

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF
OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14,
2008, AT FIVE THIRTY-FIVE (PM).**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in regular and legal session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana, on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 5:35 p.m. and was duly convened by Mr. Walt M. Caldwell, IV, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Members present: (6)

Mr. Charles Jackson	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Walt M. Caldwell, IV	District C
Mr. Dorth Blade	District D
Mr. Shane Smiley	District E
Mrs. Pat Moore	District F

Members absent: (0)

Invocation was given by Mr. Leonard Tims. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Leonard Tims.

At this time in the meeting, the President opened the floor for nominations for President and Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2008.

Mr. Calhoun nominated Mr. Caldwell for President and Mr. Blade for Vice President, motion seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Moore to close the nominations. Motion adopted with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Blade were declared as President and Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2008, by affirmation.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Police Jury meeting held on October 25, 2007. Mr. Blade seconded the motion.

Motion adopted. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Calhoun and Mrs. Moore abstained. Mr. Caldwell announced service awards to the following employees:

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Deirdra Pierce – 5 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

Hoston Whitley, Jr.-5 Years

Mr. Bill Land, Architect spoke regarding the change order for Green Oaks Detention Center Construction (Item 5 under Mr. Blade). Mr. Rhodes stated that his board had already approved the change order during their regular meeting.

Motion was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the change order for the construction at Green Oaks Detention Center.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Ms. Jana D. Hutzler representing The Wellspring Alliance, 610 Riverside Drive, Monroe, spoke regarding the renewal request for making application for their grant.

Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, and seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the application for grant renewal.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-01

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. DARRIS WAREN TO THE OUACHITA PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. CHARLES JACKSON, RESIGNED DECEMBER 31, 2007, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING MARCH 25, 2007 AND ENDING MARCH 25, 2012; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Ouachita Parish Library Board of Control; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Darris Waren, 111 East Lafayette Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, has expressed a desire to serve on said Ouachita Parish Library Board of Control;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Mr. Darris Waren, 111 East Lafayette Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, be and hereby is appointed to the Ouachita Parish Library Board of Control, to complete the unexpired term, of Mr. Charles Jackson resigned December 31, 2007, for a said term of five (5) years beginning March 25, 2007 and ending March 25, 2012.

The above resolution was adopted on the 14th day of January, 2008. No opposition.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-02

A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING FRED HALL AND DON LEACH TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST OUACHITA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 5, FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 14, 2008 AND ENDING JANUARY 14, 2011; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the terms for Fred Hall and Don Leach have expired, however, they desire to remain as members on said Board. Board of Commissioners of West Ouachita Sewer District No. 5;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following individuals:

- a. Fred Hall, 102 Roberta Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana, 71291
District A
- b. Don Leach, P. O. Box 611, West Monroe, Louisiana 71294-0611
District A

be and hereby are reappointed to the Board of Commissioners for the West Ouachita Sewer District No. 5, an additional term of three years, beginning January 14, 2008 and ending January 14, 2011.

The following Resolution was adopted on the 14th day of January, 2008. No opposition.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the request of the Sheriff's Office to use the acreage adjacent to the rifle range as walking trails for public use. Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Mitchell

to speak regarding the land in question. After the explanation by Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Calhoun offered a motion to allow the Sheriff's Office to build walking trails for public use on the land adjacent to the Rifle Range at no cost, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Calhoun asked that Public Works prepare a cost estimate of road and parking improvements at the Rifle Range. He requested that the estimate be prepared and brought back before the jury on February 04, 2008, meeting.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mrs. Moore:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03

A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MRS. JOSIE ROBERTS TO THE G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT B, FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS BEGINNING DECEMBER 7, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 7, 2013; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, the terms for Josie Roberts has expired, however, she desire to remain as a member on said Board, G. B. Cooley Hospital Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police jury in legal and regular session that the following individual:

- a. Josie Roberts, 764 Howard Brown Rd, West Monroe, Louisiana, 71292
District B

Be and hereby are reappointed to the Board of Commissioners for the G. B. Cooley Hospital Board of Commissioners, an additional term of six years, beginning December 7, 2007, and ending December 7, 2013.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 14th day of January, 2008. No opposition.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding OCOG Funding and asked that the jury consider increasing the funding. Mr. Caldwell ask Mr. Cammack to check on the funding provided to OCOG by by the City of Monroe and West Monroe.

No action taken on this matter.

No action taken on the matter to adopt the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2007.

Mr. Caldwell moved to adopt the Minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held on December 14, 2007 meeting, seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

Motion adopted with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley and Mrs. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Blade moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2007 meeting, seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

Motion adopted with Mr's. Jackson, Smiley, Caldwell, and Mrs. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding establishing a Road Lighting District for Frenchmen's Bend Subdivision. Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Mitchell to draft a memo addressing the pros and cons of establishing this district in light of problems associated with other lighting districts. This matter was deferred to the February 4th meeting.

Mr. Blade moved to adopt the minutes Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 5, 2007, seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

Motion adopted with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smiley and Mrs. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Blade asked that the matter in reference to Garden Park Subd Access Improvement be taken up on the February 4, 2008 agenda.

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Don Harrison to look at the Shamblin Street Pump Station to try to alleviate the problem. A discussion ensued. Mr. Blade asked that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Harrison get together and prepare a document addressing this matter. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept the bid of Polaris for the Integrated Library System.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Smiley asked that the matter of appointments to the Fire Department Advisory Board be deferred to the February 04, 2008, meeting.

Mrs. Moore asked that the matter of the Safe Route to Schools Grant for Shady Grove

Elementary School be placed back on the agenda for February 4, 2008. No action taken.

The following applications for Beer and Whiskey had been received for this time period:

BEER AND WHISKEY LICENSES:

- A. AULAKH, LADDIE S. **DBA “Pine Hills Grocery”,** 1300 Hwy 80 East Calhoun, LA 71225, Ward 6, Class “B” Beer Retail Dealer (off premises only), and Class “D” Retailing Liquor off premises ONLY, **NEW 2008**

- B. TYLER, STEVEN K. **DBA “Tyler’s Kwik Stop”,** 4108 Whites Ferry Rd, West Monroe, LA 71291, Ward 5, Class “B” Beer Retail Dealer (off premises only) **NEW 2008**

Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the applications submitted as recommended by Mr. Jay Mitchell, ADA.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

The following Department Heads presented these items:

FISCAL:

Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer, updated the jury on George Welch Elementary School PTA request for placement of Memorial of Fallen Soldiers on Courthouse square.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Jackson to contact the person at George Welch PTA for the placement of said plaque. No action taken on this matter.

LEGAL:

Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney, spoke regarding the termination of the lease at Oak Circle (100, 104, 105). No action taken.

Mr. Jay B. Mitchell spoke as to the Ratification of the Off Bridge System Agreement. Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Jackson to continue the agreement and ratify Mr. Caldwell’s execution of the required documentation.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Jay B. Mitchell spoke regarding an opinion from the Attorney General's Office in reference to the application of the Public Bid Law to Food Service at the Jail.

WIA:

Doretha Bennett, Director WIA, requested to open an Administrative Coordinator Position. This position was approved by WIB on 12/06/07 meeting. Mr. Caldwell addressed Mr. Cammack as to this position being included in this years' budget.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the opening of the Administrative Coordinator's Position.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Doretha Bennett, Director WIA, requested to open a Skills Development Position. Again Mr. Caldwell addressed Mr. Cammack as to budget issues. Mr. Calhoun offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Moore to open the position of Skills Development.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

GREEN OAKS:

Mike Rhodes, Director Green Oaks, requested permission to purchase 2008 Chevy Impala under State Contract. This would be a replacement for a 1999 vehicle. This item was approved by Green Oaks Detention Board at their last meeting.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, second by Mr. Blade to approve the purchase of the vehicle.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding hiring a Juvenile Detention Officer, II. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding hiring a housekeeper/cook.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mrs. Moore to approve the hiring of a housekeeper/cook.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Jackson asked about the construction at Green Oaks. Mr. Rhodes reported on the

stage of the construction and stated that everything was on schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS:

David Cobb spoke to the matter regarding the Re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 Arbor Cove Subdivision (District A).

Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 at Arbor Cove Subdivision.

Motion adopted. No opposition.

Mr. Cobb stated that the parish had received its annual review of its Off-System Bridges and was in full compliance.

Mr. David Cobb with Mr. Cammack asked that the matter regarding the approval of the leases of Motor Graders be deferred to the February 4th meeting. No action taken.

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Pat Hemphill spoke regarding the confirmation of Probational Fire Drivers Kaleb McMillan and Daniel Nelson to Permanent Fire Driver effective 01/08/08.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mrs. Moore to approve confirmation.

Motion passed. No opposition.

Chief Pat Hemphill spoke regarding the termination of extended sick leave for Ronald Lawrence(effective date 12/21/07) and David Lehne (effective date 01/10/08) returning them to active duty.

Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to terminate leave and return to active duty.

Motion passed. No opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the hiring of 12 probational firefighters contingent upon successful completion of their pre-employment physical and screenings.

Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Jackson to hire 12 probational firefighters upon completion of their pre-employment physical and screenings.

Motion passed. No opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the purchase of 2 replacement vehicles off state contract in coordination with the City of Alexandria.

Motion was offered Mr. Calhoun and seconded by Mr. Blade to purchase 2 replacement vehicles.

Motion passed. No opposition.

MR. DON HARRISON, ENGINEER

Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer. No items at this time.

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Mr. Hack Tull, Acting Director spoke regarding the promotion of Samantha Moore to Animal Control Officer.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to promote Samantha Moore to Animal Control Officer. Motion passed. No opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Calhoun offered a motion to approve the 2008 Beaver Control Agreement with the U.S. Dept of Agriculture, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed. No opposition.

Mr. Jackson offered a motion to authorize Mr. Caldwell on behalf of the Police Jury execute documents for Homeland Security Grants, seconded by Mr. Calhoun.

Motion passed. No opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke to the matter regarding improving the balcony railing at Cheniere Lake Lodge.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1) Donna M. McDonald Hall- Addressed the jury about submitting the name of her mother, Mrs. Odalie Smith McDonald, for use on one of the proposed new libraries. She requested that the jury considered her when naming those branches.

2) Steve Wells-addressed the new jury to congratulate them and stressed the importance

of working together to improve Ouachita Parish.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

A D J O U R N

Walt Caldwell, President
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Acting Recording Secretary
Ouachita Parish Police Jury