

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 AT 5:42 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 5:42 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

<u>Members Present</u>	(5)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Ollibeth Reddix	District D

The invocation was given by Ms. Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ms. Moore.

The president spoke regarding the appointment of the Treasurer. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to appoint Brad Cammack as Parish Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the following service award for the month of January 2010.

TREASURER

PATRICIA ROBIDEAUX-25 YEARS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8946-An ordinance authorizing the sale of (8.8 acres+/-) of the Conner Realty Corporation Property for and in the consideration and price of two hundred sixty one thousand and no/100 (\$261,000.00) dollars; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

At this time in the meeting, the president requested a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to recess the regular meeting and reconvene as the Personnel Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Moore, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Moore spoke briefly regarding the Human Resource Request Form. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Dr. Reddix appeared at this time in the meeting. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Bedoit, Heath	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 11/25/09
McDougal, Reggie	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/08/09
Turner, Omar	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 11/17/09
Turner, Omar	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 12/14/09

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the recommendations of the fire chief relating to sick leave. Motion passed without opposition.

PROBATIONAL

Robinson, Calvin	Fire Driver	Probational Fire Captain	Effective 01/04/2010
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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the recommendation of the chief. Motion passed without any opposition.

SUSPENSION

Carlisle, Tina	Suspension 1 day	Effective 01/06/2010
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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the recommendation of a one day suspension for Tina Carlisle. Motion passed without opposition.

CONFIRMATION

Fowler, Dalton	Prob. Fire Driver	Perm. Fire Driver	Effective 01/12/2010
McMullen, Arthur W., Jr.	Prob. Fire Driver	Perm. Fire Driver	01/12/2010

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the recommendations of the chief regarding the confirmations. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore recognized Mr. Rhodes, Director of Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the reimbursement for education courses for employee Hines

Ward. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that the Administrative staff along with Human Resources review the current education reimbursement policy and bring back to the jury suggestions to address various issues with the policy. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore recognized Mr. Murray, Director of Public Works. Mr. Murray recommended the hiring of Carlos Robinson in the position of Traffic Control Specialist I. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the hiring of Carlos Robinson as recommended by Mr. Murray. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the travel request for James Williams. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the travel request for James Williams, Traffic Control Specialist to attend the 40th Annual Convention and Traffic Expo in San Antonio on February 15-19, 2010. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The president requested a motion to convene the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to convene as the Public Works Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by the chairman, Mack Calhoun. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

Mr. Murray spoke briefly regarding the 2010 Beaver Control Contract. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the 2010 Beaver Control Contract subject to a favorable review by the parish attorney. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following department heads presented monthly reports or answered questions asked by the jury.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Deputy Wayne Heckford

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief

GREEN OAKS:

Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director

Mr. Rhodes spoke briefly regarding the renewal of the millage for the detention center. The jury asked that Mr. Rhodes compile data for the upcoming renewal and bring it back to the jury.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
AGENCY:**

Mr. Butch Beckham, Director

Mr. Beckham spoke regarding the impending weather in the area and the possibility of opening shelters in the parish.

LAJET:

Mr. Leonard Tims, Director

LIBRARY:

Ms. Cheryl Moulriere, Director

Ms. Moulriere spoke briefly regarding the construction of the new libraries.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett reported that the Workforce Investment Board had been approved by the state.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun indicated that he had no items at this time.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Skate Lane and noted that Mr. Holtzclaw was not present at the meeting. Mr. Caldwell asked that his matters be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

The following ordinance was offered for final adoption by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

ORDINANCE NO. 8849

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF (8.7 ACRES +/-) OF THE CONNER REALTY CORPORATION PROPERTY FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION AND PRICE OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$261,000.00) DOLLARS; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Mt. Pleasant Community Development Corporation proposes to buy 8.4 acres (+/-) of the Conner Realty Corporation property for and in the consideration and price of Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand and No/100 (\$261,000.00) Dollars under an Option Agreement dated May 18, 2009:

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the sale of 8.7 acres (+/-) of the Conner Realty Corporation property for and in the consideration and price of Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand and No/100 (\$261,000.00) Dollars, said property being described as follows:

Tract 1 of the Conner Realty Corporation Property located between Grammont Street and DeSiard Street in Monroe, Louisiana, containing 6.069 acres +/-;

And

That portion of Tract 2 of said Conner Realty Corporation Property described as follows containing 2.713 acres, more or less:

Commencing at a 1" iron pipe representing the southwest corner of Lot 1 of Young's Bayou Addition, as per plat in Plat Book 1, Page 29, of the Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, proceed S 52 degrees 51' 25" W along the northerly right-of-way line of Grammont Street (50' R.O.W.), a distance of 1,529.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence, continue S 52 degrees 51' 25" W, a distance of 206.54 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Hippmarks Street (Conner's Alley) (20' R.O.W.); thence, proceed N 33 degrees 59' 35" W along said line, a distance of 577.10 feet to the southwest corner of that certain tract acquired by Congregation B'Nai Israel, et al, as per deed filed in Conveyance Book 1147, Page 801 and Conveyance Book 1282, Page 1003, of the Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; thence, proceed N 52 degrees 49' 40" E, along the south line of said tract, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence,

proceed N 33 degrees 59' 35" W, along the east line of said Congregation B'Nai Israel Tract, a distance of 120.00 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of DeSiard Street (R.O.W. varies); thence, proceed N 52 degrees 49' 40" E along said line, a distance of 67.42 feet; thence, proceed S 37 degrees 12' 35" E, a distance of 696.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being subject to all rights-of-way, easements, and servitudes of record or of use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of a Public Hearing was published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on December 10, 2009, and December 17, 2009, and that a Public Hearing was held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ouachita Parish Courthouse, Police Jury Meeting Room to hear comments from all interested parties as to the proposed sale.

The above Ordinance introduced on the 7th day of December 2009.

The Ordinance was submitted to a rollcall vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (6) Mr. Charles Jackson, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

The above Ordinance was adopted the 4th day of January 2010.

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Dr. Reddix spoke briefly regarding the progress on J. S. Clark Cemetery and asked that the matter remain on the agenda.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked that the matter regarding the Safe Routes to School be deferred until the

next meeting.

Ms. Moore asked that Ms. Steele, Housing Director and Ms. Hunter, Purchasing Manager to speak regarding providing trash services to Section 8 families. Ms. Steele indicated that services needed to only include those subdivisions that had Section 8 families and not parishwide. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack expressed thanks to the jury for his reappointment. In addition, Mr. Cammack noted that a photo of the jury including the new juror would be taken as soon as he could set up an appointment with the photographer. Mr. Cammack noted that he would get the information to the jury about the Police Jury Association Conference as soon as it becomes available. Mr. Cammack commented on information from the State that was sent out in the packets concerning active LGAP projects that was incorrect.

The president recognized Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill

Chief Hemphill indicated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray reminded the jury about the Flood Maps Open House Meeting that will be held on January 14, 2010, at the Monroe Civic Center from 2 pm to 7 pm. Mr. Murray noted that a list of closed roads was available to anyone that needed one.

The president noted that Mr. Holtzclaw was not present at the meeting.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell presented and recommended for approval the following beer and whiskey application. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the application as recommended by legal counsel. Motion passed without opposition.

McDonald, Vivkie J.

**dba VIKKI JORDAN, INC. DBA HWY
34 U-PAK-IT, 2238 Jonesboro Road,
West Monroe, LA 71291, Retail Beer
“Class B”, Retail Liquor “Class D”, 2010
RENEWAL**

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.