

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 AT 5:35 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, April 19, 2010 at 5:35 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)
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Charles Jackson	District A

Ms. Moore gave the invocation. Ms. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on April 5, 2010, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore with corrections to page 3 to read "First African American Public Health Nurse". Motion passed without any opposition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked whether or not there were any changes or additions to the agenda at this time. Dr. Reddix stated that Mayor Steve Hunter had asked to address the jury. The president stated that he would allow Mayor Hunter to speak as a visitor when he arrives. Mr. Mitchell noted that an item regarding a letter of support for West Ouachita Sewer District #16 had been added to Mr. Jackson's agenda on Friday, April 16th after the agendas were delivered. Mr. Mitchell stated that the revised agenda had been posted in compliance with the law and no "amendment" was needed for that item. A motion to amend the agenda to add the additional items was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8953- An Ordinance Amending Section 14-1, decreasing the speed limit on Harmon Johnson Road from fifty (50) miles per hour to thirty-five (35) miles per hour and further providing with respect thereto.

No appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion adopted. No opposition. Mr. Jackson was not present for the vote.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8954-An Ordinance amending Section 14-1, decreasing the speed limit on Ole Hwy 15 from fifty (50) miles per hour to forty (40) miles per hour; and further providing with respect thereto:

No appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance. Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Jackson had received phone calls regarding the proposed ordinance and Mr. Jackson asked that the jury defer the vote on this ordinance until the May 3rd meeting.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion adopted without opposition.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8955 - An Ordinance authorizing the exchange of lot 2 of Stubbs-McCormick Place and the 2002 Mobile Home located thereon for and in consideration of a parcel immediately north of Lot 1, Square 1, 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 on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to closed the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8956 An Ordinance revoking a fifteen-foot (15') wide drainage servitude over portions of lots 9 and 10 of Arbor Cove Subdivision; and further providing with respect thereto.

No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president acknowledged that there were no visitors at this time.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Finance Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance committee meeting was called to order by the president at 5:42 p.m., who noted that Mr. Jackson was absent. The chair recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of March 21, 2010 through April 15, 2010, and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the claims statement as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the operations at the jail. Mr. Cammack informed the jury that the millage for the jail would expire at the end of 2011. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and the timetable for forthcoming elections. Mr. Mitchell stated that all matters for millages ending in the near future could be placed on the October 2, 2010 election ballot. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the purchase of a car and mini-van for the Correctional Center. Mr. Cammack stated that the purchase price of the car is \$21,732.50 and the price of the minivan is \$19,130.00. Both vehicles will be purchased off state contract. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the purchase of the two vehicles as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the mechanical engineering services for the Energy Efficiency Grant. Mr. Cammack recommended that the jury contract with T. Hardy Hayes as the Mechanical Engineer for the design and implementation of the retrofits as specified in the grant. Mr. Cammack noted that all payments for engineering services will be taken from the grant funds. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the recommendation of the treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Electrical engineering services for the HMGP Generator Initiative and recommended James M. Standard & Associates. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer subject to the costs being taken out of grant funds. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding Civil Engineering services for the GOHSEP/LRA Drainage Improvements for Oak Circle. Mr. Cammack recommended Holtzclaw Engineering for the project. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer subject to the costs to be paid from grant funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Chief Hemphill. The chief spoke regarding the purchase of two replacement fire trucks from Ferrara Fire Apparatus. A brief discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to purchase two fire trucks. Motion passed without opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding the capital outlay funds for the fire department. No action was taken on this matter.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the bid tabulation for an asphalt paver and excavator. Mr. Murray recommended that the jury accept the lowest conforming bid from LA Machinery for the asphalt paver in the amount of \$147,105.00 and the excavator in the amount of \$128,378.00. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the recommendation for the purchase of the asphalt paver and excavator. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke briefly regarding the funds expended for the operating of the river pump stations during the high-water period from October 2009 through February 2010. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The committee meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president noted that Mayor Hunter, Town of Richwood was present at this time. Mayor Hunter spoke regarding code enforcement within the limits of the Town of Richwood. Mayor Hunter stated that he wanted to reestablish a working relationship with the jury to help the town with its endeavors.

The president noted the absence of Mr. Jackson and stated that he would take up the matters for District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

The president stated that Mr. Jackson had asked that the matter regarding decreasing the speed limit on Ole Hwy 15 be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 8956 (FINAL)

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') WIDE DRAINAGE SERVITUDE OVER PORTIONS OF LOTS 9 & 10 OF ARBOR COVE SUBDIVISION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, by a plat filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book 21, Page 184, the developer of Arbor Cove Subdivision dedicated a certain 15' wide drainage servitude running northerly from Arbor Cove Circle along the boundary of Lots 9 and 10 of said subdivision and easterly along the northern portion of Lot 9, all of

which is shown more particularly on the plat of record as identified above;

WHEREAS, given the course of the development of Arbor Cove Subdivision, a re-alignment of drainage channels is needed and the present owners of Lots 8 & 9 of said subdivision have agreed to dedicate to the public a drainage servitude across their properties to take the place of the above-described drainage servitude on Lots 9 & 10; and,

WHEREAS, there no longer exists a public purpose for the 15’ wide drainage servitude on Lots 9 & 10 of Arbor Cove Subdivision as dedicated by and shown on the plat of said subdivision on file in Plat Book 21, Page 184;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the 15’ wide drainage servitude running northerly from Arbor Cove Circle along the boundary of Lots 9 and 10 of said subdivision and easterly along the northern portion of Lot 9, as dedicated and shown more particularly on the plat of Arbor Cove Subdivision filed in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book 21, Page 184, be, and hereby is, revoked.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 5th day of April 2010.

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

YEAS	(5)
NAYS	(0)
ABSENT	(1) Jackson
ABSTAIN	(0)

The ordinance was adopted this 19th day of April 2010.

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Mr. Smiley presented the following ordinance for introduction only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8957
(Introduction)**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT AND NO WAKE ZONE FOR WATERCRAFT ON A PORTION OF BAYOU DARBONNE IN OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, that portion of Bayou Darbonne extending from a point 500 feet above the La. Hwy 143 bridge to the Ouachita River has experienced significant development;

WHEREAS, that portion of Bayou Darbonne extending from a point 500 feet above the La. Hwy 143 bridge to the Ouachita River is also subject to a significant volume of boat traffic

WHEREAS, residents and property owners along the above-identified portion of Bayou Darbonne have asked the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to regulate the speed of boat traffic in this area in order to increase safety and minimize the damage to boats, docks, piers, etc. as well the banks of said Bayou; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the establishment of a speed limit and “no wake zone” in above-described portion of Bayou Darbonne offers an opportunity to increase safety, reduce property damage, and reduce bank erosion to while imposing a relatively light burden on the boating public, given that responsible boaters are already observing voluntary “no wake zone(s)” in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that all watercraft utilizing Bayou Darbonne from a point 500 feet above the La. Highway 143 Bridge to the Ouachita River shall be prohibited from traveling faster than bare steerage speed. “Bare steerage speed,” as defined by La. R.S. 34:851.27(C), shall mean the slowest speed the vessel can travel while allowing the operator to maintain directional control of the vessel to produce the minimum water surface turbulence;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall not apply to watercraft operated by emergency personnel in their official capacity, including law enforcement officers and employees of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that violations of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than more than One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00);

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department be, and hereby is, authorized to post signs for the “No Wake Zone” created hereby in accordance with LAC, Title 76, Part XI, Section 303, with the cost of erecting and maintaining such signage to be paid from the parish’s General Fund;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all prior ordinances enacting temporary speed limits on or about that portion of Bayou Darbonne are hereby revoked.

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Mr. Smiley presented the following ordinance for introduction only,

ORDINANCE NO. 8962
(Introduction)

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 43
WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND
DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, now wishes to create a road lighting district within the Parish with such boundaries as are hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1: By virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a Road Lighting District be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, which Road Lighting District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within Elsinore Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1 as recorded in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, at Plat Book 21, Page 12.

SECTION 2: The Road Lighting District hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Road Lighting District No. 43 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, of which this Police Jury shall be the governing authority, and the District shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana to such political subdivisions, including the authority to incur debt and to levy taxes.

SECTION 3: The official seal of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official seal of the District and the official journal of this Police Jury shall be the official journal of the District.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 19th day of April 2010.

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The president spoke regarding a Letter of Support for a Cooperative Endeavor Project on behalf of West Ouachita Sewerage #16. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and recommended that the jury authorize the president to sign a letter in support of the project as requested by the project engineer. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr.

Calhoun to authorize the president to sign a letter of support for the cooperative endeavor on the project. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Road List for Ouachita Parish. Mr. Holtzclaw presented the 2010 Road Improvement and Maintenance Program. Discussion ensued with Mr. Smiley asking that Clayton Drive be looked at again. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the road list as presented by the engineer with the exception of Clayton Drive. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the 2010 Road Striping Program and recommended approval. Discussion ensued about LoneWa Road. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the 2010 Road Striping Program as presented by the parish engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the construction of the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Calhoun stated that the project was coming along and would be of great benefit to the parish once completed.

Mr. Calhoun spoke briefly regarding the Sparta Aquifer expressing the need for potable water in the district. Mr. Calhoun stated that the commission expressed thanks to the jury for their support in their efforts.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the Annual MDA Poker Run and asked that the jury grant permission for the Northeast LA Motorcyclists for Kids be allowed to use Area 8 of Cheniere Lake Park during June 11-13, 2010. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the use of Area 8 of Cheniere Lake for the Annual MDA Poker Run.

Mr. Calhoun introduced the following ordinance for adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8961
(Introduction)**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 40
WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND
DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, now wishes to create a road lighting district within the Parish with such boundaries as are hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1: By virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a Road Lighting District be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, which Road Lighting District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within Curry Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 1, as recorded in Plat Book 20, page 198 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and Unit No. 2 as recorded in Plat Book 21, page 139 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2: The Road Lighting District hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Road Lighting District No. 40 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, of which this Police Jury shall be the governing authority, and the District shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana to such political subdivisions, including the authority to incur debt and to levy taxes.

SECTION 3: The official seal of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official seal of the District and the official journal of this Police Jury shall be the official journal of the District.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 19th day of April 2010.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the drainage issues within Treasure Island Subdivision. Mr. Caldwell asked that the parish engineer look into the cost and design of a permanent structure to address the drainage issues within the subdivision and bring that information back to the jury. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the matter regarding LoneWa Road had been discussed already.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the FEMA Flood Map Update. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he had reviewed the maps and had documented some discrepancies. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had a meeting scheduled with the permit office and would get back to the jury with his recommendations at the next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Holtclaw to speak regarding the status of Skate Lane. Mr. Holtclaw updated the jury on Skate Lane and stated that cost estimates would be done and presented to the jury at its next meeting.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtclaw to speak regarding the Bayou Desiard Restoration Project. Mr. Holtclaw indicated that he had been in contact with the Corps of Engineer and the city of Monroe. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holtclaw stated that he would continue to work on the matter to speed up the project.

Mr. Caldwell asked that all matters on his agenda be carried forth to the next meeting.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Holtclaw to speak regarding the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtclaw indicated that he had done some preliminary work on the cemetery and additional work will be done. Discussion ensued. Dr. Reddix stated that there was an open well on the property that should be addressed. Discussion ensued again. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to purchase a cover for the open well located on the cemetery property. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the need for recycling in the parish and asked that the jury consider it as an alternative to litter control. No other action was taken on this matter.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered for final adoption the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 8955 (FINAL)

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

WHEREAS, the “Acquisition/Elevation Projects” undertaken by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury several years ago involved the relocation of residents from flood-prone homes in New Frontier Subdivision to mobile homes on lots in Stubbs-McCormick Place Subdivision that are not subject to flooding;

WHEREAS, these relocations were to be accomplished primarily through the exchange of the participants' flood-prone property in New Frontier Subdivision for the lots and mobile homes owned by the OPPJ in Stubbs-McCormick Place Subdivision;

WHEREAS, this acquisition project was effected in 2000 – 2002 with the participants moving from their flood-prone homes in New Frontier Subdivision, which were demolished, to the lots and mobile homes in Stubbs-McCormick Place Subdivision;

WHEREAS, a review of property titles in the affected area reveals that certain acts of conveyance necessary to transfer title to the properties described above were not completed; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of these conveyances is necessary in order to provide the affected participants proper title to their homes in Stubbs-McCormick Place Subdivision and to properly transfer to the Ouachita parish Police Jury title to the flood-prone properties in New Frontier Subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute the Acts of Exchange, and related documents prepared by counsel, necessary to complete the exchanges of property described above and cure the titles thereto;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby specifically authorize its President to execute an the necessary acts for **THE EXCHANGE OF LOT 2 OF STUBBS-MCCORMICK PLACE AND THE 2002 MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON TO WILLIE MAE MOORHEAD, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST OF JOHN MOOREHEAD, FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION OF A PARCEL IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LOT 1, SQUARE 1, UNIT 1 OF NEW FRONTIER ADDITION.**

The above ordinance was introduced on the 5th day of April 2010.

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

YEAS	(5)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(1) Jackson

The above ordinance was adopted the 19th day of April 2010.

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The president spoke regarding the Hwy 139 Sewer Project and indicated that the project was now ready for bids. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to advertise for bids for the Hwy 139 Sewer Project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the additional funds that the parish received through the Louisiana Office of Community Development. Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following resolution for adoption to include those funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Office of Community Development (“OCD”) effective March 19, 2009, which made available certain funds for the OPPJ’s activities under the Parish-Implemented Recovery Program;

WHEREAS, OCD has advised that additional funding is now available to further activities under the Parish-Implemented Recovery Program and has submitted to the OPPJ a “First Amendment” to the above-described Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the purpose of increasing the allocation of such funds to the OPPJ;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the proposed First Amendment and the benefits to be derived there from further the interests of the citizens of Ouachita Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby accepts the proposed “First Amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Implementing Grant Under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Through the Parish-Implemented Recovery Program” and authorizes its President, Shane Smiley, and to execute said First Amendment together with such other instruments or correspondence as are reasonable and necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

The above Resolution was adopted on this 19th day of April 2010.

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Mr. Smiley offered for introduction the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 8958
(Introduction)

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 42
WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND
DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, now wishes to create a road lighting district within the Parish with such boundaries as are hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1: By virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a Road Lighting District be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, which Road Lighting District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within Cypress Lake Subdivision; Cypress Lake Subdivision Extension No. 1; Cypress Lake Subdivision Extension No. 2; and, Cypress Lake Subdivision Extension No. 2, Phase II, all as recorded in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2: The Road Lighting District hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Road Lighting District No. 42 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, of which this Police Jury shall be the governing authority, and the District shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana to such political subdivisions, including the authority to incur debt and to levy taxes.

SECTION 3: The official seal of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official seal of the District and the official journal of this Police Jury shall be the official journal of the District.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 19th day of April 2010.

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Mr. Smiley offered for introduction the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 8959
(Introduction)

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 25 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury created Road Lighting District No. 25 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana by Ordinance No. 8434 adopted August 15, 1996;

WHEREAS, said District was created to operate and maintain a system of road lighting along Raymond Drive, Old Sterlington Road and Finks Hide-A-Way Road;

WHEREAS, said system of road lighting was never fully established and existed primarily along Raymond Drive;

WHEREAS, the voters of said District have not authorize the District to continue to levy an annual service charge to fund its operations;

WHEREAS, said District presently has no funds and is not operating;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury proposes to create a new road lighting district to more closely match the system of road lighting in place along Raymond Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the Road Lighting District No. 25 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana has no outstanding indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that pursuant to the authority granted by La. Const. Art. 6, Section 15, the Road Lighting District No. 25 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana be, and hereby is, abolished;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of the introduction of this Ordinance and of a public hearing to be held on May 3, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse prior to the consideration of this Ordinance for adoption be published in the Official Journal.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked that the item of Grant Writer for the parish be placed on the next meeting of the jury.

Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered for final adoption the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 8953

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, DECREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON HARMON JOHNSON ROAD FROM FIFTY (50) MILES PER HOUR TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has heretofore established a specific speed limit of fifty (50) mph on Harmon Johnson Road, a parish road located in District F of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, decreasing the speed limit to thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on Harmon Johnson 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

Harmon Johnson Road- 35 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 5th day of April 2010.

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

YEAS	(5)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(1) Jackson

The above ordinance was adopted the 19th day of April 2010.

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Ms. Moore spoke regarding Harmon Johnson Road and the geotechnical evaluation and investigation of the road. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had contacted several contractors and had gotten an estimate of less than \$4,000 for the project. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore to authorize Mr. Holtzclaw to contract with a geotechnical firm to evaluate Harmon Johnson Road with funding coming out of the General Fund. Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding Caples Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Calhoun asked that Ms. Moore motion be amended to include Caples Road at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Dr. Reddix. For clarification, the president stated that Ms. Moore asked that Mr. Holtzclaw to contract with a geotechnical firm to evaluate Harmon Johnson Road and Caples Road, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 with payment for services coming from the General Fund. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Richard Moore was actively working on the appraisals on the right-of-ways and that the project was on track. Ms. Moore asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Ollie Burns Branch Library turn lane. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize the advertisement of bids for the turn lane construction. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Jackson was absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack and noted that Mr. Cammack had left earlier in the meeting.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

The chief indicated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a contract between the State Department of Health and Green Oaks Detention Home. Mr. Mitchell indicated that Mr. Rhodes, Director of the detention center was asking permission to execute the contract. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Mr. Rhodes to execute the contract between Green Oaks and the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works,

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the position of Public Works Supervisor and asked permission to open the position. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to open the position of Public Works Supervisor. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray asked that the jury declare a 98 Ford pick-up truck surplus and transfer it to the courthouse upon payment by the Administrative Fund to Public Works based on the truck's book value. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to declare the vehicle surplus and to transfer it as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the preliminary subdivision approval for Versailles Estates located in District A. Mr. Murray recommended approval of the subdivision subject to the comments of the parish engineer and public works. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant preliminary subdivision approval of Versailles Estates as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Parish Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw updated the jury on the current ARRA Projects that include Vancil Road. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the Vancil Road Project had been awarded to D & J Construction in the amount of \$731,593.00.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding the Finks Hideaway Road Project and the Shamblin Street Lift Station at the Correctional Center. No action was taking on these matters.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell presented the following application for a special event permit and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the special event permit as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

**Langsten, Jimmy dba Special Event Permit for the Northeast LA
Motorcyclists for Kids, location Cheniere Lake
Park on June 11-13, 2010 - Class A Beer Permit**

Ms. Moore shared with the jury the next meeting of the Out for Life Public Forum scheduled for April 21, 2010. In addition, Ms. Moore spoke regarding the recent trash and litter event in the Tanglewood area. Ms. Moore expressed thanks to the Code Enforcement Office. No action was taken on this matter.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary