

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013  
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

Jurors Present: Scotty Robinson, Mack Calhoun, Walt Caldwell, Ollibeth Reddix, Shane Smiley, and Pat Moore

Others Present: Brad Cammack, Karen Cupit, John Tom Murray, Robin Toms, Sissy Kennedy, Cindy Lavespere, Terri O'Neal, Warren Lee, Craig Lott, Kevin Crosby, Pat Hemphill, and Doretha Bennett

Walt Caldwell, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

Cindy Lavespere presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund – District Attorney department and Criminal Court Fund. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund – District Attorney department and the Criminal Court Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Terri O'Neal presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund – Coroner department. The Coroner's office has changed some accounting procedures. The revenue generated for transportation will be paid to the Police Jury instead of maintained by their office.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund – Coroner department. Motion passed without opposition.

Brad Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Coroner Revenue Fund. This is a new fund created to account for the transportation funds collected by the Coroner's office.

Mr. Robinson moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Coroner Revenue Fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Doretha Bennett presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Workforce Investment Act – DEI program. These funds had been granted to the parish as part of a pilot program.

Mr. Smiley moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Workforce Investment Act – DEI program. Motion passed without opposition.

Robin Toms presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Parish Library. The library's tax will be up for renewal in 2014. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moore moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Parish Library. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Pat Hemphill presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Fire Department and the Fire Department Capital Outlay funds. The department is anticipating adding personnel. Fire rating criteria is changing, and the district will need to determine how to best address those changes. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Fire Department and the Fire Department Capital Outlay funds. Motion passed without opposition.

Craig Lott presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for 9-1-1 Communications District. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the 9-1-1 Communications District. Motion passed without opposition.

Neal Brown presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Ouachita Parish Homeland Security and FEMA Grants fund. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smiley moved and Ms. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Ouachita Parish Homeland Security and FEMA Grants fund. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack and Wayne Heckford presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for General Fund – Beautification department. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for General Fund – Beautification department. Motion passed without opposition.

John Tom Murray presented changes to the previously approved 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Public Works. The changes are due to changes in the time line of projects as well as unexpected projects. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion to budget \$200,000.00 from the General Fund for gravel roads in the parish. The motion failed with Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Reddix, and Ms. Moore voting against it.

Mr. Calhoun moved and Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion to budget \$100,000.00 from the General Fund for gravel roads in the parish. The motion failed with Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Reddix, and Ms. Moore voting against it.

Ms. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson moved to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Public Works. Motion passed with Mr. Calhoun voting against it.

Mr. Cammack and Kevin Crosby presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Drainage Program. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Urban Program. The Finks Hideaway Road project is accounted for in this fund. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smiley moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Capital Outlay – Urban Program. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Road Program. It was noted that \$477,000.00 was budgeted for the 2014 Road Program. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Road Program. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #9. The board is asking for a \$10.00 per meeting pay increase. The loan that had been acquired by the district has been refinanced. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #9. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #16. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Smiley seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for West Ouachita Sewer District #16. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Green Acres Sewer District. There is a billing issue with this district. Jay Mitchell has been in contact with the City of Monroe concerning it. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for Green Acres Sewer District. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended budget for the Debt Service Fund – Economic Development. This fund was used for the auto plant tax that was collected and refunded. The refunds will be completed in 2013.

Mr. Robinson moved and Ms. Moore seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended budget for Debt Service Fund – Economic Development. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack and Mr. Smiley presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budget for a new Economic Development Fund. This would be a part of the General fund. Monies have been refunded to the Police Jury after Accent Marketing had to return economic development incentives.

Mr. Smiley moved and Dr. Reddix seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Economic Development Fund. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Mr. Cammack and Mr. Crosby presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Drainage Program. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moore moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the Capital Outlay – Drainage Program. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund. Many of the departments included in the fund had previously presented their budgets to the Police Jury for approval. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Caldwell moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Amended and 2014 Proposed budgets for the General Fund including changing the Ouachita Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness transfer to \$57,250.00. Motion passed without opposition.

There was no further business to come before the committee. Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Calhoun seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.

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Walt Caldwell, Chairman

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary