

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011 AT 5:32 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 18, 2011 at 5:32 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>	(6)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F

<u>Members Absent</u>	(0)
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The invocation was given by Brad Cammack, Parish Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Brad Cammack.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions to tonight's agenda. The president stated that he would like to add a resolution reappointing members to the East Ouachita Recreational District whose terms have expired. The president stated that the reappointments were needed so that the district could have a quorum at their next meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to add the resolution to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

The president asked if there were any other amendments. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president spoke regarding the public comment period. No one appeared or came forth during this point in the meeting.

Mr. Mitchell spoke at length regarding the proposed ordinance establishing a minimum elevation for structures built in locations subject to flooding within the parish. Mr. Mitchell stated that he

had been working with the Homebuilders Association during the past three weeks to accomplish this task. Mr. Mitchell explained to the jury the changes in the ordinances. Discussion ensued. No action was taken at this time.

A motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on July 5, 2011 was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance No. 8985** – An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish to Establish a Standard Minimum Elevation for Structures built in locations subject to flooding within the Unincorporated Areas of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; and further providing with respect thereto. Mr. Mitchell noted that he had spoken on the matter earlier during the public comment period. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against this ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance No. 8988** – An Ordinance to Automatically Establish a Temporary Ban on the Open-Air Burning of Trash, Garbage, Leaves, Limbs, Branches, and Debris of Any Kind during times when the Louisiana State Fire Marshall and/or the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has ordered a “Burn Ban” that includes all or part of Ouachita Parish; and further providing with respect thereto. Mr. Mitchell spoke briefly regarding the matter. Mr. Mitchell noted that the ordinance contained two changes. The first change would exclude fireworks and the second would allow burning when permits are issued by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, DEQ or the Fire Chief. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance No. 8989** – An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 15, of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish Governing “Offenses-Miscellaneous” to prohibit the sale or transfer of animals in certain restricted places in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; and further providing with respect thereto. Mr. Mitchell stated that an exception had been added to the ordinance to exclude the sale of animals from local hardware stores. The president noted that there were 4 persons present in favor of the ordinance. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized visitor Pat Regan of 119 Gretchen Walk, West Monroe. Mr. Regan spoke as the representative for Ouachita Council on Aging. Mr. Regan asked that the jury assist in funding the various outreach programs to assist senior citizens.

Harry Rusty Woods III, of 306 Cadeville Cutoff Rd, West Monroe spoke regarding the need for the programs provided by the Ouachita Council on Aging. Mr. Woods asked that the jury considered providing some funding for the various programs. Mr. Woods thanked the jury for their time. No action was taken on this matter.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Finance Committee. Motion passed without opposition.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack presented the claims statement for the period of June 17, 2011 through July 14, 2011 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the claims as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented an update on the Ouachita Correctional Center. Mr. Cammack stated that the net increase for the remainder of the year will be around \$100,000. Mr. Cammack noted that this increase is due to the increase of DOC prisoners and the increase in the population of the jail. Mr. Cammack stated that we will still have a deficit in the budget at year's end. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cammack presented the proposed budget calendar for the year. Mr. Jackson stated that he would like to continue to have the budget meetings on Tuesdays if possible. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Community Service Detail costs. Mr. Cammack stated that the Sheriff's office had requested some information and offered some assistance in defraying the costs. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the relocation of the Registrar of Voters' Office. Mr. Mitchell stated that the state is selling the building where the registrar's office is housed. Mr. Mitchell stated that it would probably be a year before the Registrar would have to move.

The chairman recognized Chief Pat Hemphill. Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the additions to the mechanic shop and recommended hiring Herbert Land Architect for the project. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the hiring of Herbert Land Architect for the shop additions at the fire department. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the travel request for the arson investigators. Chief Hemphill requested permission for Curt Meachum and Greg Thompson to attend the Vehicle Fire Investigator's Conference in Lexington, KY. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the travel request as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The regular meeting was resumed at 6:32 p.m.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore offered the following ordinance for adoption:
ORDINANCE NO. 8989

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH GOVERNING "OFFENSES -- MISCELLANEOUS" TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF ANIMALS IN CERTAIN RESTRICTED PLACES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Acts 2011 No. 306, effective June 28, 2011, enacted La. R.S. 33:1236(66) authorizing the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to enact ordinances prohibiting the sale of certain animals along roadsides, in parking lots, and in other outdoor locations in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the sale of animals by peddlers from temporary locations along roadsides and in parking lots is contrary to the public interest because, *inter alia*, the animals sold by such peddlers are sometimes bred and raised in untenable conditions; said animals are sometimes plagued by disease or congenital weaknesses; and, the itinerant nature of some such peddlers leaves buyers with little recourse in the event of latent defects in the animal purchased; and,

WHEREAS, ordinances limiting such animal sales are presently in place within incorporated areas of Ouachita Parish, many of which areas are immediately adjacent to and not readily distinguishable from adjacent unincorporated areas of said parish; and,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Chapter 15 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana governing "Offenses -- Miscellaneous" be, and hereby is, supplemented and amended to add Section 15-21 to provide as follows:

"Sec. 15-2. Prohibition on the sale or other transfer of animals in certain restricted areas, exceptions, penalty.

- (a) *Prohibition.* No person shall sell, exchange, barter, trade, lease, rent, give away, display or transfer any animal on any roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median, park, playground, flea market, commercial or retail parking lot, or property adjacent to such locations, that is generally accessible to the public, regardless of whether such access is authorized or not.
- (b) *Exceptions.* This section shall not apply to *bona fide* humane societies, animal welfare groups, animal control agencies, or other non-profit organizations sponsoring animal adoption events, or to sales or other transfers from a personal residence.

Further, this section shall not apply to outdoor sales of livestock, poultry, fowl, or rabbits by licensed retailers on such retailer's premises. (e.g. sidewalk sales of chicks by licensed hardware or feed stores)

- (c) *Penalty.* Whoever commits a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both such fine and imprisonment."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of the introduction of this Ordinance and of a public hearing to be held on July 18, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse prior to the consideration of this Ordinance for adoption be published in the Official Journal on July 14, 2011.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 5th day of June, 2011.

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 18th day of July 2011.

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Mr. Jackson introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8990
(INTRODUCTION)**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TRAFFIC CONTROLS ON TEMPORARY RIGHTS OF WAY ESTABLISHED TO DETOUR TRAFFIC FROM PARISH ROADS; PROVIDING PENALITIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH TRAFFIC CONTROLS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked for an update on the T1-A Canal. Mr. Cammack stated that he had met with Gary Fontana and the engineers for the project. Mr. Cammack stated that specifications are being prepared for all three canals (which include projects in the Town of Richwood and Sterlington); and that the pre-application is being prepared for submission at the end of the month. Mr. Cammack stated that once the pre-app is approved, then a formal application will be submitted by October. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Calhoun stated that the matter concerning funding for The Council on Aging had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8985
(FINAL)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD MINIMUM ELEVATION FOR STRUCTURES BUILT IN LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO FLOODING WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the flooding of homes and other structures is a source of great difficulty and expense to not only the owners and occupants directly affected thereby but also to the resources of the community and government agencies;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the National Flood Insurance Program certain areas of Ouachita Parish have been identified as “special flood hazard areas” or “flood zones” subject to varying degrees of flooding or inundation;

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the impact of flooding the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has adopt certain regulations governing construction in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, an essential element of such regulations is the requirement that buildings constructed in flood zones have their lowest finished elevation a minimum height above the base flood elevation established for that location; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that establishing a uniform standard for the minimum elevation required by such regulations will serve the public interest by facilitating both compliance and enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following provisions of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana be and hereby are supplemented and amended as set forth below:

Section I.

“Sec. 3 ½-59. Land use restrictions.

...(b) Flood prone areas: Construction may be permitted providing the lowest ground level of the building is flood proofed by elevating to an elevation at least one foot above the 100 year base flood elevation, and attendant utilities and sanitary facilities are constructed in such a manner to minimize or eliminate flood damage.”

Section II.

“Sec. 19 ½-152. Flood control in hazard areas.

...(3) Whenever an application is submitted for property located in a special flood hazard area or an area which is subject to flooding, the design engineer shall indicate on the site plan the base flood elevation for the site and the minimum finished floor elevation for all structures. The lowest floor of all buildings shall be elevated to an elevation at least one foot above the 100 year base flood elevation.”

Section III.

“Sec.21-117. Specific standards for types of construction.

In all areas of special flood hazard as set forth in Section 21-76, the following standards are required:

(1) Minimum building elevations. The lowest floor, including basement, of all new residential or non-residential structures, or the substantial improvement of all residential or non-residential structures, shall meet or exceed the following requirements:

- a. Structures located within unprotected areas of any special flood hazard area shall have a lowest floor elevation at least one foot above the 100 year base flood elevation, or at least one foot above the record inundation, whichever is higher. ...”

Section IV.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective July 20, 2011.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 6th day of June 2011.

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 above Ordinance was adopted the 18th day of July 2011.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-38

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL BOARD NOMINATE FOR AN OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL LEASE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to a public notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury was held on the 18th day of July, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Ouachita Parish Courthouse, where the following resolution, upon motion duly seconded and passed was adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has determined that it is the owner of mineral interests in and under immovable property described in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq, to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described in Exhibit "A" for state agency mineral lease;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases pertaining to the immovable property listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and additional conditions, minimum bonuses and rental on attached Exhibit "B",

The above resolution was adopted the 18th day of July 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 Hannah's Run Control Structure and Fortune Drive Project. Mr. Murray stated that he had spoken with Mr. Hilburn of Homeland Security. Mr. Hilburn indicated to Mr. Murray that the project could possibly be funded with Hazard Mitigation Funds. Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Hilburn was waiting to get confirmation in writing from GOSEP. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding Power and Solvent Avenue. Mr. Murray stated that he had spoken with Marshall Hill of DOTD, and that negotiations were ongoing for the project. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Murray also spoke regarding the Hwy143 at Union Street Drainage Project. Mr. Murray stated Mr. Hill had indicated that the state was trying to secure funding for the Hwy 143 Drainage at Union Street Project for the possibility of an additional culvert under the street. No action was taken on the matter.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the drainage project at J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Murray stated that he had placed before each juror a copy of a substantial completion certificate for the project. Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Holtzclaw had recommended approval of the certificate. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the project as substantially complete as recommended by the parish engineer subject to using the balance of the state funds before using funds from the General Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-39

A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING RICK GRIMMETT AND JOHN TANNEHILL TO THE EAST OUACHITA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 18, 2011 AND ENDING JULY 18, 2015; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the terms of office of Rick Grimmatt and John Tannehill have expired,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rick Grimmatt and Mr. John Tannehill have expressed the desire to continue to serve as members of the board;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Rick Grimmatt, 451 Moon Lake Rd, Monroe, LA 71203, and John Tannehill, 122 Sutton Place, Monroe, LA 71203; be and hereby are reappointed to the East Ouachita Recreation District No. 1 Board of Commissioners for a term of four (4) years beginning July 18, 2011 and ending July 18, 2015.

The above resolution was adopted this 18th day of July 2011. No opposition.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked that the matter regarding the Dellwood Drive Modification be deferred to the next meeting of the jury due to the absence of the parish engineer.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8988

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTOMATICALLY ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY BAN ON THE OPEN-AIR BURNING OF TRASH, GARBAGE, LEAVES, LIMBS, BRANCHES, AND DEBRIS OF ANY KIND DURING TIMES WHEN THE LOUISIANA STATE FIRE MARSHALL AND/OR THE SECRETARY OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND FORESTRY HAS ORDERED A “BURN BAN” THAT INCLUDES ALL OR PART OF OUACHITA PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1236(31) authorizes parish governing authorities such as the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to, *inter alia*, prohibit the burning of “trash, garbage, leaves, limbs and branches, or debris of any kind;”

WHEREAS, state law further authorizes the Louisiana Fire Marshall; the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and/or the Governor to institute burn bans encompassing the entire State of Louisiana or portions thereof;

WHEREAS conditions that warrant the imposition of a burn ban by state officials that includes Ouachita Parish will also warrant a local burn ban that may be effectively enforced by local officials;

WHEREAS, when conditions warrant a state burn ban that includes Ouachita Parish the need for an effective local burn ban is immediate and should not be delayed until the next meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that having a temporary local ban on outdoor burning that become effective immediately upon the adoption of a burn ban by state officials serves the interests of the citizens of Ouachita Parish by helping to reduce the risk that wildfires pose to lives and property and enhances the ability of local authorities to carry out the goals of the action taken by the state officials;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in a legally called and assembled Regular Meeting held on July 18 , 2011, that:

1. In the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish no person shall conduct the open air burning of any trash, garbage, leaves, limbs and branches, or debris of any kind when such burning is prohibited by a burn ban ordered by the Louisiana Fire Marshall; the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and/or, the Governor.
2. A burn ban affected by this Ordinance shall not apply to any person conducting open air burning pursuant to a license or permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; or, the Fire Chief of Ouachita Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

3. A burn ban affected by this Ordinance shall not apply to the discharge of fireworks.
4. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for a term of not more than thirty (30) days.
5. As an alternative to any other available enforcement mechanism or procedure, this Ordinance may be enforced through an administrative adjudication by the Ouachita Parish Administrative Hearing Officer pursuant to La. R.S. 13:2575(B) and Ouachita Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 8786 (Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Section 1-26);

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 20th day of June 2011.

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

YEAS: (5) Jackson, Calhoun, Smiley, Reddix, Moore
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (1) Caldwell
ABSENT: (0)

The above Ordinance was adopted on the 18th day of July, 2011.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the open position of Computer Technician and recommended hiring John Tribble. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the hiring of John Tribble in the position of Computer Technician. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Mr. Cammack informed the jury that on July 28th, a retirement party will be held for Catherine Newton at 2 pm in Courtroom 3.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill stated that on Thursday, July 21, 2011 the local burn ban will be rescinded.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Developmental Plan-Bayou Shores at Hwy 139. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the developmental plan subject to the comments of the parish engineer, legal department, and upon the condition that there is no opposition from the LA Department of Transportation. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the developmental plan for Bayou Shores at Hwy 139 as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the agreement for the Right-of-Way for Hadley Street Bridge Project. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the project. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the CEA for the Hadley Street Bridge Project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that Gerald York, Constable for Ward 1 had passed away over the weekend. Mr. Mitchell stated that the jury would have to appoint someone as interim and call for a special election within 10 days of the vacancy created upon Mr. York's death.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the preliminary subdivision approval for Bethel Heights Subdivision located in District B and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the preliminary subdivision of Bethel Heights Subdivision subject to comments from public works and the parish engineer. Motion passed without opposition.

The president noted the absence of the parish engineer.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that this would be the last meeting that Robbie Evans of the News Star would be covering the jury, as Mr. Evans was taking a teaching job at Sterlington Middle School. The President recognized Mr. Evans and extended the jury's well wishes.

Mr. Murray informed the jury that Mr. Holtzclaw has sent an email and asked that he inform the jury of the local road improvement projects. Mr. Murray stated that the following roads were up improvement; Greenbriar Drive, Lakewood Drive and Teakwood Drive.

Mr. Murray informed the jury that the second phase of Green Springs will be advertised as well.

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

A D J O U R N !

Shane Smiley, President

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary