

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:36 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

<u>Members Present</u>	(5)
Scotty Robinson	District A
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(1)
Mack Calhoun	District B

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the agenda as published. 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 February 3, 2014 was offered by Mr. Robinson seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed with Ms. Moore abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9031 – An ordinance amending Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, to increase the speed limit for a portion of Keystone Road in Ward 1 to 45 mph; providing for a public hearing; and further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

There were none.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the J-1D Canal project and stated that the bid opening will be February 27.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the T-1A Canal project and stated that Bill Roark is still waiting for one right-of-way. Mr. Crosby stated that the project has been approved to be advertised for bids from Louisiana Solutions and the Corps of Engineers and that approval was also needed from the Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise for bids for the T-1A Canal project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the 2014 Road Program and stated that he has started looking at roads for the program.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Finks Hideaway Road and stated that the low bid was from J. B. James Construction in the amount of \$7,543,934.15. Mr. Crosby stated that he will be meeting with a representative from the company on Wednesday. Mr. Crosby also stated that the utility relocations should be completed by April.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Charmingdale drainage project and stated that the contractor has started working on the project.

Mr. Caldwell asked about the revised road list. Mr. Crosby stated that he is working on it.

Mr. Caldwell asked about the Capital Outlay application for Hannah's Run. Mr. Crosby stated that he has not heard anything on the application.

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 5:46 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of January 17, 2014 through February 13, 2014 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the claims for the period stated as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Rider, Mosquito Abatement. Ms. Rider requested approval to purchase two new trucks to replace two older trucks with increasing mechanical problems. Ms. Rider stated that the purchase is included in the 2014 budget. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the purchase. 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 Dr. Reddix. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Robinson, District A.

MR. SCOTTY ROBINSON, DISTRICT A:

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

The president noted that Mr. Calhoun was not present.

The president recognized Mr. Caldwell, District C.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked to defer Ordinance No. 9031 until the next meeting of the Jury.

The president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix stated that she did not have any items.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT “AMBULANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there presently exists between the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) and Metro Ambulance Service, Inc., d/b/a American Medical Response (“AMR”), an “Ambulance Services Agreement” whereby AMR provides the services set forth therein and, in consideration thereof, Monroe, West Monroe and OPPJ have granted AMR the exclusive right to provide emergency and non-emergency ambulance services within their respective jurisdictions in accordance with the Uniform Ambulance Ordinance adopted by Monroe, West Monroe and OPPJ;

WHEREAS, said Ambulance Services Agreement has an initial term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014, and further provides the parties may renew said Ambulance Services Agreement for additional terms of not more than four (4) years each;

WHEREAS, the Uniform Ambulance Ordinance designates the Ouachita Council of Governments (“OCOg”) to provide oversight and regulation of ambulance service in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, on or about December 16, 2013, OCOg formally recommended that Monroe, West Monroe and OPPJ renew the Ambulance Services Agreement with AMR for an additional term of four (4) years contingent upon AMR’s agreement to fully participate in the Computer Aided Dispatch system presently being implemented by the Ouachita Parish Communications District and the various public safety agencies within Ouachita Parish (hereinafter “Ouachita Parish 911 CAD”);

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in legal and regular session, does hereby accept OCOg’s recommendation concerning an extension of the “Ambulance Services Agreement” with AMR, and does further authorize its President to execute such agreements or other documents as are reasonable and necessary to affect such extension.

The above Resolution was adopted on this 18th day of February, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID AND EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STATE PROJECT NO. H.007065 (FINKS HIDE-A-WAY, PHASE I); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“LA DOTD”) advertised and received bids for the construction of State Project No. H.007065 (Finks Hide-A-Way, Phase I) in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law;

WHEREAS, these bids were opened on February 5, 2014, and the apparent low bidder for said project is JB James Construction, LLC who submitted a bid of \$7,543,934.15; and,

WHEREAS, upon the confirmation of authority from LA DOTD to do so, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to be in a position to accept the low bid and execute the necessary contract and related documents,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the receipt of confirmation of authority/approval to do so from LA DOTD, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to take such action as is necessary to accept the low bid identified above for State Project No. H.007065 (Finks Hide-A-Way, Phase I);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize its President to execute the construction contract and related documents for said State Project No. H.007065 (Finks Hide-A-Way, Phase I).

The above Resolution was adopted on this 18th day of February, 2014.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore stated that she did not have any items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Ms. Bennett requested approval for the Case Manager II job description. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the job description. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Bennett requested to open the position of Case Manager II and hire Kylie Hendrix to the position. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the request. Motion passed without opposition.

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 requested to hire sixteen new firefighter recruits contingent upon them passing physicals and medical testing. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to

hire the following: Joseph Costa, Jason Ditta, Dantavian Eleam, Evan Falcon, Caleb Farrell, Jammie Flintroy, Harrison Givens, Robert Gole, Caleb Hibbard, Aaron Hill, Cody Jones, Trey Knighten, Justin Owens, Timothy Smith, Jeremy Stone, and Cory Underwood. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Anderson, Green Oaks.

GREEN OAKS: Mr. Lamar Anderson, Director

Mr. Anderson spoke regarding the donation of 100 hours annual leave from Jesse Williams to Larry Dixon and asked for approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the donation. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the amended road damage settlement from Cadeville Gas Storage and stated that a modification to the original agreement was needed. Motion offered by Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the modification to the road damage settlement and authorize the president to execute the required documents. Motion passed without opposition.

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:

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 Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary