

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 AT 5:45 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 5:45 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, 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>Ollibeth Reddix</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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The invocation was given by Mr. Smiley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Smiley.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on January 19, 2010 and February 1, 2010, was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

The president stated that there were no visitors tonight, and that Mr. Lott, 911 Director was present and that he would like to address the matters concerning the 911 offices at this time. No one objected to taking up the matters at this time.

Mr. Lott spoke regarding a contract with GeoComm. Mr. Lott stated that the amount of the contract was \$53,615.00, and they would provide consulting services for the purpose of improving the overall direction of the 911 system in the parish. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the contract with GeoComm in the amount of \$53,615.00.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding Ordinance No. 8951. Mr. Lott stated that the 911 office had experienced problems dispatching calls to that road due to the naming of the two sections of the road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Calhoun introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8951  
(Introduction)**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF WATSON SCHOOL ROAD-WEST IN POLICE JURY DISTRICT B TO “BEN ROBERT ROAD”; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated system of assigning addresses to homes and businesses throughout Ouachita Parish is necessary for the efficient and timely dispatch of ambulances, fire apparatus, law enforcement, and other emergency services;

**WHEREAS**, the 911 Communications District recommends the elimination of duplication in the naming of parish roads when feasible in order to avoid the risk of error in dispatch of emergency services; and,

**WHEREAS**, a numerical change of addresses for the residences on Watson School Road-West in Police Jury District B is presently required,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the name of Watson School Road-West in Police Jury District B of Ouachita Parish be changed to “Ben Robert Rd”.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed name change shall be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and that a Public Hearing be held as to the proposed name change of Watson School Road-West in Police Jury District B of Ouachita Parish to “Ben Robert Rd”.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the inventory of public roads be amended to reflect the above stated changed.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8947-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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without

opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on 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. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee to order at 5:53 p.m. Mr. Jackson recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of January 15, 2010 through February 11, 2010 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the claims. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the jail operations and the jail operation millage. Mr. Cammack stated that he had met with the sheriff's accountant and would be working with him on the proposed millage. Mr. Cammack noted the dates for upcoming fall elections. Discussion ensued regarding the millage for Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Cammack stated that Green Oaks Detention Center Operational Committee would be meeting on February 24, 2010 to discuss their millage. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the fund balance updates and noted changes on the Library and OCC. Mr. Cammack stated that final fund balances for 2009, would be given once the audit is done in June.

The chairman recognized Ms. Steele, Housing Director. Ms. Steele requested to purchase a new vehicle for her office. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the housing office.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the matters requiring an amendment to the agenda. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the request of the Wellspring to open and hire in the position of Project Coordinator. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to amend the agenda to take up the matter regarding the request from The Wellspring came in after the agenda was posted. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to open and hire Jessica B. Baudin in the position of Project Coordinator for The Wellspring - Department of Justice Safe Haven Grant Program was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack asked Dr. O'Neal to speak regarding the matter concerning the van purchase for the Coroner's Office. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to amend the agenda to take up the matter regarding the purchase of a van for the Coroner's Office due to the urgent need to replace this item. Motion passed without any opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the request to purchase a van for the Coroner's Office with insurance proceeds and the balance to be taken from the transportation fund held by the Coroner. Discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The Finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

The president requested a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding the Energy Efficiency Grant. Mr. Cammack stated that he was in the process of securing a mechanical engineer for the grant. Mr. Cammack stated that he was waiting to meet with Hardy Hayes to review plans submitted by the different companies regarding the chiller system. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw for an update on the Green Springs Flood Project. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had spoken with a Linda Seltzer of Gulf South and would get back to the jury with an update on the project at its next meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding Cheyenne Drive. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he

was working on the project and would report back to the jury on the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked that all three matters be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson, offered the following ordinance for final adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8947**

**(FINAL)**

**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.

The above ordinance was introduced the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2010.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS (6)

NAYS (0)  
ABSTAIN (0)  
ABSENT (0)

The above ordinance was adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

**MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the status of Skate Lane. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he had received some pricing information regarding the geo-technical aspects for the project. Mr. Holtzclaw noted that the price would be approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 for the project. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the geo-technical information at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Bayou Desiard Restoration Project. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that the cost of the project had increased somewhat to \$3,218,166.00. The federal share would be \$2,413,624.50 and the local and state share would be \$804,541.50. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he had not gotten the letter from the city due to the city engineer being out of town. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Treasure Island Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had spoken with Gary Walker of the Corps of Engineers about the issues. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that the representative from the corps needed to review the agreements between the two parties and would get back to the jury after this has been done.

Mr. Caldwell asked that all matters be added to the March 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for status update.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

**DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:**

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the J. S. Clark Cemetery Project and the Care Grant application. Dr. Reddix asked that we allow Mr. Holtzclaw to seriously look at ways to get the cemetery back into shape. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he would get back to the jury with a preliminary budget estimate for the project. No other action was taken on this matter.

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

The president noted that Ordinance numbered 8948, 8949, and 8950 were not ready for adoption. The president spoke regarding the right of way acquisitions for East Town & Country Drainage District. Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun, offered the following resolution for adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-02**

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore spoke at length regarding a comprehensive plan for Ouachita Parish and a 2010 Grant Application for Smart Growth. Ms. Moore asked that the jury consider allocating \$50,000 for a match for this application. A lengthy discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore asked that the matter regarding the Grant Writer for Ouachita Parish be deferred to the next jury meeting.

Ms. Moore requested that the jury would consider amending the agenda to take up the matter of a travel request to attend a conference in New Orleans. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to amend the agenda to address the travel request due to the deadline of February 28, 2010. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the travel request to New Orleans for jurors Reddix and Moore at a cost not to exceed \$1,300. Motion passed without opposition.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

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

The chief indicated 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 need to reduction of Commissioners for the upcoming election. Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Hodge, Clerk of Court had asked that the jury offer a resolution to reduce the number of commissioners for the upcoming election. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to allow Mr. Mitchell to draft a resolution to reduce the number of commissioners for the upcoming election. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

**ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer**

Mr. Holtzclaw presented potential projects for the federal appropriation request. The projects were as follows:

- 1) I-20 Frontage Road (West)
- 2) East Ouachita Comprehensive Sewerage Plan
- 3) Sparta Aquifer Water Management Plan
- 4) Bayou Desiard Ecosystem Restoration Project

Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to authorize Mr. Holtzclaw to submit the first three projects. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Holtzclaw updated the jury on the recently submitted applications for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding. Those applications included Racoon Bayou, Tanglewood Subdivision Area and Northeast Ouachita Parish –L-11 Canal. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke briefly regarding the Sparta Aquifer.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

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

BURLEW, JOHNNIE S.

DBA RUMOURS, 7772 CYPRESS  
STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292,  
RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL  
LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2010 NEW OWNER

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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