

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 AT 5:35 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, June 17, 2013 at 5:35 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. Cammack asked to add an item to the agenda to change billing companies for West Ouachita Sewer District No. 9. Mr. Cammack stated that the change was needed for compliance with the USDA and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Mr. Cammack also asked to add an item regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Cammack stated that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana sent a request earlier in the day for the Jury to sign a letter requesting a meeting with FEMA to discuss the flood insurance rates. Mr. Cammack stated that action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to add the two items to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the agenda as amended. 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 June 3, 2013 was offered by Mr. Caldwell seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

## **VISITORS:**

The president recognized Bill Land, Land 3 Architect, Inc. Mr. Land presented the bid results for the partial re-roofing of the Ouachita Correctional Center and stated that the lowest conforming base and alternate bid was from Woods Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$482,000. Mr. Caldwell stated that this item was on the finance committee meeting and asked to take it up at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the lowest conforming base and alternate bid from Woods Roofing Inc. based on the recommendation of the architect. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Shane Ware, 250 Cochise Drive, West Monroe. Mr. Ware spoke regarding traffic problems on Cochise Drive and Muckleroy Drive due to a child care business located on the street. Mr. Ware stated that there is not adequate parking and people are blocking the road. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would look into the situation.

The president recognized Ben Miley, 245 Cochise Drive, West Monroe. Mr. Miley also spoke regarding the traffic problems and stated that he was concerned with possible accidents that could occur due to the roads being blocked.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The president recognized Joey Riggin, Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Riggin spoke regarding the Clearwater Circle flood control project and stated that the pre-construction meeting will be held on Wednesday and that construction will start on June 24. Mr. Riggin stated that he is working on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for utility relocations.

Mr. Riggin spoke regarding Cheyenne Drive and stated that Mr. Crosby will visit the site next week and final plans should be ready by the end of next week.

Mr. Robinson exited the meeting at the point.

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun 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 6:01 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of May 17, 2013 through June 13, 2013 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the 911 Office telephone system and stated that this project was budgeted in 2012 but was not completed during the year, so an additional \$200,000 was needed for the project in 2013. Mr. Cammack stated that there are funds to cover the additional costs and the budget will be amended later in the year. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the expenditures. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the bid results audio/visual recording systems upgrades for Courtrooms 5, 6, 7, OCC and the Juvenile Courtroom at Green Oaks. Mr. Cammack stated that the lowest conforming bid for each project was from Jefferson Audio Video Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,751 totaling \$43,755. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to accept the lowest conforming bid from Jefferson Audio Video Systems, Inc. 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 Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

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

Mr. Calhoun asked for an update on the T-1A Canal. Mr. Riggin stated that GNF Management is working on the right-of-way documents and that they are taking proposals for a right-of-way agent. Mr. Riggin stated that they hoped to have the proposals by the end of the week.

Mr. Calhoun asked for an update on the Vernon Drive Canal. Mr. Riggin stated that the contract documents have been sent to R. D. Owens Construction and that construction should start on July 8.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

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

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer the matter concerning Moon Lake Road.

Mr. Caldwell asked for an update on Keystone Road. Mr. Riggin stated that construction started today.

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer the matter concerning Bayou Desiard ecosystem restoration project.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding Moon Lake Road and stated that he and Mr. Clack are helping Mr. Crosby on the letter of appeal.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

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

Dr. Reddix asked for an update on the H-1 Canal. Mr. Riggin stated that the project is complete and final inspection was on June 14. Mr. Riggin stated that he sent the substantial completion and punch list to the contractor.

Mr. Robinson re-entered the meeting at this point.

Dr. Reddix asked for an update on Stonegate Drive. Mr. Riggins stated that Mr. Crosby would have an update at the next Jury meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

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

Mr. Robinson asked to defer the matter concerning the Wallace Dean development.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-26**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST CONFORMING BID FROM AMETHYST CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CLEARWATER CIRCLE – SPRING DRIVE DRAINAGE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UNDER THE STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Ouachita Parish Police Jury has received bids on May 30, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. on the Flood Control Improvement Plans for Clearwater Circle – Spring Drive Drainage flood control project under the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Lazenby & Associates, Inc. has recommended that award of contract be made to the lowest qualified bidder; Amethyst Construction, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in Regular session assembled on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, acting pursuant to the recommendation of Lazenby & Associates, Inc. that the Base Bid in the Amount of \$946,746.30 by Amethyst Construction, Inc. be accepted and a contract be awarded to them.

The above resolution was adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-27**

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE BIDDING PROCEDURES COMPLY WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 38:2211, ET. SEQ FOR THE CLEARWATER CIRCLE – SPRING DRIVE DRAINAGE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UNDER THE STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has solicited bids for State Project No. 576-37-0025/H.009258 in accordance with the current bid laws of the state of Louisiana, including, but not limited to R.S. 38:2211 et. seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has submitted to DOTD Certification of proof of publication, one (1) copy of the bid proposals and bid bonds as submitted by each of the three (3) lowest bidders, a legible copy of the bid tabulation of all bids received, and certified to be correct by the Engineer and an authorized official of the Sponsor, a copy of the engineer's recommendation, contract documents, Notice of Award of Contract, and a copy of the recordation data in the Clerk of Court's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in Regular session, assembled on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, does hereby certify that the bidding procedures comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq.

The above resolution was adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the East Town and Country drainage project and stated that Mr. Crosby is working on the letter of appeal. Mr. Cammack stated that FEMA is waiting on a benefit cost analysis. Mr. Riggin stated that Mr. Crosby would have everything by the end of the week.

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.

Ms. Moore asked for an update on the Ouachita RV Park. Mr. Riggin stated that Mr. Crosby has scheduled a meeting with Dr. Vines to discuss the project.

Ms. Moore asked for an update on the Moore Road Bridge. Mr. Riggin stated that a landowner requested that their driveway be relocated. Mr. Riggin stated that the plans have been revised to include the relocation.

Ms. Moore asked for an update on the J-1D and J-1E Canals. Mr. Riggin stated that GNF Management is working on obtaining the rights-of-way.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the road lighting in Charmingdale and stated that the residents have asked for additional lighting in the district. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to allow Entergy to add lights to the road lighting district. Motion passed without opposition.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and stated that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana sent a request for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to sign on to the letter that would be sent to FEMA requesting a meeting to discuss to the new flood insurance rates. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to sign the letter requesting a meeting with FEMA. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the billing company for West Ouachita Sewer District No. 9 and stated that he will begin negotiating for a billing company that will meet the USDA requirements. No action was taken on this matter.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-28**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF AN AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF OUACHITA PARISH, INC. AND CENTURY SERVICE GROUP INC. EXTENDING THE EXISTING LEASE AND PILOT AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE AN EXPANSION OF CENTURYLINK'S MONROE HEADQUARTERS; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,**

**WHEREAS**, CenturyLink, the only Fortune 500 Company based in Louisiana, has embarked on a project to expand its corporate headquarters in the City of Monroe, Parish of Ouachita;

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Board of Ouachita Parish, Inc. have recently entered into an agreement to amend the Lease and PILOT Agreements currently in place between them in order to encompass, include, and provide for the above-described CenturyLink expansion;

**WHEREAS**, the importance of CenturyLink to the economy of Ouachita Parish cannot be overstated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of CenturyLink’s Headquarters in Monroe will create quality jobs and greatly contribute to the economic development of the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby states its approval and support of the amended Lease and PILOT Agreements by and between the Industrial Development Board of Ouachita Parish, Inc. and Century Service Group, Inc.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby states its appreciation to the Industrial Development Board of Ouachita Parish, Inc., Century Service Group, Inc. and the State of Louisiana for their efforts in support of the expansion and continued location of the CenturyLink Headquarters in the City of Monroe, Parish of Ouachita.

The above resolution was adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the following application. Motion passed without opposition.

**SPANGLER, VANCE DBA COYOTE TRAILS, 8609 CYPRESS ST, WEST  
MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER “CLASS A”,  
RETAIL LIQUOR “CLASS C”, 2013 NEW**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The president recognized O.C. Hicks, 2311 Ticheli Road, Monroe. Mr. Hicks spoke regarding the no parking signs on Ticheli Road and asked the Jury to consider taking them down to allow people to park on the road as there is not enough room in the driveways. Ms. Moore stated that the signs were placed there when the new sidewalks were constructed so that the sidewalks would not be damaged. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would ask the Public Works Department to look into the situation.

The president recognized Leon Head, Lincoln Park, Monroe. Mr. Head stated that Greater Ouachita Water Company did some work on Monroe Avenue and that they damaged the landowner’s yards. Dr. Reddix stated that Greater Ouachita Water Company will be going out to re-address issues and recommended that Mr. Head talk to Mr. Sparks regarding the problems.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary