

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008, AT SIX-THIRTY ONE (PM).**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Mr. Charles Jackson	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Walt Caldwell	District C
Mr. Dorth Blade	District D
Mr. Shane Smiley	District E
Ms. Pat Moore	District F

**Members Absent**                      **(0)**

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

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting held on February 19, 2008 subject to change as noted. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president announced the following service awards for the month of March 2008.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

<b>Verlyn Carter – 15 years</b>	<b>Reginald Cupit – 15 years</b>
<b>Melvin Hannon – 15 years</b>	<b>Michael Daniel – 15 years</b>
<b>Darrin Lenard – 15 years</b>	<b>Artie Beebe – 15 years</b>
<b>Felope Sparks – 10 years</b>	

**VISITORS:**

The president recognized Terry R. Sawyer of West Monroe who spoke regarding the American Cancer Society Relay for Life scheduled for April 25, 2008. Mr. Sawyer asked the jury to proclaim this day as Relay for Life Day. Mr. Caldwell stated that he had this item on his agenda.

Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adopt and proclaim April 25, 2008 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day in Ouachita Parish. Motion passed with no opposition. The president recognized Randal McDonald of West Monroe who spoke regarding the West Ouachita Recreation District. Mr. McDonald asked the jury to draft a resolution to support changing the law in the way recreational district get their funding. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Calhoun

asked that copies of the West Ouachita Recreational District's plan be distributed to the jury. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Markaye Russell, LSU Ag Center 4-H Program. Ms. Russell spoke regarding the activities of the 4-H Program in Ouachita Parish.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The President CONVENED a Public Hearing regarding the proposed revocation of a portion of Henderson Rd.

Mrs. R. T. Kinney appeared and spoke in opposition to the revocation. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Johnny Williams appeared and spoke in opposition to this matter. Mark and Angie Lewis of 910 Henderson Rd, West Monroe appeared and spoke in favor of revocation. Kathy and William Masters, 109 Adcock Rd, appeared and spoke in favor of the proposed revocation. Cpl Wayne Heckford spoke and presented photos of the road.

Motion was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president closed the Public Hearing.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing regarding establishing the speed limit on Diana Drive at 15 mph.

No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president closed the Public Hearing.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing regarding reducing the speed limit on Hooter Rd to 25 mph.

No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president closed the Public Hearing.

The president CONVENED a Public Hearing regarding revoking a portion of Coco Bend Rd.

No one appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with no opposition. The president closed the Public Hearing.

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**The following Department Heads presented status reports to the Police Jury:**

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Cpl. Wayne Heckford  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief  
GREEN OAKS: Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director  
LAJET: Mr. Leonard Tims, Director  
LIBRARY: Ms. Cheryl Mouliere, Director  
MOSQUITO CONTROL: Dr. Cole Church, Director

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

**MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:**

Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 19, 2008. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following Ordinance was offered for Final Adoption by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8882**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A PORTION OF HENDERSON RD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists no public purpose for the continuation of Henderson Rd as a public road North of the South line of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec.12, T18N, R2E.

**WHEREAS**, the revocation of said portion of Henderson Rd is in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the portion of Henderson Rd, North of the South line of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec.12, T18N, R2E is hereby revoked.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed revocation of the portion of Henderson Rd be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on February 21, 2008 and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana Monday, March 3, 2008 to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS	(5)	Mr. Charles Jackson, District A; Mr. Dorth Blade, District D; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; Ms. Pat Moore, District F
NAYS	(1)	Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B

The above ordinance was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the proposed study of the Parish Fire Department submitted by ULM Social Science Department.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore for the parish attorney to finalize the contract with ULM Social Science Department for the study of the Parish Fire Department. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the cost estimates for road and parking improvements at the Parish Rifle Range.

Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade for Public Works to build the road and parking areas at the rifle range. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8886 (INTRODUCTION ONLY)**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING CHENIERE LAKE PARK AREA SIX DURING CERTAIN NIGHTTIME HOURS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE ON THE PROPERTY OF CHENIERE LAKE AREA SIX WHEN CLOSED; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury owns Cheniere Lake in western Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury owns several riparian parcels around Cheniere Lake upon which the Ouachita Parish Police Jury operates parks that include boat ramps and other recreational facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Sheriff has requested that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury take action to limit nighttime disturbances occurring at one of these parks which is designated as “Cheniere Lake Area Six;”

**WHEREAS**, Cheniere Lake Area Six is a remote, unlighted park making the supervision of nighttime activities there difficult; and,

**WHEREAS**, other lighted parks such as Cheniere Lake Area One and Cheniere Lake Area Three provide fishermen and others with adequate nighttime access to Cheniere Lake;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Article III of Chapter 11 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, be, and hereby is, supplemented and amended to add Section 11-60 to provide as follows:

**“Sec. 11-60. Nighttime closure of Cheniere Lake Park Area Six.**

**Cheniere Lake Park Area Six shall be closed to the public each night at 9:00 p.m. and shall be re-opened each morning at 4:00 a.m. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on the property of Cheniere Lake Park Area Six during such closed hours without the express, written permission of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.**

**Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Ouachita Parish Public Works Department is hereby directed to post appropriate signage at the entrances to Cheniere Lake Park Area Six advising park users of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the matter of the Mosquito Abatement District's request for a contribution of \$1000 each from the Cities of Monroe, West Monroe, and the Police Jury to fund a public awareness campaign for mosquito control. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to contribute \$1,000 from the General Fund to fund public awareness campaign for Mosquito Control subject to the payment of like amounts by the City of Monroe and the City of West Monroe.

Motion passed with no opposition.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-10**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. RANDY GILLEY, JR TO THE HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT #1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS BEGINNING MARCH 3, 2008 AND ENDING MARCH 3, 2014; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,**

**WHEREAS**, the term of William B. Nelson, Jr. as a commissioner of the district recently expired on November 6, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of the Coordination Agreement entered into among the District, Glenwood Regional Medical Center (now Glenwood Resolution Authority, Inc.), the Ward Five Healthcare Foundation, and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, executed on November 17 and 18, 2006, and effective as of January 31, 2007, provides that the Police Jury shall appoint as Commissioners of the District only persons who have been recommended for appointment by a resolution of the District;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following individual, Randy Gilley is appointed as a commissioner of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish for a term of six (6) years beginning March 3, 2008 and ending March 3, 2014.

The above resolution was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008. No opposition.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the request of the Pilot Club to proclaim the week of March 2-8, as

“Junior Miss Week in Ouachita Parish”.

Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to proclaim the week of March 2-8, 2008, as Junior Miss Week in Ouachita Parish. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Blade.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the matter of Moore Road and Gourd Bayou. Mr. Blade asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding this matter. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to erect 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Moore Road and Gourd Bayou Rd. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley.

The following Ordinance was offered for final adoption by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8881 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON DIANA DRIVE AT FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has not heretofore established a specific speed limit on Diana Drive, a parish road located in District E of Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, residents have requested that a fifteen miles-per-hour (15 mph) speed limit be established on said Road:

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a speed limit of fifteen miles-per-hour (15 mph) on Diana Drive is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be and hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

**Section 14.1 Speed Limits**

Diana Drive- 15 miles per hour

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on February 21, 2008 and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana, Monday, March 3, 2008, to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS** (6)

**NAYS** (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008.

The president recognized Ms. Pat Moore.

The following Ordinance was offered for final adoption by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8884 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON HOOTER RD TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE OUACHITA RIVER LEVEE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH FOREST HOME RD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has established a specific speed limit of thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on Hooter Rd, a parish road located in Ward 4 of Ouachita Parish;

**WHEREAS**, a resident has requested that the speed limit be reduced to twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on that portion of Hooter Road from its northernmost intersection with the Ouachita River levee to its intersection with Forest Home Road.

**WHEREAS**, reducing the speed limit to twenty-five miles-per-hour (25 mph) on said portion of Hooter Rd is in the public interest:

**NOW, THEREFORE:**



**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Section 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, be and hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

**Section 14.1. Speed Limits**

Hooter Rd from its Northern most intersection with the Ouachita River levee to its intersection with Forest Home Rd - (25) miles-per-hour.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed speed limit be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on February 21, 2008, and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana, Monday, March 3, 2008; to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS           (6)**

**NAYS           (0)**

The above ordinance was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008.

The following Ordinance was offered for Final Adoption by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8885 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A PORTION OF COCO BEND RD AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists no public purpose for the continuation of Coco Bend Rd as a public road west of the East line of Sec.10, T15N, R3E,

**WHEREAS**, the revocation of said portion of Coco Bend Rd is in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE** Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the portion of Coco Bend Rd West of the East line of Sec.10, T15N, R3E is hereby revoked.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Notice of this proposed revocation be published in the Official Journal of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury on February 21, 2008, and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana, Monday, March 3, 2008; to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

The Ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS           (6)**

**NAYS           (0)**

The above ordinance was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008.

Ms. Moore asked Mr. Harrison, Engineer to speak regarding the Tanglewood Flood Control Project. Discussion ensued. This item was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Police Jury.

There were no applications for beer and whiskey licenses.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of a lawn sprinkler system for the parish courthouse. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the low bid of Sprink-a-Lawn for the Lawn Sprinkler System for the parish courthouse. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of the bid tabulation for lawn maintenance for the Library. Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the low bid of Lewis' Bayou Landscaping, Inc. for lawn maintenance at the parish libraries. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of the rental of a Ricoh copier. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to rent the Ricoh copier at \$458 a month for 48 months. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of the contract for Professional Services with GIS, Inc. Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the contract with GIS, Inc., for professional services on an interim basis. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell opposing.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter of the buyer's position in the Purchasing Office and the temporary position in the Administrative Office. A brief discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to hire temporary help for the administrative office. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack updated the jury on the contract for the lease of motor graders and stated that this item would be put out for bids.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter of appointments to the Rural Conservation & Development Board. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Murray.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the bid tabulation results for fill dirt and recommended the low bid of Spruell Dirt Contractors. Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept the low bid of Spruell Dirt Contractors for fill dirt. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the bid results for traffic signal upgrades and recommended acceptance of the bid of Wye Electric. Motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to accept the bid of Wye Electric for Traffic Signal Upgrades. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Harrison had no items to present.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The president spoke regarding the letter from Representative Rodney Alexander referencing requests for 2009 Fiscal Year Appropriations. No action taken on this matter.

#### **INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Rev. John Sewell, Tanglewood Subdivision gave kudos to the Police Jury receptionist and the Public Works department. Mr. Sewell spoke regarding the Tanglewood Flood Project and encouraged the Parish to use expropriation to acquire the right-of-way if necessary.

At this time Mr. Caldwell, left the meeting.

Dr. Clark Cooper, 5257 New Natchitoches, West Monroe spoke regarding the tax election for Mosquito Abatement.

Mr. Caldwell returned to the meeting at this time. Mr. Caldwell complimented Dr. Cole Church and the Mosquito Abatement Board. Discussion ensued. No action taken.

Johnny Williams, Johnson Rd, spoke regarding the revocation of Henderson Rd.

There being no further business, motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to adjourn this meeting. Motion adopted with no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Deborah H. Sewell  
Recording Secretary

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Walt Caldwell, President  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury