

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011 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 Tuesday, February 22, 2011 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>(6)</b>
<b>Charles Jackson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(0)</b>

The invocation was given by the president. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the president.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The president spoke regarding the public comment period. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular police jury meeting including the committee meetings held on February 7, 2011, was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized visitor Kevin Sweet of 2535 Buckhorn Bend Road. Mr. Sweet spoke regarding the dumping of garbage at the end of his road. Mr. Sweet presented some photos of the area to the jury and requested that the jury place no dumping signs in the area. Ms. Moore spoke regarding the matter. No action was taken on this matter.

A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting was offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack recommended approval of the claims statement for the period of January 21, 2011 through February 16, 2011. A brief discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the claims statement as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the Health Unit. Mr. Cammack recommended the purchase of a Dodge Nitro off state contract for the Health Unit. Mr. Green, Sanitarian for Ouachita Parish spoke regarding the vehicle purchase. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the purchase of a Dodge Nitro off state contract for the Health Unit Sanitarian. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the purchase of a vehicle for Animal Control to replace a truck that had developed serious engine problems. Mr. Cammack stated that the purchase of the vehicle was not in the budget for this year, but would be included in the amended budget. Mr. Cammack recommended the purchase of a Ford F-150 for the department. A brief discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 truck for the Animal Shelter off state contract for \$21,241.00. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack asked that the jury declare the old truck as surplus at its next meeting.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Correctional Center budget and projected deficit for the year. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the contracts for the Administrative Consultant and Engineer for the Disaster Recovery Projects-Gustav/Ike. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Fontana asked that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for the HVAC Condensor Coils at Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Cammack recommended the lowest conforming bid of \$30,715.00 from Byrnes Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the proposed VALIC Roth 457b Plan. Mr. Cammack stated that this would be a new benefit offered by VALIC for parish employees. Mr. Cammack noted that VALIC would have to meet the 10% required participation by

parish employees. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the new benefit offered by VALIC. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the proposed donation of annual leave. Mr. Cammack stated that in his opinion it would be setting a precedent between employees to allow a donation of annual leave as such donations approved in the past had all involved sick leave. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Cammack noted that Byrnes Mechanical has completed the retrofits for the Energy Efficiency Grant.

Mr. Cammack also noted that the fire alarms were nearing completion and would be tested during the first week of March.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The committee meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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

A motion to reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

Mr. Jackson stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

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

Mr. Calhoun asked that the matter regarding Redistricting be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding Area 8 of Cheniere Lake Park and the need for a shelter. Mr. Calhoun stated that the building that is presently in use is not large enough and in poor condition. Mr. Calhoun stated that he had instructed the staff to obtain quotes for the shelter. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the lowest conforming quote of \$21,851 from Bamburg Steel Buildings, Inc. for the construction of a metal canopy at Area 8 of Cheniere Lake Park. Motion passed with Mr. Jackson voting no.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-10**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYLON MCCORMICK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KEEP OUACHITA PARISH BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22, 2011 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2014; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful Committee and Waylon McCormick desires to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Waylon McCormick, 176 Karen Rd, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292, be and is hereby appointed to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful Committee for a term of three (3) years beginning February 22, 2011 and ending February 22, 2014.

The above Resolution was adopted on this 22nd day of February 2011.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the drainage issues within the Frenchmen's Bend Subdivision. Mr. Cammack noted that Mr. Holtzclaw would not be in attendance at the meeting tonight. Mr. Cammack passed out information to the jury from Mr. Holtzclaw regarding the matter. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting of the jury.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix offered the following ordinance for introduction. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would provide additional information to the jury regarding the matter before the next meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8977  
(INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE  
SERVITUDE EAST OF GARDEN PARK SUBDIVISION IN OUACHITA  
PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, by the plat of Garden Park Subdivision, Unit No. 3 filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book 14, Page 9, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury acquired a certain 60' wide drainage servitude running easterly from the east end of Sullivan Place a distance of 530' to an existing drainage servitude;

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the establishment of a new community water well by Greater Ouachita Water Company approximately 442' east of the end of Sullivan Place, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has reviewed its utilization of the above-described servitude and determined the entire 60' width is not required and that the drainage facilities located in said servitude can be adequately maintained within a servitude encompassing the southern 20' of the present 60' wide servitude; and,

**WHEREAS**, a reduction of the width of the present servitude will serve the public interest by accommodating Greater Ouachita Water Company's establishment of a new well to provide potable water to the community;

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the northern 40' of the 60' wide drainage servitude running easterly from the east end of Sullivan Place a distance of 530' (as dedicated by the plat of Garden Park Subdivision, Unit No. 3 filed in the conveyance records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book 14, Page 9) be, and hereby is, revoked;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the southern 20' of said drainage servitude is specifically retained; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Director of Public Works be and hereby is authorized to execute a plat prepared by S.E. Huey Co. depicting the above-described changes to the original 60' drainage servitude and dedicating a new 20' wide public drainage servitude as depicted thereon.

The above ordinance was introduced the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2011.

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Dr. Reddix asked that the matter regarding J. S. Clark Cemetery be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the waste and trash service providers within the parish. Dr. Reddix asked Deputy Heckford to speak regarding the matter. Deputy Heckford stated that the jury had not adopted regulations as allowed by the ordinances governing waste and trash haulers. Deputy Heckford indicated to the jury that the proposed regulations would compliment the ordinances by establishing rules relative to the operation of garbage and waste haulers. A lengthy discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter.

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

The president stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Great American Cleanup and the need for dumpsters in her district as well as the rest of the parish. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked that the matter be placed back on the agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Moore spoke briefly regarding the Small Sign Ordinance kick off with the City of Monroe. Ms. Moore stated that over 170 signs had been picked up that were in violation. Ms. Moore stated that efforts would be concentrated throughout the parish in various areas in the coming months.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack spoke briefly regarding the Louisiana Tourism Recovery Program. Mr. Cammack stated that the Monroe/West Monroe Convention & Visitor Bureau had successfully submitted the program application.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

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

Chief Hemphill stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Director of Public Works.

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

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the sketch plan approval of Bayou Louisiane located in District E. Mr. Murray recommended denial of the sketch plan at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to deny the approval of the sketch plan for Bayou Louisiane. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray asked that the bid tabulation results for the motor graders be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

The president noted the absence of Mr. Holtzclaw, Parish Engineer.

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

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulations for Slocum Road and OCC Sanitary Sewer Projects. Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Holtzclaw would like these matters deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Safe Routes to School. Ms. Moore recommended that the jury submit applications for Shady Grove and Jack Hayes Elementary Schools. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to submit an application for Shady Grove and Jack Hayes Elementary Schools for the Safe Routes to School Project. Motion passed without opposition.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

There were none.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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