

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF
OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR
MEETING HELD, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008, AT 7:10 PM.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in regular and legal session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:10 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt M. Caldwell, IV, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Members Present	(6)
Mr. Charles Jackson	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Walt Caldwell	District C
Mr. Dorth Blade	District D
Mr. Shane Smiley	District E
Ms. Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent (0)

Invocation was given by Mr. Charles Jackson. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Jackson.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on January 14, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell announced service awards to the following employees:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Donnie Holloway-20 years	John Cox ■ 20 years
Todd Thompson ■ 20 years	Mark Bennett ■ 20 years
William Lensing ■ 20 years	Roderick Simmons ■ 20 years
James Lofton ■ 20 years	Steven McMullen ■ 20 years
Michael Demoss ■ 20 years	Jay Barfield ■ 20 years
David Harris ■ 20 years	Michael Young ■ 20 years
Dinnon Butler ■ 20 years	Mervyn Matlock ■ 20 years

GREEN OAKS

Jermaine Cooper ■ 5 years

The president recognized visitor, Mr. Willie Crain.

Mr. Crain spoke regarding the Capital Outlay Projects of the parish. Mr. Crain recommended to the jury to establish a new priority list of Capital Outlay Projects and possibly establishing an East Ouachita Economic Development District with three possible locations. Don Harrison, Consulting Engineer spoke regarding this matter. A brief discussion ensued. The president asked that Mr. Crain set up a meeting with the members of the local legislative delegation. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Bill Roark of Tri-State Properties. Mr. Roark presented the 3 sites to the jury that were being considered for purchase for the Southwest Branch of the Parish Library. Mr. Roark along with the Library Board recommended to the jury that Location or Site 1 be purchased for this project.

Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the execution of a purchase agreement for property located at the intersection of Hwy 34 and Hwy 557, for the Southwest Branch of the Parish Library. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson abstaining.

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Cpl. Wayne Heckford

Cpl. Heckford announced the Great American Cleanup on March 1, 2008. In addition, he stated that the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference will be held in Monroe during the month of August.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief

Chief Hemphill reviewed the monthly activity report for January 2008, that had been presented to the jurors.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the admission and release information for January 2008 that had been presented to the jurors.

The president recognized Ms. Steele, Housing Director and Mr. Tims, LaJet Director.. Both of them reported no items at this time.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: Dr. Cole Church, Director

Dr. Church reported the activities of the Mosquito Abatement District including larvicide applications in catch basins and other sheltered pools of water. He

reported that tests for West Nile virus had been positive in South Louisiana mosquitoes despite the onset of winter.

**MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:
CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A**

The president recognized Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of authorization of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Fire Protection District 1. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to authorize the Citizens Advisory Committee for Fire Protection District 1 to explore any and all avenues to improve the OPFD's fire rating.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding a matter about holiday pay for the Firemen which would be an adjustment to their base pay. Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that the item was not on the agenda. The agenda would have to be amended by 2/3 vote to take up the matter at this time. The president asked Mr. Cammack to place this matter on the Finance Committee agenda on February 19, 2008. Information will be gathered for this item for the February 19, 2008 finance committee meeting.

Mr. Jackson introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 8882 (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A PORTION OF HENDERSON RD;
AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

WHEREAS, there exists no public purpose for the continuation of Henderson Rd as a public road North of the South line of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec.12, T18N, R2E.

WHEREAS, the revocation of said portion of Henderson Rd is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the portion of Henderson Rd, NORTH of the South line of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec.12, T18N, R2E is hereby revoked.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed revocation of the portion of Henderson Rd be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun.

Mr. Calhoun asked that the matter regarding a cost estimate of Road and Parking Improvements at the Rifle Range be moved to the February 19, 2008, agenda.

Motion by Mr. Calhoun, second by Mr. Blade to appoint Brad Cammack as Treasurer for a term of two years.

Motion passed with no opposition.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the agreement with the Sheriffs' Office regarding the use of handguns by Animal Control Officers. Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to speak on this matter. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff subject to the preparation and approval of Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel to indemnify and hold harmless the Sheriff Department regarding the use of handguns by the Animal Control Officers.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter regarding the Frenchman's Bend Subdivision Road Lighting District be carried over to the February 19, 2008 agenda. Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to set up a meeting with members of the Subdivision and himself to talk about this matter. Mr. Caldwell asked that that an item be added to the February 19, 2008 agenda requesting that the legislature change the wording of the statute in reference to road lighting districts.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the matter of the Bayou Desiard Ecosystem Restoration Project. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to direct Mr. Harrison to contact the Corps of Engineers to address the jury's problem with the proposed changes to the route of

Fink's Hideaway Road and to suggest that the Corp contact the jury to discuss a viable alternative to the proposed route.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the matter of revising the Family Justice Center Arrests Grant. Mr. Cammack directed the Jury to a letter from Judy Bell of Wellspring, the organization that oversees the Family Justice Center, regarding this matter. Mr. Cammack stated that this is a budget adjustment only and not an increase/decrease in the grant. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, second by Mr. Jackson to approve the recommendation of Mr. Cammack and Judy Bell to revise the budget of the Family Justice Center Arrests Grant.

Motion passed with no opposition.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the matter of the Garden Park Subdivision Access Improvement. Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to direct the Public Works department along with Mr. Harrison to get a cost estimate on improving the access to the Garden Park Subdivision. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-07

A RESOLUTION STATING THE INTEREST OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY IN THE ENDORSEMENT OF RICHWOOD CORRECTIONAL CENTER, LLC AND THEIR PROJECT #20071277 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981, Act 901 was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature, and Act 337 was enacted by the 1982 Legislature, Act 433 was enacted by the 1987 Legislature, and Act 581 was enacted by the 1995 Legislature

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Ouachita Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 106.03 Block Group 3 in Ouachita Parish as Enterprise Zone eligible based on enabling legislation R.S.51.21.1787-1791, and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Ouachita Parish, and

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements Ouachita Parish agrees:

- 1) To participate in the enterprise zone program.
- 2) To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone within its jurisdiction.
- 3) To REFUND all applicable *local sales taxes on the purchase of the material used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, for housing any legitimate business enterprise, and machinery and equipment used in that enterprise. This tax refund would be on materials, construction and equipment purchased for a project and used by a business permanently on that site.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Richwood Correctional Center, LLC, State Application #20071277 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provision or item of this resolution of the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president recognized Mr. Smiley.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Smiley.

ORDINANCE NO. 8881 (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON DIANA DRIVE AT FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Diana Drive, a parish road located in District E of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, residents have requested that a fifteen miles-per-hour (15 mph) speed limit be established on said Road:

WHEREAS, the establishment of a speed limit of fifteen miles-per-hour (15 mph) on Diana 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 hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

Section 14.1 Speed Limits

Diana Drive- 15 miles per hour

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-04

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. BARNEY TUCKER, CPA TO THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DISTRICT E, TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF MRS. GRATIA WHITLOCK, RESIGNED, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barney Tucker, has expressed a desire to serve on said committee

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following individual, Mr. Barney Tucker, CPA, District E, be and hereby is appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee, to a term of two years beginning February 4, 2008 and ending February 4, 2010.

The above resolution passed with no opposition.

At this point, Mr. Blade left the meeting.

MS. P AT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

The president recognized Ms. Moore:

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the matter of the status of the Safe Routes to School Program at Shady Grove Elementary School. Ms. Moore asked that this item be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the matter of truck traffic in the Tanglewood and Charmingdale Subdivisions. Mr. Mitchell stated that an ordinance would be drafted for the next meeting establishing regulations of truck traffic on the roads in those subdivisions.

At this point, Mr. Blade returned to the meeting.

Ms. Moore spoke briefly about the Police Jury Association's Orientation for new Jurors held December 6, 2007.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Checklist of Best Practices in Government. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to conduct the self assessment test as recommended by the Police

Jury Association to be completed within six months and report the findings back to the jury. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Ms. Moore:

ORDINANCE NO. 8884 (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON HOOTER RD TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE OUACHITA RIVER LEVEE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH FOREST HOME RD TO LEVEE; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has established a specific speed limit of thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on Hooter Rd, a parish road located in Ward 4 of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, residents have requested that the speed limit be reduced to twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on that portion of Hooter Road from its northern most intersection with the Ouachita River levee to its intersection with Forest Home Road.

WHEREAS, reducing the speed limit to twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on Hooter Rd 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 hereby amended as follows, to-wit:Section 14.1. Speed Limits Hooter Rd from its Northernmost intersection to its intersection with Forest Home Rd to the Levee (25) miles-per-hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The following Resolution was offered by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-06

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MR. ROBERT CANTERBURY TO THE OUACHITA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4, 2008 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 2011; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term of Robert Canterbury on the Civil Service Board for Ouachita Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 has expired.

WHEREAS, Mr. Canterbury possesses valuable knowledge of the Civil Service Laws and the operation of the Ouachita Parish Fire Department and his continued service will be of benefit to the citizens of said District,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Canterbury, 3009 River Oaks Drive, Monroe Louisiana 71201, be and is hereby re-appointed to serve on the Ouachita Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Civil Service Board for a term of three (3) years beginning February 4, 2008 and ending February 4, 2011.

The following ordinance was introduced by Ms. Moore:

ORDINANCE NO. 8885 (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A PORTION OF COCO BEND RD AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, there exists no public purpose for the continuation of Coco Bend Rd as a public road west of the East line of Sec.10, T15N, R3E,

WHEREAS, the revocation of said portion of Coco Bend Rd is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the portion of Coco Bend Rd West of the East line of Sec.10, T15N, R3E is hereby revoked.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed revocation of the portion of Coco Bend Rd be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

BEER AND WHISKEY LICENSES:

The president presented the following beer and whiskey license for approval.

- 1) **THOMAS, TERESA L. D.B.A. ■BAD GIRLS LOUNGE■**, 1612 Thomas Rd, West Monroe, LA 71291, Ward 5, Class ■A■ Beer Retail Dealer (on premises), and Class ■C■ Retailing Liquor (on premises), **NEW 2008**

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the new application for beer and whiskey license subject to the legal review by Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed with no opposition.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

The president recognized Mr. Cammack:

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the purchase of a printer for the Tax Office and stated that this was a budgeted item. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to purchase a printer for the Tax Office. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of repairing the roof of the courthouse.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the draft sketch of the monument from George Welch Elementary PTO to be placed on the courthouse grounds. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the placement of the monument on the courthouse grounds as proposed and to form a committee comprised of the President of the Police Jury, Mr. Kadar, representatives of the District Attorney Office, Sheriff's Office, Clerk's Office and the Monroe Garden Club to determine the exact location. Motion passed with no opposition.

LEGAL: Mr. Jay Mitchell, ADA

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter of the State of Louisiana's exercise of its option to extend the lease at the Parish Health Unit.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to authorized Mr. Caldwell to execute the appropriate documents to acknowledge the exercise of the option by the State to extend the lease at the Parish Health Unit.

Motion passed with no opposition.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

The president recognized Mr. Murray.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter of extending the contract with Weed Pro, LLC and stated that this matter has already been taken care of in a previous meeting. Mr. Murray asked that the minutes be checked to confirm this. No action taken.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter of leasing and rental of two (2) motor graders. Mr. Cammack expanded on the matter. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the rental/lease agreement of two (2) motor graders subject to the approval of the legal and fiscal departments. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Lydia Crockett-State of Louisiana, Department of Labor. Ms. Crockett, State of Louisiana spoke briefly regarding the matter of the WIA Trade Assistance Integration Contract. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the Trade Assistance Integration Contract and to authorize the President to execute all paperwork in regards to the agreement. Motion passed with no opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the matter of reimbursing the Sheriff's Office for invoices for utilities at the Ransom School Training Facility for the periods of Jan-April 2007 and May-August 2007. Mr. Caldwell asked that this matter be deferred to the next meeting under Other Business. No action taken.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the matter of the reimbursement to the Town of Richwood for plumbing services at the Shamblin Street Station. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell to defer payment of invoice was withdrawn. Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade to reimburse the Town of Richwood, \$1,147.79 for plumbing services at the Shamblin Street Station. Motion passed with no opposition.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Steve Wells addressed the Ouachita Parish Police Jury about the use of handguns by animal control officers, stating he felt such might be cruel to the animals. There being no other business to come before this body.

Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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