

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON, MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011 AT 5:33 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, March 21, 2011 at 5:33 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>	(4)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(2)
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D

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. Mr. Cammack stated that Dr. Reddix had asked that a refund to the Town of Richwood for the Dellwood Project be added to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that the project was complete and that the monies provided up front needed to be returned to the town. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell appeared at this point of the meeting. Mr. Mitchell stated that Dr. Reddix had also asked that Ms. Johnson be allowed to speak to the jury regarding a matter. Mr. Mitchell also asked that the jury allow Mr. Holtzclaw to present his matters before the Finance Committee Meeting due to his having to leave the meeting early. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to amend the agenda to add the item regarding the refund to the Town of Richwood. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to approve the agenda with the changes was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. 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 March 7, 2011, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized visitor Jimmy Clay of 4620 Lincoln Park Drive, Monroe. Mr. Clay spoke regarding the Animal Control Ordinance and requested that the jury enforce the ordinance. Ms. Moore thanked Mr. Clay for his attendance and stated that the jury would get back to him on his concerns. No action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized visitor Ms. Eddie Johnson of 100 Post Oak Drive, Monroe. Ms. Johnson stated that she had been experiencing problems with the local water company and asked for the jury's help in addressing the problem of overbilling. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had passed the information on to the Public Service Commission, but had not heard back from them. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would stay on top of the issue. No other action was taken on the matter.

The president asked the jury to allow Mr. Holtzclaw to present his matters at this time due to another obligation. No one had an issue with addressing the matters concerning Roads & Drainage at this time.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw presented the 2011 Road Improvement recommendations in a slide presentation. A lengthy discussion ensued. Dr. Reddix appeared during the presentation and discussion of the roads. After discussion, motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the 2011 Road Improvement Program as presented by the parish engineer. Discussion ensued again. Motion passed with Mr. Calhoun abstaining.

Mr. Holtzclaw updated the jury on the status of the Slocum Road Improvement Project. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the contract had been signed and the project would possibly start sometime in mid- April. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding the LCDBG Project on Lilac and Gary Streets. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the bid opening date for the project is May 9, 2011.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtzclaw presented information showing how he proposed to preserve the flags at the cemetery placed by Ground Penetrating Radar, Inc. Mr. Holtzclaw recommended placing pvc pipe over the existing flags and spray painting them. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that this would preserve the area/flags and allow the cemetery to be mowed. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., and recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims for the period of February 17, 2011 through March 17, 2011. Mr. Cammack stated that all the claims for 2010 had been paid and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the claims statements as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Energy Efficiency Improvements. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the contracts for the Engineer and Consultant for the Gustav/Ike Funds. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Contract for the project subject to the state's approval of the \$1500 contract fee and approval by the parish's attorney. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for Food & Food Products for the second quarter for Green Oaks Detention. Mr. Cammack recommended Reinhart Food Service (formerly Conco Food Service) as the lowest conforming bidder in the amount of \$21,143.94. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the request of the Judges' Office to repaint and replace the carpet on the entire fourth floor. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to defer action on this matter until a later date. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Craig Lott, 911 Director. Mr. Lott asked that his matter be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

There being no other business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

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 offered the following ordinance for introduction regarding Redistricting. A lengthy discussion ensued. The jury decided to look at the various maps in open session.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8978
(INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICTS COMPRISING THE
OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH
RESPECT THERETO:**

Discussion continued after the jury looked at the maps. No action was taken on this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE INTEREST OF THE OUACHITA
PARISH POLICE JURY IN THE ENDORSEMENT OF LONNIE MCCURRYS
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CENTER, INC., AND THEIR PRODUCT #20101204 TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE
PROGRAM; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981, Act 901 was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature, and Act 337 was enacted by the 1982 Legislature, Act 433 was enacted by the 1987 Legislature, and Act 581 was enacted by the 1995 Legislature and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Ouachita Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 58 Block Group 1 in Ouachita Parish as Enterprise Zone eligible based on enabling legislation R.S.51.21.(1787-1791), and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for Ouachita Parish, and

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorses, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements Ouachita Parish agrees:

1. To participate in the enterprise zone program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To REFUND all applicable *local sales taxes on the purchase of the material used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, for housing any legitimate business enterprise, and machinery and equipment used in that enterprise. This tax refund would be on materials, construction and equipment purchased for a project and used by a business permanently on that site.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that LONNIE MCCURRYS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CENTER, INC., State Application #20101204 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provision or item of this resolution of the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidly shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above Resolution was adopted on this 21st day of March 2011. No opposition.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the status of Power & Solvent Avenues. Mr. Murray stated that he had contacted the State Department of

Transportation about the matter, but had not heard back from them. Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to forward the letter to them again, and asked that Mr. Murray try contacting them again.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix stated that the matter regarding J. S. Clark Cemetery had already been discussed. Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered a motion to proceed as outlined by Mr. Holtzclaw with the preservation of the markers within the cemetery. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Dr. Reddix stated that the Town of Richwood had asked about their portion of the CDBG 3.7 Million Gustav/Ike Funds. Mr. Mitchell stated that the jury was the recipient of the funds, and that the parish would administer the project through the selection of the consultant and the selected engineer. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Reddix spoke about the refund due to the Town of Richwood for the Dellwood Project. Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore approved refunding to the Town of Richwood \$7010.00, an excess amount for the completed Dellwood Project. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TERENCE B. AUGERSON TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST TOWN & COUNTRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING MARCH 21, 2011, AND ENDING MARCH 21, 2015; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of East Town & Country Drainage District No. 1, and Terence B. Augerson has expressed a desire to serve on the Board of Commissioners of East Town & Country Drainage District No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Terence B. Augerson, 51 Holiday Drive, Monroe, LA 71203 is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of East Town & Country Drainage District No. 1 for a term of four (4) years, beginning March 21, 2011 and ending March 21, 2015.

The above resolution was adopted on the 21st day of March 2011.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked that the matters regarding the Auto Shred/Mush Water Canal and Nutland Road be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill stated that the generator provided by Homeland Security is being installed and that his offices will be closed until Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Computer Assisted Dispatch for Ouachita Parish Fire Department. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Jackson to authorize the president to execute the agreement on behalf of the Fire Department and the 911 District as recommended by the parish attorney. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray stated that he had no items, but would be out of town the rest of the week.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the beer and whiskey application as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

WOODS, ALLEN

**DBA HONEY'S FOOD MARKET, 3306
OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE,
LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B",
RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2011
NEW**

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURN!

Shane Smiley, President

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary

Adopted April 4, 2011