

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008, AT SIX-THIRTY-FIVE (PM).

Members Present (6)

Mr. Charles Jackson	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Walt Caldwell, IV	District C
Mr. Dorth Blade	District D
Mr. Shane Smiley	District E
Ms. Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent (0)

Invocation was given by Ms. Pat Moore. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Moore.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on November 5, 2007. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley and Ms. Moore abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on November 19, 2007 subject to changes as noted. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley, and Ms. Moore abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on December 17, 2007. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley, and Ms. Moore abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on February 4, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. James Poe, Chairman of Keep Ouachita Beautiful Board.

Mr. James Poe spoke regarding the monies available for Keep Ouachita Beautiful. Mr. Poe asked that the jury provide matching funds if grants could be identified to pay for cleaning up litter in the parish. At this time, Mr. Calhoun asked permission to take up the matter on his agenda referencing this request. A brief discussion ensued. No action taken.

The president recognized Mr. Wade Bishop, President of the Ouachita Parish Fire Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wade Bishop spoke regarding the matter of litter briefly and offered to donate the services of his printing business to help the parish in this regard. Mr. Bishop spoke regarding the proposed study of the parish fire department submitted by the ULM Social Science Research Laboratory. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson asked that this matter be deferred to the March 3rd meeting of the jury.

The president recognized Rev. John Sewell. Rev. Sewell expressed congratulations to the jury and spoke regarding flood problems in the Tanglewood and Pine Bayou areas of the parish. Mr. Sewell spoke regarding repairs to Tanglewood Road at Greenwood Road. A brief discussion ensued.

The president recognized Mr. Charles Jackson, District A.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of compensation of fire personnel and asked that this matter be deferred to the March 3rd meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the matter of the cost estimates of the Road and Parking Improvements at the Rifle Range. A brief discussion ensued. This matter was deferred to the March 3rd meeting.

Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopt the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on February 4, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the legislation of Road Lighting Districts. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to draft a proposed statute to the legislature to allow Road Lighting Districts in Ouachita Parish to levy service fees to the owners, rather than occupants of properties and to allow the Sheriff to collect such fees in the same manner as ad valorem taxes. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked that item number 2 under his agenda be taken up with the items to be presented by Mr. Cammack later on the agenda.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 4, 2008 subject to changes on page 2 and 3. Motion

passed with no opposition.

Mr. Blade asked for update on invoices for sewer services at Richwood. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cammack updated the jury on this matter. No action taken.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the appraisal services for the Finks Hideaway Road Project. Mr. Harrison spoke briefly to the jury about this matter. Motion by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize the acceptance of Keats Everitt's proposal for appraisal services. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Smiley asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the matter of acquisition services for the right-of ways for the Finks Hideaway Road Project. Motion by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize Mr. Harrison to open a Request for Qualification for such right of way acquisition services. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade,

RESOLUTION 08-05

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. SHANE MOOREHEAD TO THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DISTRICT F, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19, 2008 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 2009; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Committee; and Mr. Shane Moorehead, 1457 Hooter Rd, Monroe, LA 71202, District F 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. Shane Moorehead, District F, be and hereby is appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee, beginning February 19, 2008 and ending February 19, 2009.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19th day of February 2008.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter of regulating truck traffic in the Tanglewood and Charmingdale Subdivisions. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Moore introduced the following Ordinance 8883.

ORDINANCE NO. 8883 (INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE LIMITING CERTAIN TRUCK TRAFFIC ON PARISH ROADS IN THE TANGLEWOOD AND CHARMINGDALE SUBDIVISIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF OUACHITA PARISH; PROVIDING AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM AND PENALTIES THEREFORE; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that large commercial trucks are using Parish roads in the Tanglewood Subdivision as a connecting route or “shortcut” between U.S. Highway 165 Bypass South and Louisiana Highway 15;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury further finds that large commercial truck traffic is using Parish roads in Charmingdale Subdivision as a connector or “shortcut” between U.S. Highway 165 South and Harmon Johnson Road;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the resulting increase of large commercial truck traffic on these roads in densely populated residential subdivisions constitutes a threat to the safety of other motorists and pedestrians within said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that prohibiting the use of roads in Tanglewood and Charmingdale Subdivisions as a connector or shortcut as described above is a reasonable exercise of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury’s authority to regulate its Parish roads:

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-5 of the compiled ordinances of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and hereby is adopted as follows:

- “SEC. 14-5.** Prohibition of non-local commercial truck traffic on certain roads.
- A. No person shall operate a tractor-trailer or a commercial truck having a body length in excess of thirty (30) feet on the following roads in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish:
 - Tanglewood Drive
 - Dellwood Drive
 - Charmingdale Drive
 - North Charmingdale Drive
 - Merrydale Drive
 - Country Club Boulevard

 - B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to (1) fire apparatus; (2) vehicles

and machinery used solely in road construction while actually engaged in work upon a roadway; (3) implements of husbandry, including farm tractors temporarily moved upon a highway; or (4) a vehicle making a local delivery or call that requires it to use any road identified in paragraph A above;

- C. Violation of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to Ouachita Parish Ordinance No. 7952, the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to post appropriate signage at the entrances to the roads identified above.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison to update the jury on the matter of the Safe Routes to School Grant. Mr. Harrison reported that the application was ready to be submitted awaiting the authorization of the police jury.

Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to authorize Resolution No. 08-09 in support of the grant application of Shady Grove Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF SHADY GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNDER THE FY 2008 LOUISIANA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has established the Louisiana Safe Routes to School Program for the purpose of assisting local communities in planning, developing an implementing projects and activities which will improve safety in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, Shady Grove Elementary School located at 2304 Ticheli Road is situated on a heavily traveled public road with a need for improved pedestrian facilities to accommodate children from the immediate neighborhood walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for funding assistance in support of Shady Grove Elementary School under the FY 2008 Louisiana Safe Routes to School Program;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal session convened on the

19th day of February, 2008, that the Ouachita Parish police Jury hereby authorizes an application for assistance in support of Shady Grove Elementary School under the FY 2008 Louisiana Safe Routes to School Program administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Walter M. Caldwell, IV, President is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the application to the Louisiana Safe Routes to School Program in support of Shady Grove Elementary School.

Motion passed with no opposition.

The above resolution was adopted the 19th day of February 2008.

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

HURD, JASON **DBA, “MULLIGAN’S AT THE BEND”**, 1484 FRENCHMAN’S BEND RD, MONROE, LA 71203, WARD 2 CLASS ‘A’ BEER RETAIL DEALER, AND CLASS ‘C’ RETAILING ON AND OFF PREMISES, NEW.

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

The president recognized Mr. Cammack

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for Pest Control and recommended to the Jury that the low bid of Redd Pest be accepted. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the low bid of Redd Pest for pest control.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for Office Supplies and recommended to the jury that Stuart’s and Business Products and Design were the low bidders for these various papers items. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to award the computer and bond paper to Stuart’s and the copy paper to Business Products and Design. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of Teleconferencing Equipment for the Jail, Courthouse and the Indigent Defender Board. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell passed the gavel to the Vice President to act on this matter. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the contract with Comcast to provide internet services to the Jail and Indigent Defender Board subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement through which the IDB would pay one-half of the Comcast fee.

Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining. The gavel was passed back to the president.

Mr. Cammack stated that he, Karen Cupit and Mr. Mitchell would be out of the office on Friday, February 22, 2008, attending the Police Jury Association Conference.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The president recognized Chief Hemphill.

Chief Hemphill spoke on two matters. Chief Hemphill recommended placing J. Talton on administrative leave as of February 6, 2008 and termination as of February 19, 2008. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to accept the recommendation of the fire chief. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the matter on installing a fire hydrant in the Town of Sterlington on Hwy 2 west of Church Street. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Smiley to install a fire hydrant in the Town of Sterlington on Hwy 2, 400 feet west of Church Street. Motion passed with no opposition.

LEGAL:

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell reported that he had no items.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray and Mr. Harrison recommended to the jury to deny preliminary approval of Parkwood II Subdivision Estates, Unit 7. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to deny approval of Parkwood II Subdivision Estates, Unit 7. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray and Mr. Harrison recommended final approval of the Willow Creek Subdivision. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade the final approval of Willow Creek Subdivision subject to the comments of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Murray. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter of the Bayou DeSiard Ecosystem. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to request in writing to the Corps of Engineers a review of the existing control structure of Finks Hideaway Rd at L11 canal and to promote the use of this existing structure as an alternative to reduce the cost of the Bayou Desiard project. Motion passed with no opposition

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the matter of 2008 Capital Outlay Requests. Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Cammack to contact Mr. Crain to address this matter.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter of reimbursing the Sheriff's Office for utilities at their training facility. Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that a Court of Appeal opinion indicated the Jury was not obligated to pay the bill for these utilities. A brief discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell informed the jury of an Economic Summit scheduled for the weekend of February 22-24, 2008.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The president recognized Mr. James Poe. Mr. Poe spoke regarding the Great American Cleanup scheduled for March 1st, 2008. A brief discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Scottie Garvin, 27 Southlake Drive, Monroe, who spoke regarding the condition of Tanglewood Road. No action taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before this body, motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Walt M. Caldwell, IV, President
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Minutes adopted March 3, 2008.