

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 5:36 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, February 1, 2010 at 5:36 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>	(6)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F

<u>Members Absent</u>	(0)
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The invocation was given by Dr. Reddix. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Dr. Reddix.

The president announced the service awards for the month of February

TREASURER
GAYLE MALONE LOYD-30 YRS

PUBLIC WORKS
LARRY DUMAS-15 YRS

WIA
ROBERT HAMPTON-20 YRS

The president recognized visitor Judy Bell, President and CEO of the Wellspring. The president stated that this item was listed under his agenda and indicated that he would like to take the matter up at this time. No one objected to taking up the matter at this time. Ms. Bell spoke regarding the renewal of the Family Justice Center Arrest Grant in the amount of \$400,000 and asked that the jury continue to be the governing body for the grant. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the president to sign the renewal documents and the police jury to act as applicant agency. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Dr. Richard Willis, 240 Chatmon Johnson Rd. The president stated that the matter was listed on Mr. Calhoun's agenda and asked the jury would there be a problem addressing the matter at this time. No one objected to taking up the matter at this time. Dr. Willis spoke regarding the condition of Chatmon Johnson Road and proposed to the jury to hard surface the road at his expense. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to build Chatmon Johnson road from gravel to chip seal paid for by Dr. Willis using a private contractor, with public works to inspect, bring into the parish road system, and provide right of way acquisition services. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ronnie Cascio, 484 Dayton Tidwell Rd. Mr. Cascio spoke regarding the condition of the road. Discussion ensued. Nelda Cascio presented the jury with a list of roads that are in need of repair. Ms. Moore stated that the jury would look into the matter and get back with them.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to enter into the personnel committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson, Ms. Pat Moore called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Ms. Moore recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Gable, Kenneth A	Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/13/10
Rabb, John M.	Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/02/10
Bedoit, Heath	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/03/10
Cardwell, Keith	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/06/10
Felts, David C.	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/11/10
McDougal, Reggie	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date 01/10/10

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the personnel actions as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

RE-INSTATEMENT

Odom, Stephen	Re-instate employee with back pay	Effective 01/27/10
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Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the re-instatement authorizing the pending appeal by the jury. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill requested travel to send 2 arson investigators to the Annual Investigators Training in Orlando in May 2010. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

Wesley Ragus	Equipment Operator I	Effective 02/08/10
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Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the hiring of Wesley Ragus in the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion passed without opposition.

Jimmy Joiner	Equipment Operator I	Effective 02/08/10
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Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the hiring of Jimmy Joiner in the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion passed without opposition.

Aaron Byas	Equipment Operator II	Effective 02/08/10
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Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the hiring of Aaron Byas in the position of Equipment Operator II. Motion passed without opposition.

Rodney Hines	Auto Mechanic II	Effective 02/08/10
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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the hiring of Rodney Hines in the position of Auto Mechanic II. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the open position of Special Projects Coordinator and recommended Jeremy Clack for the position. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to hire Jeremy Clack in the position of Special Projects Coordinator effective February 8, 2010. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, the Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to convene as the Public Works Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman, Mack Calhoun at 6:10 p.m, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order.

Mr. Calhoun recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the final subdivision application for Laguna Villas Subdivision, Unit 2 located in District B. Mr. Holtzclaw commented on the subdivision application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the final subdivision application for Laguna Villas Subdivision, Unit 2 as recommended by public works and the parish engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the request to purchase a ½ ton 2 WD pickup truck for \$15,113. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the purchase request for the vehicle. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The regular meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following departments presented monthly reports.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director

Mr. Rhodes requested to purchase a replacement vehicle for his department. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the purchase of a Ford Explorer, purchase price of \$20,990 for Green Oaks Detention Home. Motion passed without opposition.

OCC CORRECTIONS: Major Brian Newcomer

Major Newcomer and Bill Land presented the bid tabulation for the new dormitory at the correctional center. Mr. Land recommended that Hayco Enterprises of Tallulah be awarded the contract in the amount of \$422,931. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the lowest conforming bid submitted by Hayco Enterprises of Tallulah. Motion passed without opposition.

WIA

Ms. Moore stated that Ms. Bennett was out of town, but reminded the jury of the upcoming career fair on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Cammack to update the jury on the status of the EECBG Energy Efficiency Grant. Mr. Cammack stated that he had talked to several vendors concerning the grant, and talked with the Department of Energy about a mechanical engineer. Mr. Cammack stated that the search was on for a mechanical engineer based on state guidelines. Mr. Jackson asked that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Green Springs Flood Control Project. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he reviewed the file concerning the project and that the drawings were ready to be published. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that additional work was needed on the project and that he would get back to the jury at the next meeting. Mr. Jackson asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding Cheyenne Drive. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had reviewed the file on the project and stated that there would be an increase in the project due to construction costs, engineer costs, soil preparation, etc. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the redistricting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Mr. Calhoun stated that he had been in contact with David Creed and Doug Mitchell at North Delta and asked that new maps be drawn according to the current population. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke about an agreement with the sheriff regarding a 20-acre tract east of the Rifle Range. Mr. Calhoun stated that the sheriff would like to purchase the property to build a bow shooting, skeet shooting, and a walking track. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to lease a 20 acre tract east of the Rifle Range to the Sheriff Department for the purpose of constructing a bow shooting, skeet shooting, and walking/running track. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed without any opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun.

ORDINANCE NO. 8947

(Introduction Only)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SATERFIELD ROAD AT TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Saterfield Road, a parish road located in Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, residents have requested that a twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) speed limit be established on said Road;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a speed limit of twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on Saterfield Road 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

Saterfield Road from its intersection with Jim Arrant Rd to its dead end-
twenty-five (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.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Skate Lane. Mr. Mitchell stated that the project was moving forward. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that additional information regarding the project would be available at the next meeting of the jury. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell stated that he would pass on the items concerning the ULM/Comcast Channel and the flood control status at this time.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to update the jury on the Bayou Desiard Restoration Project. Mr. Holtzclaw provided an in-depth report on the project in regards to its impact on the water supply. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked to Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the cemetery and noted that adding additional soil within it would aid in the drainage problem.

Dr. Reddix spoke briefly about the Care Grant and its possible impact on the cemetery. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the upcoming web cast concerning the grant. No action was taken on this matter.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president asked Mr. Mitchell to spoke regarding the agreements with the State for the 2008-2009 Community Water Enrichment Fund Projects. Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had left the contracts in his office and stepped out to retrieve them. The president stated the he would address the administrative reports at this time and come back to the agreements.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack reminded the jury that the photographer would be at the next meeting of the jury.

Dr. Reddix left the meeting at this time.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill requested to purchase a truck for one of the fire investigators. A brief discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize the purchase of a truck to be used by the fire investigator. Motion passed with Dr. Reddix abstaining.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell stated that the jury had applied for six projects under the Community Water Enrichment Fund, and indicated that four of the six had been awarded. Those awarded were as follows:

- 1) Installation of 9,000 LF of 6” water main within the Indian Village Water System
- 2) Installation of 1,200 LF of 4” PVC on Winnsboro Road
- 3) Replacing 350 LF of 6” water line and valves within the Prairie Road Water System
- 4) Installation of approximately 1040 LF of 6” PVC line along Susan Drive

Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury consider a motion for the president to execute the contracts. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize the president to execute the agreements for the grant funding. Motion passed with Dr. Reddix abstaining.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the adjudicated properties being considered for Rays of Sonshine. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter, and the property taxes assessed on the properties in the amount of \$23,837.43. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Reddix returned to the meeting during the discussion.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to waive all the taxes on the properties. Discussion ensued again. The president asked that a roll call vote be taken on the matter. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(4) Calhoun, Caldwell, Reddix, Moore
NAYS	(2) Jackson, Smiley
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(0)

Motion passed.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the curative title work for New Frontier Subdivision located in District E, and asked that the following ordinances be introduced. The following ordinances were offered for introduction by Mr. Smiley.

ORDINANCE NO. 8948

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LOT 7 OF STUBBS-MCCORMICK PLACE AND THE 2002 MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION OF LOT 25, SQUARE 2, UNIT 1 OF NEW FRONTIER ADDITION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4711, *ET SEQ.*; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 8949

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LOT 8 OF STUBBS-MCCORMICK PLACE AND THE 2002 MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION OF LOT 2, SQUARE 2, UNIT 1 OF NEW FRONTIER ADDITION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4711, *ET SEQ.*; AND FURTHER

PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 8950

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LOT 9 OF STUBBS-MCCORMICK PLACE AND THE 2002 MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION OF LOT 5 OF STUBBS-MCCORMICK PLACE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4711, *ET SEQ.*; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray indicated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw updated the jury on the sewer projects at the correctional facility and stated that the tie in to Greater Ouachita Water would take place some time in March.

Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the Federal Appropriation Requests are due March 1st. Mr. Holtzclaw suggested the listed projects for the 2010 Federal Appropriation Request (1) I-20 Frontage Road-West, (2) East Ouachita Comprehensive Sewerage Plan, and the (3) Sparta Aquifer Water Management Plan. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding a Hazard Mitigation grant application that had been due on January 30, 2010. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that an extension had been granted, but the application was still due before the next jury meeting. As this matter had arisen after preparation of the agenda, a motion to amend the agenda to take up the matter regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant applications and authorizing the president to sign was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize the president to execute applications for Tanglewood and East Town & Country Hazard Mitigation Grant being completed by Mr. Holtzclaw. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

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

GLOVER, DORWAYNE

**DBA HART'S CORNER, 4268
HWY 139, MONROE, LA 71203,
RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2010
RENEWAL**

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

James Poe, President of Keep Ouachita Beautiful spoke regarding establishing a non profit 501 (c) 3 organization to help add support to the Keep Ouachita Beautiful Board. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that Mr. Mitchell look into the legality of this matter.

Ms. Gloria Hicks, spoke regarding adjudicated property located at 200 Lee Street, West Monroe. Ms. Hicks asked that the jury would help her expedite efforts in securing the property.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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