

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON, MONDAY, MAY 3, 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, May 3, 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.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Charles Jackson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</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>(1)</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>

The president gave the invocation. The president led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked at this time if there were additional items to be added to the agenda. Ms. Moore stated that she would like to add a Resolution of Concern for the library due to a deadline of May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cammack stated that a travel request for 911 needed to be added as well as a request to open an Accountant position in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Cammack stated that the travel request was inadvertently left off the agenda and the accountant position came about after the agenda was posted and both needed to be addressed before the next meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to add the amendments to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

The president announced the service awards for the month of May 2010.

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**CHARLES JONES – 5 YRS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**DAVID FELTS – 25 YRS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The president convened a public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 8957** 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.

There were a number of persons present in favor of the ordinance. Discussion ensued as to the enforcement of the ordinance. Harold Bates spoke regarding bass tournaments and the effects of the ordinance on them. Discussion ensued again. Motion to close the hearing was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell was absent.

The president convened a public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 8958** - An ordinance creating Road Lighting District #42-Cypress Lake within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, and defining and describing the boundaries thereof. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition. The president declared the Public Hearing closed.

The president convened a public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 8959** - An ordinance abolishing Road Lighting District #25-Hideaway Road of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana; and providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 8961** - An ordinance creating Road Lighting District #40-Curry Creek within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, defining and describing the boundaries thereof. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 8962** - An Ordinance creating Road Lighting District #43 Elsinore Estates within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, defining and describing the boundaries thereof. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

### **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Mr. Bob Lang, Candidate for U. S. Senate who was not present at the meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Kenneth Swanner of 1135 Wall Williams Rd, West Monroe. Mr. Swanner spoke regarding the traffic conditions at the intersection of Good Hope Road and Wall Williams Road. The president stated that this matter was an item on the Public Works agenda and asked to address the matter at this time. No one objected. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Murray stated that according to the Uniform Traffic Control Devices, no stop sign is warranted at that intersection. Mr. Murray suggested to the jury they consider posting a speed limit on the short section of Wall Williams Rd. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson asked that Public Works take a look at possible solutions and bring back recommendations to the jury.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following department heads presented reports.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Wayne Heckford**

Deputy Heckford introduced Deputy William Kent as the replacement for Deputy Yates-Section 8 Code Enforcement.

**GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director**

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the contracts for the Summer School Teaching Contracts. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the contracts. Motion passed without opposition.

**LIBRARY: Ms. Cheryl Mouliere, Director**

Ms. Mouliere updated the jury on the search for her replacement. Ms. Mouliere indicated that the search committee would be interviewing 3 applicants during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Mouliere spoke regarding the matter of the resolution of concern. The president asked that the jury take up this matter at this time. No one objected. Ms. Mouliere expressed the importance of the resolution and the need to get every parish involved to restore the funding to the state library system. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix, offered the following resolution for adoption.

### RESOLUTION NO. 10-16

**A RESOLUTION OF CONCERN REGARDING THE SHIFTING OF PUBLIC SERVICES FROM FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES WITH NO COMPENSATION FOR THE ADDED SPACE, STAFF, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRAINING NEEDED FOR LIBRARIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY CLIENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana's public libraries have a long and proud heritage of service in providing information, education, and recreation to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal Government agencies such as Internal Revenue, Census Bureau, and Health and Human Services are shifting responsibilities to local libraries to provide on line client access points; and

**WHEREAS**, State agencies such as the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Department of Motor Vehicles, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Department of Social Services are recommending public libraries as client access points for agency services; and

**WHEREAS**, public libraries will continue to be asked to serve clients from these and other agencies which will be further reducing their own overhead; and

**WHEREAS**, no compensation has been offered to public libraries to help meet the demand for additional space, additional computers; Internet access, additional bandwidth, additional training, or additional staff to help meet the needs of Federal and State agency clients; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana has repeatedly reduced the budget of the State Library of Louisiana, resulting in public libraries shouldering additional costs for administrative and staff training; Internet access, and research databases; and

**WHEREAS**, this shift in the delivery of Federal and State government services to local public libraries is changing the traditional model of public library service and forcing the burden of providing Federal and State services upon the local taxpayers through support of their local libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries do not have the space, staff, technological resources, or specialized training to deliver these services in addition to the traditional library services that are expected by local taxpayers;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury registers their concerns and respectfully requests that Federal and State government agencies refrain from shifting their responsibilities for serving their clients to public libraries until such time as they can also provide additional library funding to cover the costs of additional staff, space, training, computers, printers and supplies, Internet access, and increased bandwidth to help libraries provide these additional services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the budget of the State Library of Louisiana be restored by \$2,946,634 for fiscal year 2010-2011 in order to adequately provide for the needs of State government as well as the continued provision of services to the people of the State through their public libraries.

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**

Ms. Bennett stated that grant monies were available under HUD for a Self Sufficient Grant and only a letter of intent was needed at this time. No action was taken on this matter.

A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Ms. Moore, chair of the Personnel Committee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Moore recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that the travel request of the 911 Office was added to the agenda earlier and asked to take that matter up at this time.

Mr. Lott asked permission to send two employees Shantail Scott and Linda Butler to the Annual National Emergency Number Conference, June 6-9, 2010 in Indianapolis. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the hiring of temporary Sheriff Deputies who do detail work. Mr. Cammack indicated that IRS was mandating that temporary workers be treated as employees instead of contract labor. Mr. Cammack stated that he would keep the jury informed as this develops. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the hiring of the Code Enforcement Deputy for the Housing Office. Mr. Cammack stated that the deputy was assigned and employed by the sheriff, but would be paid from Section 8 funds.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding opening the position of an Accountant contingent upon the resignation of the accountant. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open the position of Accountant in the Treasurer's Office. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

### **SICK LEAVE**

Hutton, David Todd	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 04/20/10
McMullen, Steve	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 03/05/10
McMullen, Steve	Termination of Sick Leave	Effective 04/28/10

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the recommendation of the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

### **TERMINATION**

Zeigler, Christopher M.	Termination	Effective 04/27/10
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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the termination as recommended by the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the donation of sick leave to another employee. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the employment status of John Washington. Ms. Moore asked whether or not there was a need to go into executive session on this matter. Mr. Mitchell stated an executive session had not been anticipated and that Mr. Washington had not received the required notice of an executive session. Mr. Washington stated that he was willing to waive his rights and go into executive session. Ms. Moore stated that this matter would be addressed at the end of the meeting.

The chair recognized Mr. Beckham, Homeland Security. Mr. Beckham spoke regarding the hiring of an Assistant Director and an Administrative Secretary. Mr. Beckham recommended hiring Tracy Hilburn as Assistant Director and Mary Ann Lopez as Administrative Secretary. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the recommendations of Mr. Beckham. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Dr. Reddix, District D. Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the parish policy regarding job applicants with past felony convictions. Mr. Mitchell explained the current policy of not hiring convicted felons. Mr. Mitchell stated that the jury could change its policy at its discretion without violating state law. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson asked that Human Resources look at our policy and bring back suggestions to the jury.

There being no other business, the Personnel Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

A motion to convene the Public Works Committee was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Calhoun called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the minor subdivision approval for Fleur De Lis (District C). Mr. Murray stated that he had not spoken with Mr. Caldwell about the subdivision and recommended deferring action until the next meeting. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to deny approval of the subdivision. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell did not vote due to his absence.

There being no other business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The committee meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8957**

**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.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

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

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

The ordinance was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-12**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JERRY EDMONDSON TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING MAY 3, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 3, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Edmondson term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Edmondson, 302 Tupawek Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**



**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Jerry Edmondson, 302 Tupawek Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning May 3, 2010 and ending May 3, 2013.

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun offered the following resolution for adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-13**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GRETCHEN KOVAC TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING MAY 3, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 3, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Gretchen Kovac term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Gretchen Kovac, 214 River Oaks Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Gretchen Kovac, 214 River Oaks Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning May 3, 2010 and ending May 3, 2013.

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8962**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

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

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

The Ordinance was adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Green Springs Flood Control Project. Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the project and stated that he hope to have the project out for bid in the month of June. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Jackson asked that the matter regarding the Energy Efficiency Grant be placed back on the agenda or addressed in the administrative portion of the meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the road list for the parish and expressed his disposition regarding the list. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3 and asked whether or not surveillance cameras were available for the area. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore suggested meeting with Code Enforcement to discuss a plan of action for the deployment of the cameras purchased with LGAP funds. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the LGAP Grants and the need for a generator for the Southwest Ouachita Water System. Mr. Calhoun asked that the jury consider redistributing the LGAP grants funds to purchase the generator. No action was taken on this matter.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-09**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANET RUTLEDGE TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING MAY 3, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 3, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Janet Rutledge term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Rutledge, 956 Lapine Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Janet Rutledge, 956 Lapine Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning May 3, 2010 and ending May 3, 2013.

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.  
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Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered the following ordinance for final adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8961**

**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.

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

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

The above ordinance was adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2010.

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Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with NE LA Motorcyclists for Kids, Inc. for improvements of the pavilion at Cheniere Lake Park Area 8. Discussion ensued. Mr. Calhoun stated that he would bring the matter back to the jury at its next meeting after talking with Jimmy Langsten.

The president noted that Mr. Caldwell had not made it to the meeting at this time.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Holtzclaw to update the jury on the status of J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding proposed plans for the cemetery and indicated that a concrete top would be placed on top of the existing well. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would get with purchasing and tentatively draw up a cooperative endeavor agreement with Swanson Correctional Center for the upkeep of the cemetery. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would bring this back at the jury's next meeting. No other action was taken on this matter.

Dr. Reddix asked that the matter regarding recycling be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-10**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. SAMUEL BRET SANDERS TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING MAY 3, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 3, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the term of office of Tillman Brown on the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Visitors Board has expired and there exists a vacancy, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Samuel B. Sanders has expressed a desire to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Dr. Samuel B. Sanders, 2602 Briarfield Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning May 3, 2010 and ending May 3, 2013.

The resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8958**

**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.

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

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

The ordinance was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8959**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse prior to the consideration of this Ordinance for adoption be published in the Official Journal.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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) Caldwell

The ordinance was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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The president spoke regarding the at-large appointment to the Living Well Foundation and stated the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

The president spoke regarding the reappointment of Mr. Mack Calhoun to the Sparta Ground Water Commission and recommended that he be reappointed. A motion was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to reappoint Mr. Calhoun to the Sparta Water Commission. Motion passed without opposition.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-14**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO GOOD HOPE ROAD, DELLWOOD DRIVE, LOUISIANA AVENUE, VANCIL ROAD AND HADLEY STREET; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana - Department of Transportation and Development has accepted projects for certain improvements to Good Hope Road, Dellwood Drive, Louisiana Avenue, Vancil Road, and Hadley Street for funds available to the State of Louisiana from the United States through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”);

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law these projects have been awarded to the contractors submitting the lowest bids, as follows:

Good Hope Road {State Project No. 742-37-0021; F.A.P. No. ARR-3709 (505)}  
CONTRACTOR: D&J Construction Company, Inc.

Dellwood Drive {State Project No. 742-37-0022; F.A.P. No. ARR-3709 (506)}  
CONTRACTOR: Diamond B Construction Co., LLC

Louisiana Avenue {State Project No. 742-37-0023; F.A.P. No. ARR-3709 (507)}  
CONTRACTOR: D&J Construction Company, Inc.

Vancil Road {State Project No. 742-37-0024; F.A.P. No. ARR-3709 (508)}  
CONTRACTOR: D&J Construction Company, Inc.

Hadley Street { State Project No. 742-37-0025; F.A.P. No. ARR-3709 (509) }  
CONTRACTOR: Diamond B Construction Co., LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to enter into such contracts with the contractor awarded each of these projects as are reasonable and necessary to commence the construction of these projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute construction contracts with the Contractors identified above for each of the five (5) ARRA Projects made subject of this Resolution

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore. Discussion ensued.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-15**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2009-10 LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE (“LGAP”) AWARDS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana has awarded certain grants to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury under the FY 2009-10 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (“LGAP”);

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury wishes to accept these FY 2009-10 LGAP Awards and authorize its President to execute the necessary contracts and other documents with the State of Louisiana necessary to effect such acceptance:

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury by these presents does hereby accept the following FY 2009-10 LGAP Awards:

- 1) LGAP # 0910-OCH-0004 -- G.B. Cooley Remediation
- 2) LGAP # 0910-OCH-0002 -- Surveillance Cameras
- 3) LGAP # 0910-OCH-0001 -- Emergency Generator
- 4) LGAP # 0910-OCH-0003 -- Demolition of Derelict Structures;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute such contracts and with the State of Louisiana and other documents as are reasonable and necessary to give effect to this acceptance of the LGAP awards identified above.

The above resolution was adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010 with Mr. Calhoun voting no.

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The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Smiley:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8960  
(INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT #41 PECAN BAYOU WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore asked that Mr. Cammack speak regarding the position of Grant Writer for Ouachita Parish. Mr. Cammack stated that he has written a description for the Grant Writer, and would make that information available the jury before the next meeting.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Mr. Mitchell stated that the appraisals were being done and that the project was on track. No other action was taken on this matter.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack stated that he had been in contact with Entergy to discuss the utility bills for Chauvin and Horseshoe Lake Pump stations. Mr. Cammack stated that Energy had discovered an error in its billing calculations and would be submitting a revised bill with

significantly increased changes. Mr. Cammack indicated he would address this matter with Entergy and possibly seek FEMA reimbursement for the electricity charges.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding an amendment to the Energy Efficiency Grant and requested that the jury approve the president to sign the documents. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize the president to sign the necessary documents for the Energy Efficiency Grant funds. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

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

Chief Hemphill stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a Letter of Support for V-Vehicle's loan application with the U. S. Department of Energy. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize a letter of support of V-Vehicle's loan application. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works.

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

Mr. Murray stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

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

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding change order #2 for the Pavement Striping Contract. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated a net decrease of \$272.05 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he has signed contracts for the Geotechnical investigations on Caples Road, Slocum Road and Harmon Johnson Road.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding the lift station at the Correctional Center and would bring back the information at the next meeting.

A motion to recess the regular meeting pursuant to LA R.S.42:6.1(1) to enter into executive session to consider the personnel matter concerning Mr. John Washington was

offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion approved without opposition. The jury entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the Personnel Committee was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to terminate the employment of John Washington-Public Works effective April 23, 2010. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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