

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008 AT 5:33 P.M.**

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, August 4, 2008 at 5:33 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.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Charles Jackson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Dorth Blade</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(0)</b>
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Invocation was given by Mr. Smiley. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Smiley.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting including the Finance Committee Meetings held on July 21, 2008 with the corrections to page 2 and 7, was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president presented the following service awards for the month of August.

**911**  
**Linda Butler – 5 years**

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Richard Dunn – 15 yrs**

**GREEN OAKS**  
**Shirley Dunn – 10 years**  
**Sandra Moncrief – 10 years**

The president noted that visitor Stephanie Patrick, The Advocacy Center of Polling Places Accessibility would not be attending the meeting. Mr. Mitchell added that matter had been resolved and no one else would be speaking on her behalf.

The president recognized Brian Newcomer, Warden-Ouachita Correctional Center. Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Newcomer was appearing because of an item listed on the regular agenda under his name. The president asked did any member have a problem taking up the matter at this time. There was no opposition to the request. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the electronic locking system for the jail. Mr. Cammack stated that the question before the jury was what fund to use to pay for the system, either the recent capital outlay funding or the 1996 capital outlay funding. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to use the existing (.6 mils) capital outlay funds to pay for the locking system for the jail. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Thornhill. Mr. Thornhill spoke regarding the bid opening for a wastewater treatment plant held earlier in the day for West Ouachita Industrial Park. The president stated that this item was not on the agenda and asked for a waiver. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to waive the agenda to take up this matter. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Thornhill stated that the anticipated cost of the project was originally around \$400,000 and that Amethyst Construction submitted the low bid of \$410,606. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the low conforming bid of Amethyst Construction for this project. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a public hearing on the proposed limited tax exemption on the property located at 412 Trenton Street, West Monroe, LA. The president spoke regarding the matter and stated that the Tensas Levee Board had requested additional information about the exemption. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had also talked with the levee board director and addressed his concerns regarding the exemption. No one else came forward to speak in favor of or against this resolution. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president stated that he would entertain a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to recess the Police Jury Meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Dorth Blade at 5:53 p.m, called the personnel committee meeting to order.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding reclassifying the temporary college student position to a permanent part-time position. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to reclassify the temporary position to a permanent part-time position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the adjustments to Building Maintenance Employees. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve a 2-step increase for Construction Supervisor, Mark Johnson. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve a 2-step increase for the Courthouse Building Supervisor, Catherine Newton. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the use of a parish vehicle for Brian Sorgee. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell opposing.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the position of Network Specialist. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open the position of Network Specialist. Discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition. The chairman asked for a motion to hire in the position of Network Specialist. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire Joseph L. Morris in the position of Network Specialist. Motion passed without opposition. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to grant a variance from the general personnel policy to allow Mr. Morris to begin his accrual of annual leave at the rate usually applicable for a two year employee. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill presented the following four personnel actions for consideration.

Bobby Brinson	Prob. Fire Captain	Permanent Fire Captain	Effective 8/13/08
Matthew Taunton	Prob. Fire Driver	Permanent Fire Driver	Effective 8/13/08
Eddie Horton	Prob. Fire Driver	Permanent Fire Driver	Effective 8/13/08
Rodney Harrison	Prob. Fire Driver	Permanent Fire Driver	Effective 8/13/08

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to confirm the permanent positions effective 8/13/08. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Rhodes, Green Oaks Director. Mr. Rhodes recommended for hire Ronaldlyn Bowers-Prieto in the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Ms. Prieto in the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Lott, 911 Director. Mr. Lott requested to open the position of 911 Call Taker. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open the position of 911 Call Taker. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman asked whether or not there was any other business to come before the committee. Mr. Murray, Public Works Director stated that he had an item regarding the donation of sick leave. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to amend the agenda to take up this matter. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the donation of sick leave to an employee. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the donation of sick leave by donating to employee Amy Stokes. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, motion to adjourn and convene as the Public Works Committee was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade. The Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman of the Public Works Committee, Mr. Mack Calhoun called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the final subdivision approval of the Keys Subdivision (District C). Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to grant final subdivision approval of the Keys Subdivision subject to the comments of Mr. Harrison. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman asked whether there was any additional business to come before this committee. Mr. Murray stated that he had asked Mr. Foy Gadberry to report on permits issued in the parish. Mr. Gadberry stated that 419 permits had been issued in the parish during the last six months. Mr. Gadberry stated that he would be attending an international code council meeting in September and requested a letter from the jury designating him as the parish's building code official. Mr. Gadberry stated that this would allow him to vote on code issues. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding this matter and advised that the letter requested by Mr. Gadberry could be issued by administration without the need for jury action. No action was taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before this committee, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The president reconvened the regular meeting at 6:28 p.m.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

The President recognized the following Department Heads who reported briefly as to the status of their department, as follows, to-wit:

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: Cpl. Wayne Heckford**

Cpl. Heckford stated that he and Deputy Elam has been nominated for an award for the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference and placed in the top three. Cpl. Heckford stated that the awards banquet will be held on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and that each juror is invited to the banquet.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief**

**GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director**

Mr. Rhodes stated that the completion of the new girls wing will be before the end of the month and the open house for the new juvenile facilities in scheduled for September. Mr. Rhodes stated that the next quarterly meeting of the operational committee is scheduled for August 20, 2008.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
AGENCY: Mr. Butch Beckham, Director**

The president advised the jurors that Mr. Beckham had reclaimed the title of Region 8 Director and would be coordinating all activities for the region.

**LIBRARY: Ms. Cheryl Moulriere, Director**

**MOSQUITO CONTROL: Dr. Cole Church, Director**

Dr. Church reported that his board met last Thursday, July 31, 2008. Dr. Church stated that Acadia Parish Mosquito Control Program was auctioning off their equipment. Dr. Church stated that he had made offers on two trucks. Discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

**911 OFFICE: Mr. Craig Lott**

Ms. Moore requested that each department head be provided with copies of the other department head's reports.

**MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

**MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Louisiana Government Assistance Program 2008-2009 Application. Mr. Jackson stated that he thought that this could possibly be a source of funding for renovations at the courthouse. A lengthy discussion ensued. The president asked Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer to evaluate and provide to the jury a list of ongoing LGAP projects. No other action was taken.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Jackson:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8899 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH GOVERNING "OFFENSES -- MISCELLANEOUS" TO ESTABLISH A JUVENILE CURFEW IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Acts 2008 No. 478 enacted La. R.S. 33:1236(65) authorizing police juries and other parish governing authorities to establish juvenile curfews applicable to the unincorporated areas of the parish;

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials in Ouachita Parish have advised the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that there is a need for a juvenile curfew applicable to the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, juvenile curfews are presently in place within incorporated areas of Ouachita Parish, many of which areas are immediately adjacent to and not readily distinguishable from adjacent unincorporated areas of said parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the adoption of a reasonable juvenile curfew applicable to the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish is in the best interests of the citizens of Ouachita Parish;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Chapter 15 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana governing "Offenses -- Miscellaneous" be, and hereby is, supplemented and amended to add Section 15-20 to provide as follows:

**"Sec. 15-20. Curfew for minors established, exceptions, penalty.**

(A) (1) It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to be or remain in or upon any public property or public place in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, or otherwise be out in public and away from home in a boat, motor vehicle or other vehicle in the parish outside municipalities, Monday through

Thursday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (midnight) and 5:00 a.m. of the following day

(2) It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian, or other person having the care and custody of a minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to knowingly permit such child to violate any provision of this section.

(3) For purposes of this Section “*public property*” or “*public place*” means any road, street, sidewalk, right-of-way, alley, highway, park, playground or other place to which the general public has access and a right of access for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose. A public place shall include but not be limited to any store, shop, restaurant, cafe, drug store, shopping center and any other place devoted to retail sales of any type or nature, amusement or entertainment of the general public, as well as any cemetery, schoolyard, body of water or watercourse, or parking lot. “Public property” or “public place” does not include the sidewalk (or unimproved portion of a road right-of-way extending outside the improved roadway) abutting the minor’s residence, as to that minor.

(B) However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a minor accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor; or where the minor is upon an emergency errand; or where the minor is participating in any civic, religious or school-sponsored activity, or on the way home from such supervised activity, provided said minor is directly returning to his home from said supervised activity by the shortest possible route; or, where the minor is traveling directly to and from legitimate, gainful employment.

(C) Any minor violating the provisions of subsection (A)(1) of this section shall be dealt with in accordance with the juvenile laws of the state. Any parent, guardian, or other person who shall be found guilty of violating subsection (A)(2) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days or both.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of the introduction of this Ordinance and of a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse prior to the consideration of this Ordinance for adoption be published in the Official Journal on August 14, 2008, and August 21, 2008.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the Cheniere Lake Area 3 Bathrooms. Mr. Harrison stated that the plans have been completed and that he would meet with state and local health officials to complete the sewage and treatment discharge systems. Mr. Harrison stated that after this process is completed that the plans will be submitted to the state fire marshal's office.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the road repairs in District B. Mr. Harrison stated that bids will be opened on the morning of August 18<sup>th</sup> for this project.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the drawdown of Cheniere Lake. Mr. Calhoun stated that he had received a letter from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requesting the drawdown. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to start the drawdown of Cheniere Lake on September 2, 2008 as requested by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Motion passed without opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 8898 (INTRODUCTION)**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS OF THE OUACHITA PARISH FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 8868 adopted on June 18, 2007, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury adopted Sections 20-13, et seq. of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish providing for the "Ouachita Parish Fire Department Citizens Advisory Committee";

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 20-15 as adopted by said Ordinance required the Ouachita Parish Fire Department Citizens Advisory Committee to meet each month;

**WHEREAS**, said Committee has advised the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that experience has shown that meetings of the committee are not required each and every month;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that Section 20-15 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish be, and hereby is amended and re-enacted to provide as follows:

#### **"Sec. 20-15. Meetings.**

The Committee shall meet bi-monthly and otherwise upon the call of the Chairman. Meetings shall be held at the Ouachita Parish Fire Department



Training Center or at such other location as selected by the Chairman.”

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that except as provided herein the provisions of Ordinance No. 8868 pertaining to the Ouachita Parish Fire Department Citizens Advisory Committee are continued in full force and effect.

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**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-31**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR STEVEN R. & REBECCA R. HALL REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF A HISTORIC STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 412 TRENTON STREET, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, under LSA-R.S. 47:4314, an application for a limited ad valorem tax exemption is required to be reviewed by the local governing authority prior to approval thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed restoration of the building located at 412 Trenton Street will greatly enhance the economic development of downtown West Monroe.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that that certain application under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program by Steven R. & Rebecca R. Hall, dated April 9, 2008 regarding the restoration of a building located at 412 Trenton Street, West Monroe with the estimated construction costs of \$2,392,284.00, be and hereby is approved, all as per Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

The above resolution was adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the Road Lighting Districts. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the legislation that goes into effect August 15, 2008, as it pertains to Road Lighting Districts. Mr. Mitchell stated that this measure would have to be voted on by the residents of the road lighting districts. Mr. Mitchell suggested that this item be placed on the ballot in 2009. Discussion ensued. This matter was deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the ad valorem tax millage roll backs. Mr. Mitchell stated that the appropriate advertising had been done and that public hearings would be set for the first meeting in October. Discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding a cost estimate on Nutland Rd and Hadley Street. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter and stated that he would have the estimate ready by the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-32**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MS. ROSALIND LUMPKINS TO THE BOARD OF KEEP OUACHITA BEAUTIFUL FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS BEGINNING AUGUST 4, 2008 AND ENDING AUGUST 4, 2011; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Board of Keep Ouachita Beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosalind Lumpkins, 10 Terrace Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71202 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 Rosalind Lumpkins be, and hereby is, appointed to the Board of Keep Ouachita Beautiful for a term of three (3) years beginning August 4, 2008 and ending August 4, 2011.

The above resolution was adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-33**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO RE-DIRECT STATE FUNDS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED THROUGH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BLACK BAYOU BRIDGE ON TRAVIS STREET (Structure No. U37-32303-92088-1) AND FOR REPAIR OF**

**THE GOURD BAYOU BRIDGE ON RUBY ROAD (Structure No. P3732255915961) TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE YOUNG'S BAYOU BRIDGE ON HADLEY STREET (State Project No. 713-37-0111; Structure No. P3732291920431; Recall No. 400851); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD") has notified the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that through DOTD's Off-system Bridge Program DOTD has designated funds for the replacement of the Black Bayou Bridge on Travis Street ("Travis Street Bridge") (Structure No. U37-32303-92088-1) and for repair of the Gourd Bayou Bridge on Ruby Road ("Ruby Road Bridge")(Structure No. P3732255915961);

**WHEREAS**, a similar project for the replacement of the Young's Bayou Bridge on Hadley Street ("Hadley Street Bridge") (State Project No. 713-37-0111; Structure No. P3732291920431; Recall No. 400851) has been pending in DOTD's Off-System Bridge Program for several years;

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury believes that the benefits of the Hadley Street Bridge project manifestly outweigh the combined benefits of the Travis Street Bridge project and the Ruby Road Bridge project for which DOTD has recently designated funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury respectfully suggests that the Hadley Street Bridge project presents a more urgent public need than either the Travis Street Bridge project or the Ruby Road Bridge project;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that DOTD be and hereby is respectfully requested to re-direct state funds currently designated through the Off-system Bridge Program for replacement of the Black Bayou Bridge on Travis Street (structure no. U37-32303-92088-1) and for repair of the Gourd Bayou Bridge on Ruby Road ("Ruby Road Bridge")(Structure No. P3732255915961) to the replacement of the Young's Bayou Bridge on Hadley Street (State Project No. 713-37-0111; Structure No. P3732291920431; Recall No. 400851);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that in the event DOTD re-directs the state funds designated for the Black Bayou Bridge Project to the Hadley Street Bridge project the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will rescind its Resolution adopted on May 19, 2008, concerning the Travis Street Bridge project, and adopt a like Resolution regarding the Hadley Street Bridge Project; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event the funds are re-directed to the Hadley Street Bridge project as requested herein the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will initiate appropriate steps for the closure of the Travis Street Bridge and the Ruby Road Bridge.

The above resolution was adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

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The president asked that the Public Works Director assess all the bridges in the parish.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District F.

**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the appraisals on Finks Hideaway Road. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the company hired to do the appraisals. Mr. Harrison stated that the company was behind about 60 days due to other obligations, but was back on schedule. No action taken on this matter.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the status of Bayou DeSiard Ecosystem Restoration Project. Mr. Smiley asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Harrison stated that he had submitted to the Corps of Engineer the required information and now we are waiting on them to act. No further action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

**MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:**

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the proposed sidewalks and lighting project presented by Mr. Rowan. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and about his meeting with Mr. Rowan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Harrison suggested to the jury that Mr. Rowan contact the city of Monroe to pursue his project because of the location of the proposed project. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the update on the safe routes to school program located at Shady Grove Elementary School. Mr. Harrison stated that he had not heard from the state regarding the funding for the project.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the status of the Request for Qualifications right of way acquisition for the Tanglewood Drainage Project. Mr. Harrison stated that he would recommend and select someone for the title work for this project at the next meeting. This matter was deferred to the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Moore stated that the neighborhood improvement meeting with the local ministries is schedule for Thursday, August 28, 2008, from 6-7 pm in the Ft. Miro Room of the Monroe Civic Center.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Parish Treasurer.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

##### **FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the rental property located at Holland Drive. Mr. Cammack stated that the present tenant has given notice of vacating the house. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the agreement as presented by Mr. Roark regarding rental for the tenant's last partial month of occupancy. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack asked Mr. Harrison for his opinion on securing another tenant for the house given the status of the Finks Hideaway Road project. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and recommended renting the property.

Mr. Cammack asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter of the grant writer invoices. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to send a letter to NELEA regarding the non-payment of invoices and stating that the jury would like to renegotiate the agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding security for early voting and election days at the state office building for the Registrar of Voters. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore left the meeting at this time and returned within a minute. Discussion continued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to pay \$25 per hour for the minimum required number of guards for security services for early voting and election days when the state office building is closed. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore left the meeting at this time.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

##### **FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

The chief stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

##### **LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the purchase offer for a portion of property located on Enterprise Drive and Trade Street. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize the parish attorney and Mr. Roark to negotiate the sell of the property. Motion passed with Ms. Moore abstaining due to her absence.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Mr. Murray stated that due to debris cleanup from the weekend, some requests for services would be delayed.

Ms. Moore returned to the meeting at this time.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

**ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer**

Mr. Harrison stated that he had no other items.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

There were no beer and whiskey applications.

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Susan Poe of 121 Camp Drive, West Monroe spoke regarding the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference and the bridge over the ditch at Riser School. Ms. Poe expressed her gratitude to the jury for their contribution to the conference and extended an invitation for them to attend the conference slated for later this month. Ms. Poe asked that the jury consider road lighting for Washington Street in West Monroe.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**A D J O U R N !**