

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,  
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013 AT 5:31 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 15, 2013 at 5:31 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, Vice President, acting as the presiding officer given the absence of the president.

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

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(4)</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>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The vice president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The vice president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one came forth at this point in the meeting. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to close the public comment period. Motion passed without opposition.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on July 1, 2013 was offered by Mr. Robinson seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

**SERVICE AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:**

**District Attorney**  
Jay Mitchell – 10 Years

**VISITORS:**

There were none.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

The vice president recognized Kevin Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Change Order No. 1 for Keystone Road. Mr. Crosby stated that the change order was a decrease of the original contract price in the amount of \$30,313.48. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve Change Order No. 1 for Keystone Road. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the bid results for the Pine Bayou drainage improvements LGAP project and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from R. D. Owens Construction Inc. in the amount of \$32,246. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the low bid and award the project to R. D. Owens Construction Inc. and to move \$10,000 from the General Fund to cover the cost of the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the 2013 Public Works Road Sealing Program list in the amount of \$296,558.94 and the 2013 Public Works Road Rehabilitation Program list in the amount of \$252,748.18. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the 2013 Public Works Road Sealing Program list and the 2013 Public Works Road Rehabilitation Program list as recommended by the engineer. Mr. Calhoun withdrew his second and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Calhoun opposing.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Harmon Johnson Road and stated that the cost would be approximately \$600,000. Mr. Crosby stated that he is working on the preliminary plans for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Clearwater Circle project and stated that work is ongoing.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Wallace Dean development and stated that he met with the owner and engineer for the project. Mr. Crosby stated that the engineer will be revising the plans for the project to address retention/detention of storm water.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the T-1A Canal project and stated that the final plans have been submitted. Mr. Crosby stated that GNF Management is still working on getting a right-of-way agent under contract.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Vernon Drive Canal project and stated that the contractor will begin construction later in the week.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Bayou Desiard ecosystem restoration and stated that he is working with the Division of Administration to use funds for a control structure at Hannah's Run.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the Ouachita RV Park and stated that he spoke with Dr. Vines and Dr. Vines stated that this item will be placed on the agenda for the next I-20 Economic Development Board meeting.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Moore Road Bridge and stated that DOTD has finished reviewing final plans. Mr. Crosby stated that the final revised right-of-way set was sent to the Public Works

Department. Mr. Crosby stated that once the rights-of-way are obtained then they can start relocating utilities.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D and J-1E Canals and stated that GNF Management is working on getting a right-of-way agent for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the LGAP Charmingdale Subdivision drainage project and stated that he will schedule the survey crew to start on the plans for the project.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding pipeline roadway damage. Seven roads were damaged when a pipeline was installed in southwest Ouachita Parish. Mr. Crosby stated that the damage estimate was approximately \$700,000 and that the report has been submitted to the pipeline company.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Cammack to speak regarding funding for Richardson Road. Mr. Cammack stated that the General Fund budget would have to be revised to fund the road repair. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to transfer \$125,000 from the General Fund to Public Works to fund a segment of the reconstruction of Richardson Road. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Moore to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Caldwell, called the finance committee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of June 14, 2013 through July 11, 2013 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the replacement of eleven fan coil units in the courthouse and stated that the total cost would be \$31,100. Mr. Cammack stated that at least four units should be replaced immediately and if necessary, budget the replacement of the remaining seven units for 2014. Mr. Cammack also spoke regarding the boiler on the fourth floor of the courthouse. Mr. Cammack stated that the cost to repair the boiler would be \$10,050 and the cost to replace the boiler would be \$17,550. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to table this item. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the replacement of four fan coil units. 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. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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

The vice president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

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

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

The vice president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-30**

**A RESOLUTION NOMINATING SCOTTY ROBINSON AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SPARTA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill No. 912, enacted by the 1999 Louisiana Legislature, created the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of said Legislation, members of the Board of Commissioners are appointed by the Governor with nominations by respective parishes; and

**WHEREAS**, Scotty Robinson is well suited to represent the people of Ouachita Parish on the Board of Commissioners of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District which was established for study of the groundwater of the Sparta and other aquifers,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that as provided under the provisions of Senate Bill No. 912, duly enacted by the 1999 Louisiana Legislature, enacting LSA-R.S. 38:2511-2517, and as provided under LSA-R.S.38:2514(1), the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby nominate Scotty Robinson to be appointed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, and to members of the Ouachita Delegation to the Louisiana Legislature, for their endorsement and support.

The above resolution was adopted on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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

The vice president stated that Dr. Reddix was not present at the meeting.

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

The vice president stated that Mr. Smiley was not present at the meeting.

The vice 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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The vice president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

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

The vice president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

Chief Hemphill stated that he did not have any items.

The vice president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding Tidwell Road and requested clarification on the name of the road. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize Mr. Mitchell to bring a resolution before the Jury to change the name of Tidwell Road to Dayton Tidwell Road. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the adjudicated property contract and stated that a local firm has submitted a proposal to handle adjudicated property. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would like to defer the matter in order to review the proposal.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish School Board and stated that the Ouachita Parish School Board requested that the contractor connect the driveways at Sterlington High School while they were doing work on Keystone Road. Mr. Mitchell stated that the cost was \$4,000 for materials and labor. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish School Board. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**

Mr. Murray recommended hiring Quenton Puckett to the position of Equipment Operator I and Kenneth White to the position of Equipment Operator II. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to hire Quenton Puckett and Kenneth White as recommended by the Public Works director. Motion passed without opposition.

**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. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary