

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 AT 5:38 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 15, 2011 at 5:38 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, Vice-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
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Pat Moore	District F

<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Shane Smiley	District E

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The vice-president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had two items that needed to be added to tonight's agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority had requested a letter of support for the renovation of the Hillcrest Apartments located in District A. Mr. Mitchell stated that the second item was a request from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for the City of Monroe's connector project for Kansas Lane. Mr. Mitchell noted that both items were time sensitive due to the Jury not meeting again before the end of the month. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to amend the agenda for the addition of the item regarding the Hillcrest Apartments. Motion passed without opposition. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the request pertaining to the Kansas Lane Project. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The vice-president spoke regarding the public comment period. No one appeared or came forth to comment on the approved agenda. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public comment period. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Committee Meetings held on August 1, 2011, with corrections to page 2 and 3 was offered by Mr. Jackson,

seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with Dr. Reddix abstaining.

VISITORS:

The vice-president recognized visitor Harvey Myles. Mr. Myles was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked that the vice-president recognize Jerry Lazenby and Terry Cox. Jerry Lazenby of Lazenby & Associates spoke regarding the replacement of a main sewer line for West Ouachita Sewer District No. 5. Mr. Lazenby noted that the cost will be approximately 2.4 million dollars which includes all professional fees. The vice-president stated that this matter was on Mr. Jackson's agenda and asked if the matter could be addressed at this time. No one objected addressing the matter at this time. Mr. Jackson spoke briefly regarding the matter. Mr. Jackson stated that the district has done a good job in running the system and thanked Mr. Cox, District Manager for their efforts. Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-43

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,918,000 OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS, OF THE WEST OUACHITA SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 5, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the "District") proposes to issue not exceeding \$1,918,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements and extensions to the District's sewerage system (the "System"), including the payment of the cost of all necessary land, equipment and furnishings,, and all engineering, legal and other incidental costs and fees incurred in connection with said improvements and extensions to the System of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that this Police Jury approve the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds of the District; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the issuance of said Bonds of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board

of Supervisors of the West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$1,918,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds, of said District, said Bonds to mature over a period not exceeding twenty-two (22) years, be secured by and payable from the income and revenues derived or to be derived by the District from the operation of its System, subject only to the payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of administering, operating and maintaining the System, and to be issued under the authority of Article VI, Section 37 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Section 2304 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 2. The Parish of Ouachita and this Police Jury shall not be liable in any manner for the payment of said Bonds, and no funds of the Parish or the Police Jury shall be pledged to the payment thereof.

This resolution was adopted the 15th day of August 2011. No opposition.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Mr. Jackson recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement of the period of July 15, 2011 through August 11, 2011 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke briefly regarding the finances for the Correctional Center. Mr. Cammack stated that the Sheriff's Office has made some changes that will impact the budget for the rest of the year. Mr. Cammack noted that the changes affected the purchase of food products and drugs. Mr. Cammack stated that the Correctional Center will still have a deficit at the end of the year but not as much. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that Mr. Cammack provide additional information to the jury regarding the anticipated deficit and cash balance at the next meeting of the jury. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Smiley appeared at this point in the meeting.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the hiring of a consultant for the correctional facility. Mr. Jackson stated that the consultant will come from the Department of Justice and look at the operations of

the jail at no cost to the jury. A motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the president to cosign along with the Sherriff an invitation to bring in a consultant to evaluate the operations of the correctional facility. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Community Service Detail. Mr. Cammack stated that an arrangement has been worked out with the City of West Monroe Marshall's Office to provide security for the community service detail. Mr. Cammack noted that this change would decrease the hours per day as well as the number of days per week. Discussion ensued. The chairman recognized Larry Norris, Chief of Probation Services. Mr. Norris spoke regarding the value of the services provided by the detail. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered a motion to approve the scheduling as presented, increase the number of hours per day to 8, and include Saturday and Sunday at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 from the General Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the following 2012 budgets for review; no action was taken.

- Southeast Sewer District #3
- Eastern Forest Sewer District
- Humphries-Garrett Road Sewer
- Eagle Lake Subdivision
- Green Acres Sewer District #13
- Ingleside Sewer District

Discussion ensued on the collection of fees from the Green Acres Sewer District. Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury consider filing suit to collect the fees. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to authorize the parish attorney to file suit to collect fees due to the district in the amount of approximately \$9,000.00. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department. The chief recommended the hiring of Robert A. Moore in the position of Communications Officer to replace an officer who had retired. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the hiring of Robert A. Moore subject to the passing of the various pre-employment tests. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Deputy Heckford. Deputy Heckford spoke regarding the grant application of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$10,000 from Keep Louisiana Beautiful. Deputy Heckford stated that the Sheriff's Office would like to use funds from the parish's beautification budget as the matching portion of the grant. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve and authorize the president to sign the Statement of Intent for the grant application and the matching funds. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The Finance Committee was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding a Letter of Support for the applications of the Louisiana Housing Authority for Hillcrest Apartments. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore requesting and authorizing the president to sign a letter of support in favor of the project. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the roads damaged by the pipeline construction. Mr. Holtzclaw passed out information regarding the roads that were damaged by the construction of the pipeline. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that numerous roads were damaged, however the majority of the damage was outside the travel lanes of the roads. Mr. Holtzclaw recommended that the monies be used to repair damage to two segments of Red Cut Loop Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holtzclaw suggested that this road be included in the 2012 Road Program. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the annual drawdown of Cheniere Lake and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to lower the lake 3 feet effective September 5, 2011 to January 15, 2012. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the T-1 A Canal. Mr. Cammack stated that the pre-application for the project has been submitted for approval. Mr. Cammack noted that a meeting will take place later on Tuesday to discuss the status of the Gustav/Ike Projects. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Holtzclaw to update the jury on Slocum Road. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that most of the work had been done with the exception of some transition work, and that he would authorize the striping in the next week or so. No other action was taken on the matter.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding Hannah's Run. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the engineering and cost analysis has been done. The only direction now was to find a funding source for the project. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell stated that he would set up a meeting with the residents to discuss their concerns and the project.

Mr. Caldwell introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8991
(INTRODUCTION)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON KEYSTONE ROAD AT THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Keystone Road and asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak. Mr. Caldwell stated that Keystone Road was in need of repair and that he had been advised by public works to reduce the speed limit along a portion of the road. Mr. Holtzclaw noted that Keystone Road is at the top of the list of the Road Program. Mr. Holtzclaw suggested that monies received from the pipeline along with some other funds be used to repair the road. A lengthy discussion ensued. No action was taken after the discussion.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the traffic controls within Frenchmen's Bend Subdivision. Mr. Mitchell stated that a petition had been presented to the jury for the placement of three-way stop signs within the subdivision. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to authorize the placement of stop signs at the intersection of East Frenchmen's Bend and Frenchmen's Bend within the subdivision. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Caldwell asked that Public Works take another look at the subdivision and bring back recommendations for other traffic control at the next meeting of the jury. Motion passed without opposition.

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 no additional work is schedule for the cemetery at this time. Mr. Holtzclaw indicated that the culverts that have sediment are located on city property and should be cleaned out by the city.

Discussion ensued as to the property located adjacent to the cemetery and its use. No action was taken on this matter.

Dr. Reddix spoke regarding the tires located on Thelma Drive. Deputy Heckford stated that he had spoken with a tire removal vendor, and had gotten a quote of roughly \$7,400 for the preparation of and processing of the tires. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve approximately \$7,500 from the remaining funds allocated to the J.S. Clark Cemetery Project to clean up the tires on Thelma Drive. Motion passed without opposition.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding a letter of support for the Kansas Lane Connector. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the president to sign a letter of support of the Kansas Lane Connect Project for the City of Monroe. Motion passed without opposition.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the modification of Dellwood Drive. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he had spoken with public works about the driveway and has asked a contractor to give him an estimate. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he would bring the information back to the next meeting of the jury. A brief discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Comprehensive Drainage Plan. Mr. Holtzclaw spoke on the matter and presented a proposal to update the plan. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Mr. Holtzclaw to proceed with the preparatory work to update Comprehensive Drainage Plan at a cost of \$12,000 from the General Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore asked that the matter concerning Harmon Johnson Road be deferred to the next meeting of the jury.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the payroll agent agreement with the Judges Office. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be deferred until such time that a meeting can take place with the chief judge. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Mr. Caldwell suggested that two other jurors attend the meeting with him once the meeting is set up. No other action was taken on the matter.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a request from the state to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement concerning levying and assessing local sales and use tax in connection with the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER SALES TAX RECEIPIENTS CONCERNING THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, to promote economic development, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to enhance the attractiveness of Ouachita Parish as a location for the development of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, providing predictability and uniformity in sales tax collection by harmonizing state and local interpretation and application of tax law concerning the imposition, assessment and collection of such tax in appropriate circumstances can greatly advance the ability of Ouachita Parish to compete for such projects;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that in connection with an economic development project located in Ouachita Parish, that will provide at least 370 new jobs meeting wage and benefit requirements of the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program (presently \$14.50/hr with a health care benefit) and a capital investment of at least \$20 Million, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury agrees to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Economic Development, and the business providing such new jobs and payroll, in which the Ouachita Parish Police Jury concurs, for the purposes of its local sales tax levy and assessment, in the determination of the Louisiana Department of Revenue with regard to state sales tax levy and collection with respect to the said business.

The resolution was adopted the 15th day of August 2011. No opposition.

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The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Parish Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the upcoming LGAP Grant Applications. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the due date for the applications is September 15, 2011, asked that the jury prepare projects for that submission date. Discussion ensued. No other action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the CDBG Applications. Mr. Holtzclaw noted that the due date for those applications is November 23, 2011. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the notice to proceed on Slocum Road will be issued soon, and that the substantial completion certificate will be presented to the jury in October for the Lilac/Gary Streets Project. A brief discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

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 7:59 p.m.

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