

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013 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 Monday, April 15, 2013 at 5:36 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</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>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell asked to add a change order for the OCD-DRU H-1 Canal project under the engineering report. Mr. Mitchell stated that the change order was received after the agenda had been published and that approval was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda with the amendment. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one came forth at this point in the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on April 1, 2013 was offered by Dr. Reddix seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized J. W. Bryan and Lynn Clark with the Northeast Louisiana Tea Party Mr. Bryan and Mr. Clark presented information to the Jury on “Agenda 21”.

The president recognized Ronnie Cole with Ouachita RV Park, 3700 Frontage Road, Monroe. Mr. Cole spoke regarding drainage issues at the Ouachita RV Park. Mr. Cole asked the Jury to clean out the drainage ditches. Discussion ensued. No action was taken at this time.

The president recognized John Sewell, 603 Greenwood Drive, Monroe. Mr. Sewell spoke regarding the trash ordinance that was brought before the Jury in March. Mr. Sewell stated that some visitors did not give all the information at the previous meeting and that some Section 8 landlords are not making proper reports. Mr. Sewell asked the Jury to revisit the trash ordinance.

The president recognized Bill Boles and stated that he was representing North Monroe Sewer District #1. The president stated that there was an item on his agenda regarding the North Monroe Sewer District #1 and asked to take up the matter at this time.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 13-16**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NORTH MONROE SEWER DISTRICT #1 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "DISTRICT") TO ISSUE, SELL AND DELIVER IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT SEWER REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$660,000) IN ONE OR MORE SERIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE DISTRICT'S SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1999; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1921, as amended and Chapter 9, Part 1, Subpart A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (LSA-R.S. 33:3881 *et seq.*), and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), created North Monroe Sewer District #1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "District"); and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted April 10, 2013 (the "Resolution"), the Board of Commissioners of the District (the "Board") granted authority for the District to issue, sell and deliver in the name of the District, Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, in an amount not exceeding \$660,000, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of (i) refunding the District's heretofore issued Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, (ii) the construction and acquisition of improvements, extensions, relocations and/or replacements to the System (the "Project"), (iii) funding a debt service reserve fund, if necessary, and (iv) paying the cost of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has requested the Police Jury to ratify, confirm, approve and authorize the issuance of the Bonds in the name of the District all as set forth in the Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to so ratify, confirm, approve and authorize the issuance of the Bonds with respect thereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**SECTION 1. Police Jury Approval.** In accordance with the request of the Board of the District, this Police Jury hereby ratifies, confirms, approves and authorizes the issuance of the Bonds all as set forth in the Resolution and/or any subsequent resolution of said Board with respect to the issuance of the Bonds.

**SECTION 2. Further Authorization.** In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the President and/or Recording Secretary of this Police Jury are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Police Jury such documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of Bond Counsel, to effect the approvals authorized by the Resolution, the signatures of the President and/or Recording Secretary on such documents, certificates and instruments to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

The above resolution was adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. No opposition.

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**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the change order for H-1 Canal and stated that the contractor had encountered underground pilings at the site of an old road crossing. Mr. Crosby stated that a change order was needed in the amount of \$4,785.79 and to add 30 days to the contract all as a result of additional work needed to address the pilings. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the change order. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Vernon Drive Canal and stated that the Jury approved to replace the culvert on the southern end of the canal and that he would soon start work on the plans.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the T-1A Canal and stated that he is still working on obtaining the right-of-way. Mr. Crosby stated that they would start downstream and work upstream to replace structures.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Keystone Road and stated they should advertise the project at the end of May or first of June.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Bayou Desiard ecosystem restoration and stated that he has not been able to contact DOTD and would have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that the environmental is still being reviewed.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D and J-1E Canals and stated that the environmental is still being reviewed.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Charmingdale Subdivision project and stated that he would go to the area and determine which ditch needs to be cleaned out first.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Green Springs project and stated that there were a few minor comments on the plans. Mr. Crosby stated they will be able to advertise for bids soon.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Oak Circle project and stated that he has been in contact with GOHSEP and they are working on wording issues in the application. Mr. Crosby stated that there is only one right-of-way to acquire for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Pine Bayou Extension and stated that there is a contractor in the area working on a LCDBG project and that it would be best if the same contractor did the two projects. Mr. Crosby wanted to wait two or three weeks to see if the LCDBG program will fund the drainage project. Mr. Crosby stated that if they do not then he will do plans and advertise for bids.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Caldwell, called the finance committee meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of March 15, 2013 through April 11, 2013 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the broker's opinions for the OCD-DRU projects and stated that this item was not included in the budget. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve paying Keller Williams \$1,500 for the broker's opinions with funds from the Drainage Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray presented an invoice from Lazenby and Associates for review of roadway design for Charleston Plantation. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Police Jury was obligated to pay the invoice since the project was contracted before it was annexed into the City of Monroe. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,265 with funds from the General Fund and ask the City of Monroe the reimburse the parish. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement chemical bids and stated that DeSoto Parish Mosquito Abatement was requesting to piggyback off of Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement's contract. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the request and enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with DeSoto Parish Mosquito Abatement. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn the finance committee meeting and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

**MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:**

Mr. Robinson offered the following ordinance for introduction.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9013**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 45 WITHIN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, now wishes to create a road lighting district within the Parish with such boundaries as are hereinafter set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1:** By virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 7, Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a Road Lighting District be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, which Road Lighting District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within CREEKSTONE PLACE SUBDIVISION as recorded in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

**SECTION 2:** The Road Lighting District hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Road Lighting District No. 45 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, of which this Police Jury shall be the governing authority, and the District shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana to such political subdivisions, including the authority to incur debt and to levy taxes.

**SECTION 3:** The official seal of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official seal of the District and the official journal of this Police Jury shall be the official journal of the District.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-15**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANET RUTLEDGE TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING APRIL 15, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 15, 2016; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS,** Janet Rutledge's term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Rutledge, 956 Lapine Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Janet Rutledge, 956 Lapine Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning April 15, 2013 and ending April 15, 2016.

The above resolution was adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. No opposition.

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The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the bridge at Bartholomew Woods Subdivision. Mr. Mitchell stated that he sent an offer to Morehouse Parish Police Jury with Ouachita Parish providing labor and equipment and Morehouse Parish providing material. Mr. Mitchell stated that Morehouse Parish voted to accept the offer. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve a cooperative endeavor agreement with Morehouse Parish Police Jury. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Federal Programs director’s salary at Grade 238 Step 17. Motion passed without opposition.

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

Mr. Smiley asked that Resolution 13-13 be deferred until the next meeting of the Jury.

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-14**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RYAN ROARK TO THE MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, TERM EXPIRED, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING APRIL 15, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 15, 2016; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Ryan Roark’s term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan Roark, 100 Jennifer Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Ryan Roark, 100 Jennifer Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 be and hereby is reappointed to the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three (3) years beginning April 15, 2013 and ending April 15, 2016.

The above resolution was adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. No opposition.

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Mr. Smiley, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-17**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SERVICE CHARGE THEREIN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 1 of The Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “District”) that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Road Lighting District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013**, to authorize the levy of a service charge therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special elections.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Ouachita, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea:</u>	<u>Nay:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Abstaining:</u>
Scotty Robinson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mack Calhoun	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Walt Caldwell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ollibeth Reddix	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Shane Smiley	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pat Moore	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

/s/ Karen Cupit  
Recording Secretary.  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

/s/ Shane Smiley  
President  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury



**PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2012.**

**BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED** that on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse, Monroe, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “District”), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, APRIL 6, 2013, with the following members present:

Scotty Robinson, Mack Calhoun, Walt Caldwell, Ollibeth Reddix, Shane Smiley, and Pat Moore.

There being absent: None

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions, to wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT)**

Shall Road Lighting District No. One of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “District”), through its Governing Authority, be authorized to levy and collect a five (5) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the district, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2013 and ending with the year 2022, for the purpose of providing, maintaining and operating electric lights on the streets, roads, highways alleys and public places in the District? The amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for the first year will be approximately \$26,650.00.00. This tax is to be levied in lieu of the 5 mills tax approved on November 6, 2012. The prior 5 mills tax expired in 2010.

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the propositions as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

<u>ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. ONE (1) - Polling Place</u>		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
8 (In Part)	Lakeshore Elementary School, 530 Balboa Drive, Monroe	2	2
72 (In Part)	Louise Williams Library, 140 Bayou Oaks Drive, Monroe	33	9

<b><u>ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. ONE (1) - Polling Place</u></b>		<b>VOTE TABULATION</b>	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
EARLY VOTES		8	1
TOTAL		43	12
MAJORITY FOR / AGAINST		31	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said elections, it was therefore shown that the following votes were cast as hereinabove set forth:

**Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana**

**Road Lighting District No. 1**

No. of votes for the Proposition	43
No. of votes against the Proposition	12
Majority of votes <b>FOR</b> the Proposition	31

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the following Propositions for **Road Lighting District No. 1** as hereinabove set forth did duly **PASS** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special elections held in the Parish on Saturday, APRIL 6, 2013.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Cupit  
Recording Secretary

/s/ Shane Smiley  
President

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-18**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL**

**TAX THEREIN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013**, to authorize the levy of a service charge therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special elections.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Ouachita, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea:</u>	<u>Nay:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Abstaining:</u>
Scotty Robinson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mack Calhoun	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Walt Caldwell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ollibeth Reddix	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Shane Smiley	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pat Moore	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

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Recording Secretary.  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

/s/ Shane Smiley  
President  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

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There being absent: None

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**PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION  
(HEALTH UNIT MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), continue to levy a special tax of seventy-five hundredths (0.75) mills on all the property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2014 and ending with the year 2023, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, sustaining and erecting Ouachita Parish Health Units, and including rabies and animal control? This is a renewal of an existing tax presently authorized through 2013. The amount reasonably expected to be generated by this tax in the first year is \$699,992.00.

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
01	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy. 165 N	51	15
02	Sterling Rec Ctr, 709 Francis Avenue	107	65
03	Jack Hayes School, 3631 Old Sterlington Road	49	16
04	Ouachita Christian High School, 7065 Hwy. 165 N	21	5
05	Osterland Recreational Ctr., 710 Holland Drive	45	11

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
06	Swartz Rec Ctr., 701 Lincoln Hill Drive	35	15
07	Swartz Rec Ctr., 701 Lincoln Hill Drive	48	15
08	Louise Williams Library, 140 Bayou Oaks Drive	38	27
09	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy. 594	32	18
09A	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy. 594	12	8
10	Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street	6	1
11	Jefferson Upper Elem. School, 1001 Pecan Street	10	1
12	Barkdull Faulk School, 2110 Jackson Street	17	3
13	Benoit Rec. Ctr., 1700 Oaklawn Drive	17	4
14	Benoit Rec. Ctr., 1700 Oaklawn Drive	30	5
15	Henrietta Johnson Rec. Ctr, 2800 Burg Jones Lane	11	2
16	Emily P. Robinson Rec. Ctr., 3504 Jackson Street	9	0
17	Emily P. Robinson Rec. Ctr., 3504 Jackson Street	19	1
18	Richwood Town Hall, 363 Brown Road	30	7
19	Robinson Elementary School, 5101 Burg Jones Lane	29	6
20	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Road	31	7
21	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Road	20	11
22	Jefferson Upper Elem. School, 1001 Pecan Street	8	2
23	Henrietta Johnson Rec. Ctr, 2800 Burg Jones Lane	22	0

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
24	MW Prince Hall Grnd. Msn. Ldg., 402 Baylor Drive	14	7
25	Prairie Road Water District, 2176 Prairie Road	14	9
26	Prairie Road Water District, 2176 Prairie Road	12	3
27	Agriculture Bldg, 704 Cypress Street	10	5
27A	Agriculture Bldg, 704 Cypress Street	3	1
28	Cypress Street Library, 315 Cypress Street	10	4
29	Riverbend Elementary School, 700 Austin Street	3	0
30	Riverbend Elementary School, 700 Austin Street	12	1
31	Ouachita Parish Maintenance Fac, 910 Thomas Road	18	15
32	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Road	19	7
33	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Road	44	6
34	Ouachita Parish Alternative Ctr., 1600 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	10	0
35	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	35	7
36	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Road	14	7
37	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	16	7
38	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Road	24	5
39	Riser Jr. High School, 100 Price Drive	27	27
40	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Road	21	5
41	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy. 15	68	11
42	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Road	52	9
43	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Road	57	10

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
44	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Road	27	1
44A	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Road	35	10
45	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy. 15	46	9
46	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Road	34	9
47	Oua. Par. Alternative Ctr., 1600 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	21	9
48	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Road	13	3
49	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy. 15	20	7
50	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Road	17	7
51	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy. 80 E	18	11
52	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy. 80 E	22	5
53	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy. 80 E	23	1
53A	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy. 80 E	2	0
54	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy. 151 S	28	6
55	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy. 151 S	18	12
56	Woodlawn School, 5946 Jonesboro Road	42	14
57	Woodlawn School, 5946 Jonesboro Road	48	25
58	Pinecrest School, 3604 Hwy. 557	24	17
59	Lee Jr. High School, 1600 N 19 <sup>th</sup> Street	31	4
60	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminister Avenue	38	15
61	American Legion Hall, 401 Forsythe Avenue	25	10
62	Lee Jr. High School, 1600 N 19 <sup>th</sup> Street	16	1
63	J S Clark Magnet School, 1202 Breard Street	22	8
64	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminister Avenue	19	3
65	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick Street	4	0

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
65A	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick Street	9	0
66	Sherrouse School, 300 Sherrouse Avenue	15	6
67	Ouachita Hall-ULM Campus, 1100 University Avenue	18	1
68	Ouachita Parish Jr. High School, 5500 Blanks Avenue	17	3
69	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick Street	17	3
70	Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 Elm Street	5	1
71	St. Paul's United Methodist, 1901 Lexington Avenue	59	7
72	Lakeshore Elementary School, 550 Balboa Drive	33	9
73	Masur Hall-ULM Campus, 4105 Bon Aire Drive	17	6
74	Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 Elm Street	19	4
75	St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 2816 Deborah Drive	28	6
76	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminister Avenue	31	4
77	Lexington School, 1900 Lexington Avenue	49	8
78	Neville High School, 600 Forsythe Avenue	34	3
79	Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 Elm Street	20	2
ABSENTEE		508	130
TOTALS		2,652	771
MAJORITY FOR		1,881	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **2,652** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **771** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **1,881** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.



Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition hereinabove set forth did duly **PASS** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special elections held in the Parish on Saturday, APRIL 6, 2013.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Cupit  
Recording Secretary

/s/ Shane Smiley  
President

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-19**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S OPPOSITION TO HB 555 (REG. SESS. 2013), A BILL ALLOWING THE TOWNS OF RICHWOOD AND STERLINGTON TO CLAIM A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF EXISTING PARISH SALES TAX REVENUE WITHOUT AFFORDING THE PARISH CITIZENS WHO APPROVED AND PAY SUCH TAXES AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST SUCH REDEDICATION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,**

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 47:338.157 authorizes the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to levy sales and use taxes in that portion of Ouachita Parish outside the cities of Monroe and West Monroe, including within the towns of Richwood and Sterlington. In 1977 the voters of said portion of the Parish approved a one cent sales and use tax dedicated to the construction and maintenance of parish roads, including the roads within Richwood and Sterlington (the "1977 Parish Road Tax");

**WHEREAS**, the sole purpose of HB 555 is to authorize Richwood and Sterlington to rededicate a portion of existing Ouachita Parish Police Jury sales and use taxes, (i.e. the 1977 Parish Road Tax), to the use of Richwood and Sterlington without a vote of those citizens of Ouachita Parish residing outside the corporate limits of such towns;

**WHEREAS**, in Opinion No.05-0334 the Louisiana Attorney General has already stated that the rededication of a portion of the 1977 Parish Road Tax solely to Richwood or Sterlington would require approval of the electorate that approved the tax – all voters of Ouachita Parish outside the cities of Monroe and West Monroe – rather than simply a successful election within Richwood or Sterlington. Accordingly, the legality of HB 555 is questionable, at best;

**WHEREAS**, in recent years Richwood and Sterlington have expanded their town limits by annexing narrow strips of commercial property along U.S. Hwy. 165, but few residential areas or non-state roadways. These annexed areas include retail businesses that collect the 1977 Parish Road Tax from many parish citizens who reside in nearby heavily populated, suburban areas of unincorporated Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, due to the effect of these annexations, HB 555 would enable Richwood and Sterlington to claim a portion of the 1977 Parish Road Tax that is grossly disproportionate to the actual population of either town or the limited mileage of non-state roadways in either Town. Moreover, HB 555 would allow Richwood and Sterlington to direct the sales taxes of parish residents residing outside the towns to the maintenance of town streets and away from the maintenance of parish roads without those parish residents even having an opportunity to vote on such rededication;

**WHEREAS**, HB 555 would amount to a retroactive disenfranchisement of the citizens who reside in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish and would illegally and unfairly allow Richwood and Sterlington to rededicate the 1977 Parish Road Tax without allowing the entire electorate that approved this tax an opportunity to vote for or against such rededication; and,

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of HB 555 could encourage similar legislation that disenfranchises suburban and rural citizens of other parishes by allowing small municipalities to claim existing parish sales tax revenue without even affording the suburban and rural citizens who originally approved such sales taxes an opportunity to vote for or against the rededication. Such disenfranchisement of suburban and rural citizens is particularly egregious when, as is the case in Ouachita Parish, these citizens often pay a great portion of the parish sales taxes collected in small municipalities and such parish citizens will be the ones affected if the rededication of a parish sales tax to the sole use of a town or village adversely impacts parish government services in the suburban and rural areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby states its opposition to HB 555 (Regular Session 2013) and respectfully requests that the Louisiana Legislature refuse to adopt this bill into law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Representatives Jay Morris and Katrina Jackson, the co-authors of HB 555; to the other Representatives and Senators representing citizens of Ouachita Parish in the Louisiana Legislature; to the members of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs; and, to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

The above resolution was adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. No opposition.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore asked to defer the matter concerning the LCDBG application for Prairie Road Water District until May 20.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Crosby to speak to on the drainage issues at the Ouachita RV Park. Mr. Crosby stated that he has looked at Mr. Holtzclaw's review and that Mr. Holtzclaw noted that the overall total drainage discharge was less. Mr. Crosby stated that Mr. Holtzclaw also noted that the flow to the park increased but that the flow for the total site decreased. Mr. Crosby stated that there is not a ditch after water goes through the culvert and that the water goes to a field to sheet flow to a drainage ditch. Mr. Crosby stated that the proposed drainage was to be to the north of Interstate 20 but that all of the water is coming to the south. Mr. Mitchell advised the Jury to wait on the outcome of the meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality and Mr. Cole on Thursday before taking action. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to have Mr. Crosby to continue research and bring a cost estimate for his research at the next meeting and to have Mr. Mitchell to contact the City of Monroe and I-20 Economic Development Board about the drainage issues.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to table the item until after Mr. Cole's meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality and after Mr. Mitchell contacts the City of Monroe and I-20 Economic Development Board. The substitute motion failed with Mr. Caldwell, Dr. Reddix and Ms. Moore opposing.

The original motion passed with Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smiley opposing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director**

Ms. Bennett presented information to the Jury regarding the personnel actions and asked to defer the matter until the next meeting of the Jury.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the 2013 Louisiana Housing Council Scholarship and stated that one of their section 8 tenants received a \$1,600 scholarship and that she would be going down to Baton Rouge to accept it for him.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE:** **Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**  
Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

**LEGAL:** **Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**  
Mr. Mitchell stated that he did not have any additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** **Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**  
Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any additional items.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**  
There were none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary