. Motion passed without opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Scotty Robinson, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary