

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010 AT 5:31 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, August 2, 2010, at 5:31 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)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Walt Caldwell	District C

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The president asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda at this time. There were none. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell was not present for the vote.

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

GREEN OAKS
BERNICE COLEMAN-20 YRS

FIRE DEPARTMENT
KURT MAY – 10 YRS
BRANDON LAND -10 YRS
KEVIN MITCHELL – 10 YRS
RODNEY REMORE – 10 YRS
WILLIAM WHETSTONE – 10 YRS

MOSQUITO CONTROL
SHANNON RIDER – 5 YRS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8964 – An ordinance amending Section 14-1, establishing the speed limit on Power Ave at fifteen (15) miles per hour; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8965 – An ordinance amending Section 14-1, establishing the speed limit on Ole Hwy 15 at forty-five (45) miles per hour; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell was not present for the vote.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Lynda Holley of 4621 Hwy 134, Collinston. Ms. Holley spoke regarding the erosion of her property due to problems within the drainage servitude. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smiley asked that Mr. Murray have Public Works go out and survey the property to address the matter. No other action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Carl Wilson. Mr. Wilson was not present at the meeting. Dr. Reddix stated that Mr. Wilson had submitted a letter to the jury. No other action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Elnora Wells. Ms. Wells was not present. Dr. Reddix stated that Ms. Wells's issue had been resolved.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Wayne Heckford

Deputy Heckford stated that he would be on vacation the rest of the week and returning to work on Monday, August 9, 2010.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Green Oaks Operational Committee is forming a speaker's bureau to campaign for their tax renewal.

LAJET: Mr. Leonard Tims, Director

Mr. Tims reported that the state had recently performed a desk audit on the program. Mr. Tims stated that he would provide the jury with a copy of the report when he receives it. Mr. Tims stated that an additional \$25,000 had been added to the client's transportation funds and an amendment to the agreement was forthcoming.

LIBRARY:

Ms. Gloria Reeves, Acting Director

Ms. Reeves provided the jury with the library’s monthly statistics and stated that the Ollie Burns Branch grand opening will be on August 12th. Ms. Reeves stated that the new director would start on August 16, 2010.

OCC CORRECTIONS:

Major Brian Newcomer

Warden Newcomer reported on the new construction and stated that the project appeared to be on track.

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The president asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the personnel committee meeting. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to recess the regular meeting in favor of the personnel committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairperson, Ms. Moore called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Ms. Moore recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack stated that he had spoken with David Creed of North Delta and Ms. Bennett regarding coordinating grant consultant services, but had nothing new to report. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda at its next meeting.

Ms. Moore recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. Chief Hemphill recommended the following personnel actions for approval.

SICK LEAVE

Cardwell, Keith	Extended Sick Leave	Effective 06/30/10
Cardwell, Keith	Termination of Sick Leave	Effective 08/01/10

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

Ms. Moore recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Department. Mr. Murray requested to hire Tyron Hollins in the position of Equipment Operator II, effective August 2, 2010. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the hiring of Tyron Hollins as an Equipment Operator II. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mack Calhoun, chairman called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Calhoun recognized Mr. Murray.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the 2010 Road Program. Mr. Murray presented a memo to the jury from the parish engineer and recommended changes to the program. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the amendments to the 2010 Road Program as recommended by the parish engineer and public works. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke briefly regarding the resubdivision of lots 3A and 4A within Petrus Estates and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the resubdivision as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

There was no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A motion to reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, 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 Dr. Reddix offered the following ordinance for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 8965

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON OLE HWY 15 AT FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a uniform speed limit of forty-five miles-per-hour (45 mph) for the entire length of Ole Hwy 15 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

Ole Hwy 15-45 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 on the 19th day of July 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 on the 2nd day of August 2010.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked that Mr. Cammack speak regarding Resolution No. 10-35. Mr. Cammack explained the purpose of the proposed resolution to the jury. Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-35

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for street improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an

official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Procurement Policy, (2) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments and (4) Grievance Procedure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the President to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bradley N. Cammack and Karen Cupit are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Shane Smiley shall certify to the correctness of each signature and that Community Trust Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Brad Cammack is authorized to sign checks on the official depository, which is required for each check.

The resolution was adopted the 2nd day of August 2010.

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Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the LGAP Grants and Water Enrichment Funding. Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore requested \$35,000 in LGAP funding for a generator for the Cadeville Water System. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Mr. Calhoun and Ms. Moore withdrew the motion. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Cammack stated that funds were available from LGAP (\$20,000) and the Water Enrichment Fund for the Indian Village Water System. Mr. Cammack stated that LGAP suggested that the funding be combined to finish the Indian Village Water System Project. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to combine the funding from LGAP and the Water Enrichment Fund to complete the Indian Village Water System. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Cheniere Lake Area 3 Bathrooms. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that there were a few items left on the checklist to be completed. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that those items should be completed within the next week or so. No other action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C. Mr. Caldwell was not present. Mr. Cammack informed the jury that Mr. Caldwell was enroute and asked that his matters be moved further down the agenda.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had contacted several contractors and would report back to the jury at its next meeting.

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the cooperative endeavor agreement with Swanson. Mr. Mitchell stated that he has completed the preliminary work on the document and that it would be ready by the next jury meeting. Discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the road funding for the Town of Richwood. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter and indicated that an agreement had been worked out. Mr. Mitchell stated that a draft of the document had been provided to the mayor and the aldermen for their review. Discussion ensued. The president recognized Mayor Steve Hunter, Town of Richwood. The mayor expressed his thanks to the jury for their cooperation and assistance.

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding recycling. Mr. Cammack asked Deputy Heckford to speak about the placement of a bin for recycling on the courthouse grounds. Deputy Heckford stated that he would contact Recycling Bob to get the dumpster put in place. No other action was taken on the matter.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The president indicated that he had no items for discussion.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore spoke regarding LGAP Camera Grant Amendment. Ms. Moore stated that the amendment would provide for the purchase of video cameras instead of digital cameras. Mr. Caldwell appeared at this time at the meeting. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to amend the LGAP Camera Grant Project to purchase video cameras in place of digital cameras. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Mush Water Canal and updated the jury on the progress of the cleanup of this canal. Ms. Moore stated that Mr. Mitchell was working on a cooperative endeavor agreement that would allow the city access to our right of ways to facilitate a cleanup of the canal. Ms. Moore asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Roark to speak regarding the Tanglewood Flood Control Project.

Mr. Roark stated that work had been done to secure the right of ways for Phase 2 of the project. Mr. Roark stated that a mail out would be done to set up a meeting to purchase the properties at that time. Mr. Mitchell stated that once this process has been completed, the project would possibly be ready for bid. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the LGAP Projects for the coming year and noted the upcoming deadline for submission of September 15th. Ms. Moore asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the proposed off road drainage project for Charmingdale. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that this project did meet the requirements for LGAP. Ms. Moore asked Mr. Holtzclaw to report on Harmon Johnson Road and Caples Road at this time. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the cost to resurface Harmon Johnson would be approximately 3.3 million dollars and approximately 5.9 million dollars. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize the parish treasurer and parish engineer to prepare and apply for LGAP funding for the off road drainage ditch project in Charmingdale and a generator for the Cadeville Water System. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8964

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON POWER AVENUE AT FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Power Avenue, a parish road located in District C of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a speed limit of fifteen miles-per-hour (15 mph) on Power Avenue 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

Power Avenue – 15 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 on the 19th day of July 2010.

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

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(0)

The Ordinance was adopted this 2nd day of August 2010.

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Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the Re-opening of Power Avenue. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to authorize Mr. Mitchell prepare a letter to state regarding the re-opening of the Power Avenue to Hwy 2. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the potential funding for block grants for the area surrounding Power Avenue. Mr. Murray and Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the process to applying for those funds. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that this matter be added back to the next agenda.

Mr. Caldwell stated that he would like to skip the items regarding the rainwater permit for Hwy 2/Power Avenue, and dumping on property located on Power Avenue at this time.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to update the jury on the status of Skate Lane. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he has prepared the documents for the project to go out for bid. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be added to the next agenda for action.

Mr. Caldwell asked to Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Treasure Island Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that no progress had been made due to ownership of the structure. Mr. Caldwell asked that Mr. Holtzclaw communicate with the Corps of Engineer and get something in writing to that effect. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the Bayou Desiard Restoration Project. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had spoken to the mayor's office regarding the project but had nothing new to report.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Treasure Island Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw presented a list of properties within the subdivision and throughout the parish that are considered to be in a flood prone area. Mr. Smiley left the meeting at this time. Discussion ensued.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to amend the agenda to take up the matter regarding the potential FEMA Floodplain Map changes. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley was not present for the vote. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Mr. Cammack to allocate up to \$500 from the General Fund for the purpose of contacting landowners and/or appropriate parties for the 24 page Ouachita Parish Floodplain Properties provided by Mr. Holtzclaw. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Frenchmen's Bend Subdivision. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that he was ready to meet with the homeowners. No other action was taken on this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-37

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVEN HALL TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2016; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Steven Hall has expressed a desire to continue to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Steven Hall, 213 Pinecrest, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 be and hereby is reappointed as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 for a term of six (6) years beginning September 20, 2010 and ending September 20, 2016.

The above resolution was adopted this 2nd day of August 2010.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The vice-president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the fire alarm system. Mr. Cammack stated that Bill Land has plans modified and ready to submit to the State Fire Marshall's Office. No action was taken on this matter

Mr. Cammack stated that he would be off on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, and would like to attend the Secretary-Treasurer's Conference in Shreveport on August 12-13, 2010. Mr. Cammack noted that funds were budgeted for travel. No action was taken on this matter.

The vice-president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill indicated that he had no additional items.

The vice-president recognized Mr. Jay Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had no items.

The vice-president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray stated that he had no additional items.

The vice-president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw passed out information on follow up project applications for Tanglewood Flood Protection Project and East Town and Country Subdivision. No action was taken on this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Cammack stated that a meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 with GOSHEP to address utility costs for FEMA.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. James Poe, 4106 Forsythe Avenue spoke regarding the bow shooters and the event

held recently at the Sheriff's facility. Mr. Calhoun spoke on the matter and stated that all in attendance were impressed with the facility.

Ms. Moore recognized Ms. Gloria Walker who was in the audience.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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