

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008  
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

Mr. Charles Jackson, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Jurors present were Jackson, Mr. Dorth Blade, Mrs. Pat Moore, and Mr. Shane Smiley. Mr. Mack Calhoun was not present at the beginning of the meeting but came in later.

Dr. Terri O'Neal, coroner, presented the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for the Coroner's Office. She provided a folder containing various information regarding the office. The discussion included the special Transportation Fund that is maintained by the Coroner.

No action was taken on the Coroner's Office budgets.

Mr. Lenard Tims, director of the LaJet department, discussed the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for his department. There is no salary increase budgeted for 2009. There has been a discussion of moving LaJet to one-year contracts.

Calhoun was present at 2:30 PM.

Mrs. Peggy Steele, Section 8 director, presented the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for Section 8. The department will begin reporting monthly their voucher information.

No action was taken regarding the Section 8 budgets.

Chief Pat Hemphill, chief of the Ouachita Parish Fire Department, presented the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for his department. Discussion included delaying the next fire truck purchase until 2010. The department is looking to possibly hold the next tax election in October 2009.

No action was taken on the Fire Department's budgets.

Mr. David Cobb, assistant director for Ouachita Parish Public Works, presented the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets.

No action was taken on the Public Works department budgets.

Mr. Brad Cammack, Police Jury treasurer, discussed the 2008 amended budget for LCDBG – Ingleside Sewer fund. The project is complete. However, the closeout paperwork has not been received.

Residual funds will be returned to the general fund.

No action was taken on the LCDBG – Ingleside Sewer project's budget.

Cammack discussed the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for the Arrest Grant. He reminded Jurors that The WellSpring works with these grant monies. Cammack had discussed the budgets with Judy Bell and Christy Gwin of The WellSpring.

No action was taken on the Arrest Grant's budgets.

Cammack discussed the budgets for Lake Park Drainage District. The Jury had previously voted to abolish the district after residents decided it was not needed.

No action was taken on the budgets for Lake Park Drainage District.

Cammack discussed the Ingleside Sewer District's 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets. Cammack reminded the Jurors that this budget was for the actual district and not for the grant.

No action was taken on the budgets for Ingleside Sewer District.

Cammack discussed the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #16. The district currently has cash flow problems.

Lazenby and Associates have been contracted to do a study regarding the district that should be ready to present soon.

No action was taken on the budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #16.

Cammack led a discussion on personnel and compensation. He noted that Assistant District Attorney Jay Mitchell is doing research on the Police Jury's boards and their authority regarding pay issues.

Cammack and Mr. Renford Rodgers, Justice of the Peace, discussed the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budgets for the Justices of the Peace and Constables.

No action was taken on the Justices of the Peace and Constables budgets.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.