

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, JULY 6, 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, July 6, 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

Mack Calhoun, District C juror gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on June 21, 2010, with corrections to Resolution No. 10-27 regarding the number of members on the advisory board for J. S. Clark Cemetery, and minor corrections on page 10 and 11 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Jackson was not present for the vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Ms. Moore stated that she would like to add an item regarding the award of the CDBG Accessibility Grant in the amount \$89,000. Ms. Moore indicated that the jury needed to act to accept the grant to allow funds to be expended for travel for the grant consultant before its next meeting.

Mr. Cammack stated that his office had received notice of award for a CDBG Grant for Lilac and Gary Street in the amount of \$229,000 and that the jury needed to act to accept this grant funding. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the amendments to the agenda. Motion failed for the lack of a unanimous vote. The vote for the approval of the agenda was as follow: Smiley, Moore, Reddix, Calhoun voted yea; Caldwell voted nay.

The president announced the following service awards for the month of July.

PUBLIC WORKS
BILLY DERON-5 YRS
BOBBY FARMER-5 YRS

FIRE DEPARTMENT
JAMES STEWART-30 YRS

TREASURER
DEBORAH H. SEWELL-30 YRS

VISITORS:

The president recognize visitor Rachel Benson. 101 Power Avenue, Sterlington who stated that Edward Clark was the designated spokesperson. The president recognized Mr. Edward Clark, 271 Power Avenue, Sterlington, Louisiana. Mr. Clark spoke regarding the closing of Power Avenue and various problems surrounding the subdivision and area.

The president noted that this matter was on Mr. Caldwell's agenda and asked his fellow jurors to address it at this time. No one had an issue with taking up the matter at this time. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that Deputy Heckford and Public Works address the matter of dumping and the speed limit on Power Avenue and Solvent Avenue. Discussion ensued again. After discussion Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

The president recognized Mayor Steve Hunter, Town of Richwood. Mayor Hunter had stepped out of the meeting.

Ms. Moore asked that the president address the matter concerning the approval of the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that under LA R.S. 42:7, that an amendment to the agenda has to be unanimously approved by all members present. This act went into effect in 2008. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked that the matters regarding the CDBG grants be placed on her agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Hunter returned to the meeting at this time.

The president recognized Mayor Steve Hunter, Town of Richwood. Mayor Hunter spoke regarding the transportation fund for the town. The mayor asked that the jury enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to fund the town's transportation fund. The president noted that this item was on Dr. Reddix's agenda and asked that the jury address this matter at this time. No one objected to taking up the matter. Ron Hasty of RSH Engineering, Inc., spoke regarding the matter. A length discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter. Dr. Reddix asked that the matter be placed back on her agenda for the next meeting.

The president recognized visitor Cheryl Slavent, of Ouachita Riverkeepers. Ms. Slavent spoke regarding the Georgia Pacific Permit and the effluent waters entering into the Ouachita River. Mr. Caldwell left the meeting at this time. Ms. Slavent asked that the jurors individually contact Senator Vitter and the EPA regarding the permit. No formal action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Caldwell returned to the meeting at this time.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director

Mr. Rhodes noted that the operational committee will meet on July 21, 2010 and that the main item to be discussed will be the tax.

HOUSING: Ms. Peggy Steele, Director

Ms. Steele reported that she would be meeting with Earl Davis in the coming week to discuss home ownership for Section 8 tenants. Ms. Steele also noted that an additional scholarship of \$100 dollars had been awarded to Kendarius Talton who was the winner of a scholarship recently awarded by Louisiana Housing Council. Ms. Moore commented on Ms. Steele's efforts to help the tenants.

LIBRARY: Ms. Cheryl Mouliere, Director

The jury congratulated Ms. Mouliere on her retirement and expressed thanks for work done on the new branches.

OCC CORRECTIONS: Major Brian Newcomer

Major Newcomer stated that efforts were being made to reduce the recidivism by securing grants for this purpose.

911 OFFICE: Mr. Craig Lott

Mr. Cammack expressed thanks to the 911 Office for their work on the census maps.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett noted that participants from last year summer program were pictured in the Louisiana Career Planning Guide.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson, Ms. Moore called the personnel committee meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The chair recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack asked that the matter regarding the Grant Consultant be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

The chair recognized David Cobb, Public Works Assistant Director. Mr. Cobb spoke regarding the promotion of Charles Barfoot to the position of Maintenance Leader and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the promotion of Charles Barfoot to Maintenance Leader. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Jackson was absent.

The chair recognized Ms. Steele, Housing Director. Ms. Steele spoke regarding the recent resignation of one of her employees and asked that the position of Housing Program Assistant be opened immediately. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the opening of the Housing Program Assistant. Motion passed without opposition.

The personnel committee meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The president asked for a motion to convene the Public Works Committee meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to convene as the Public Works Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Calhoun, chairman of the Public Works Committee called the meeting to order at 6:48. Mr. Calhoun recognized Mr. Cobb of Public Works. Mr. Cobb indicated that he had no items.

There being no other business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The regular meeting was resumed at 6:49 p.m.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized and noted the absence of Mr. Jackson, District A.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked that the item regarding LGAP Grant be deferred to the next meeting as well as the matter regarding the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3.

Mr. Calhoun offered the following ordinance for introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 8963

(Introduction)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON PENCIE MURPHY RD 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 Pencie Murphy Road, a parish road located in District B of Ouachita Parish;

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

Pencie Murphy Road - 25 miles per hour

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter regarding the re-opening of Power Avenue be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Caldwell asked that matters regarding the speed limits on Power Ave and Solvent Ave be placed on the July 19th agenda as well as

the rainwater runoff permit for Hwy 2 and Power Avenue. Mr. Caldwell asked that the property allegedly owned by the school board located near Power Ave be placed on the next agenda as well.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell about the status of Skate Lane. Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had nothing new to report on the project. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda.

Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter regarding Bayou Desiard Restoration Project and Treasure Island be placed back on the July 19th agenda.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding funding for the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Dr. Reddix stated that \$30,000, had been secured from the state by Senator Rosalind Jones, but an additional \$78,000 was needed to address the drainage and leveling issues within the cemetery. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to allocate \$78,000 from the General Fund Reserve as identified by Mr. Holtzclaw's evaluation and cost estimate to be used for this purpose. A lengthy discussion ensued. Motion passed with Mr. Calhoun, Ms. Moore, and Dr. Reddix voting yes. Mr. Smiley voted nay. Mr. Caldwell abstained. Mr. Cammack asked that Dr. Reddix clarify her motion regarding which fund the monies would be coming from. Dr. Reddix stated that the funds would come from the General Fund Reserve.

Dr. Reddix asked that the matter concerning recycling be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding Resolution No. 10-31 and introduced to the jury the members of the J. S. Clark Cemetery Advisory Committee. Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-31

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE J. S. CLARK CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 97-87 created the J. S. Clark Cemetery Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, said Committee is to be appointed by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following persons be and hereby are appointed to the J. S. Clark Cemetery Advisory for the term listed.

- 1) Dorothy Dupree – term begins July 6, 2010 ends July 6, 2012
- 2) Thomas Foster – term begins July 6, 2010, term ends July 6, 2012
- 3) Dr. Frances Staten – term begins July 6, 2010, terms ends July 6, 2014
- 4) Barbara Sharp – term begins July 6, 2010, term ends July 6, 2012
- 5) Frank Taylor – term begins July 6, 2010, term ends July 6, 2012
- 6) Maybelean Bradley – term begins July 6, 2010, term ends July 6, 2014
- 7) Rick Miller – term begins July 6, 2010, terms ends July 6, 2014

The above resolution was adopted this 6th day of July 2010.

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The president stated that he had no items tonight.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Auto Shred/Mush Water Canal. Ms. Moore stated that she had met with all parties to assess the situation. Ms. Moore stated that the city will complete the cleaning of their portion of the canal by Friday, and that a written assessment would be available by the next meeting. No action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the sale of animals along side parish roads. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the jury had no jurisdiction over these matters. Mr. Mitchell stated that the jury can only regulate animals that roam at large. Ms. Moore asked that Mr. Mitchell send a letter to PAWS explaining the jury's position.

Ms. Moore asked that the matter regarding a small sign ordinance. Ms. Moore asked that the parish consider adopting an ordinance similar to the city of Monroe. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and suggested that he be allowed to draft an ordinance tailored to the parish. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Ms. Moore asked that Mr. Mitchell prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

Ms. Moore asked Deputy Heckford speak regarding the LGAP Grant for the cameras. Deputy Heckford spoke regarding the efforts of the Sheriff's Office assisting with

surveillance. Ms. Moore asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the July 19th meeting.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful Grant Application. Ms. Moore stated that the application is due on July 10th and would be in the amount of \$15,000 for advertising on billboards. Mr. Poe, Chairman of Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful spoke in favor of the grant application. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix for the Police Jury, on behalf of the Keep Ouachita Beautiful Board, to submit an application to the Monroe/West Monroe Conventions Visitors Bureau for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for billboard advertisements. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore stated that she would be approximately 30 minutes late at the next meeting due to an obligation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for food/food products (3rd Qtr) and recommended Sysco Foods. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the lowest conforming bid of Sysco Foods in the amount of \$19,821,78. Motion passed without opposition.

The president acknowledged that Chief Hemphill was absent.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the authorization to lease properties located at the addresses listed as 122 Camp Drive, West Monroe; 111 Crawford Rd, Monroe; and 105 Oak Circle, Monroe. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the jury authorize the leasing of these FEMA properties and stated that others would be forthcoming. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize the leasing of the properties as stated. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Jackson was absent.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the attorney general's opinion regarding the paving lien statue. Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury approve his request to ask for an opinion from the Attorney General regarding an interpretation of the paving lien statue. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the request. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the matter regarding the evaluation of the drainage servitude on an area of land on Wall Williams Rd/Brianna Drive was being presented on Mr.

Holtzclaw's behalf. Mr. Mitchell indicated that a homeowner claimed this servitude was causing damage to his property. Mr. Mitchell indicated that Mr. Holtzclaw stated that some survey work had to be done to evaluate the problem at a cost of approximately \$1500.00. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the evaluation of the off road drainage servitude at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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