

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 5:35 P.M.

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, May 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt M. Caldwell, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Members Present (6)

Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Dorth Blade	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F

Members Absent (0)

Invocation was given by Mr. Caldwell. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Caldwell.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Police Jury Meeting including the Personnel and Public Works Committee Meetings held on May 5, 2008 with the necessary correction was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed with no opposition.

Tana Trichell did not appear at the meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Pitt, G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District. Mr. Pitt spoke regarding the need of an administrative office building, renovations to existing buildings and the resolution recently passed by the district. Mr. White asked the jury to pass a similar resolution. The president asked the jury whether they had a problem taking up this matter at this time. They did not. Discussion ensued.

Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopt Resolution 08-23. Motion passed with no opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS BY G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District (“Cooley”) has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to acquire an off-campus building to house the District’s administrative offices and certain other District functions;

WHEREAS, in order to fund the foregoing, Cooley anticipates making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval to issue a Certificate of Indebtedness not to exceed the principal amount of One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), to bear interest not to exceed eight percent (8%) per annum, and to mature not later than ten years from the date thereof, and to otherwise comply in all respects with applicable law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:2923 requires that a political subdivision have prior approval of the governing authority by which it was created before issuing a Certificate of Indebtedness;

WHEREAS, Cooley was created by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury through the adoption of Ouachita Parish Ordinance No. 7127 on or about April 11, 1962; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District adopted a Resolution on May 19, 2008, requesting the Ouachita Parish Police Jury’s approval of the plan to issue a Certificate of Indebtedness as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby evidence its approval of the issuance of a Certificate of Indebtedness by G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District as set forth hereinabove;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes its President to execute such instruments or correspondence, or take such other action, as is reasonable and necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

The above Resolution was adopted the 19th day of May 2008.

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The president recognized Mr. Lazenby of Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Lazenby spoke regarding the boundaries of Calhoun Sewerage District #6. The president passed the gavel to the vice-president (Mr. Blade) and abstained from voting on the matter.

Mr. Blade opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 8891 amending the boundaries of Calhoun Sewerage District #6. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the matter. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The vice president asked the jury to address this matter at this time. The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade:

ORDINANCE NO. 8891

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF CALHOUN SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 6; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury established Calhoun Sewerage District No. 6 of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana by the adoption of Ordinance No. 7454 on or about August 18, 1975;

WHEREAS, for many years said District was dormant and a community sewerage collection and treatment for the District has yet to be funded or constructed;

WHEREAS, said District has no outstanding indebtedness, bonded or otherwise;

WHEREAS, A new Board of Commissioners has been appointed for the District and that Board is moving forward to develop plans and specifications for a community sewerage system for the Calhoun community; and,

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners has asked the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to amend the original boundaries of the District to accommodate the actual development trends that have evolved in the Calhoun Community since the District's original boundaries were established more than thirty (30) years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby amends the boundaries of Calhoun Sewerage District No. 6 of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana as follows:

The territorial boundary of Calhoun Sewerage District No. 6 shall include the following area:

Township 17 North, Range 1 East
Sections 1, 2, 3 and 10.

Township 17 North, Range 2 East
Sections 5 and 6.

Township 18 North, Range 1 East

Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36. The East ½ of Sections 16 and 21. The East ½ of the West ½ of Sections 16 and 21.

Township 18 North, Range 2 East
Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32.

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

YEAS	(5)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(1) Mr. Walt Caldwell

The above ordinance was adopted the 19th day of May 2008.

The gavel was passed back to the president. The president recognized Mr. Lance Griffith, Lincoln Elementary School Beautification Project. Mr. Griffith spoke regarding funding for a landscaping project at the school. Discussion ensued. This matter was deferred to the June 2nd meeting.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8888 Amending Section 14-1 Increasing the Speed Limit on Bayou Oaks Drive from 25 mph to 35 mph. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against this matter. Motion by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8889 Regulating Unkept Grass and Weeds in Clearly Residential Areas Outside Recognized Subdivisions. Mr. James Poe, Keep Ouachita Beautiful spoke in favor of the ordinance. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8890 Amending Ordinance No. 8879 Annual Operating Budget for General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Projects Funds for the year 2008. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against this ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president convened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8892 Increasing the Speed Limit on Forest Home Road from 25 mph to 35 mph. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against this ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was offered by the president, and seconded by Mr. Blade to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee Meeting. Motion passed with no opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Charles Jackson at 5:54 pm.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the impact of the lower interest rates on various funds. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period covering 4/15/08 through 5/16/08. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to pay the claims for this period. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the monthly exception report and budget variances. Discussion ensued. Informational only, no action was taken on this matter

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the RFP for Accounts Receivable Collections. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to place the Request for Proposals for Accounts Receivable Collections out for proposals. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement-4th JDC Payroll and Benefit Administration. Informational only.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the status of the 2007 audit. Mr. Cammack invited the new jurors to attend a briefing on Best Practices for Police Juries with the auditors, scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill.

Chief Hemphill asked that the proceeds from the sale of two surplus fire trucks be placed in the Capital Outlay Funds of the Fire Department. Discussion ensued. Motion was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to allocate the proceeds of \$22,000 to the Capital Outlay Fund of the Fire department. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the purchase of four (4) grass fire trucks. Discussion ensued. Motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to order the trucks off state contract and advertise for bids for the firefighting units to be placed in the trucks. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Rhodes, Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the teaching services agreement for Summer School teachers. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the teaching contract for summer school teachers at Green Oaks Detention Center. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Bennett, WIA Director.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding hiring an Administrative Assistant-Youth. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to hire Shamara Webb in the position of Administrative Assistant-Youth. Motion passed with no opposition.

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding hiring a Career Coordinator-Youth. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire Shawanda Jackson Dempsey in the position of Career Coordinator-Youth. Motion passed with no opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bill Roark asked to speak to the jury. Mr. Roark stated that he had received a letter requesting an extension of the option on a portion of the Connor property from Mt. Pleasant Community Development, Inc. This matter was deferred to the June 2nd meeting.

There being no other business to come before this committee, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to resume the Regular Police Jury meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with no opposition.

The Regular Police Jury meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding his agenda and asked that he take some things out of order. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to engage the engineering firm of Lazenby & Associates for West Ouachita Sewerage District #16. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding a rate adjustment for West Ouachita Sewerage District #16. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to adjust the sewer rate to \$30 per month to become effective with the first billing cycle beginning on or after July 1, 2008. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Jackson offered the following ordinance for final adoption, seconded by Ms. Moore:

ORDINANCE NO. 8889 (Final)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA TO REGULATE UNKEPT GRASS AND WEEDS IN CLEARLY RESIDENTIAL AREAS OUTSIDE RECOGNIZED SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in accordance with then-existing state law Article II of Chapter 24 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana limited the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's to authority to require the cutting of grass and obnoxious weeds to properties located "in a recognized subdivision;"

WHEREAS, La. Acts 219 (2007) extended the authority of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to compel property owners to cut grass and obnoxious weeds to apply not only to properties within recognized subdivisions, but also to properties "in a clearly established residential area on a state highway or a parish road."

WHEREAS, the Ouachita parish Police Jury finds that requiring the cutting of grass and obnoxious weeds in clearly established residential areas on a state highway or a parish road is in the public interest even where such residential areas fall outside recognized subdivisions.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that Article II of Chapter 24 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana be amended as follows (new language is underscored):

"ARTICLE II. UNKEPT GRASS AND WEEDS

Sec. 24-16. Grass and weeds on lots in residential areas.

Owners of any lot located in a recognized subdivision or any parcel located in a clearly established residential area on a state highway or a parish road outside of municipalities within the Parish of Ouachita shall cut all grass and obnoxious weeds on such property.

(Ord. No. 8004, 9-22-86)

Sec. 24-17. Notification of lot owner

Upon failure of a lot or parcel owner to cut grass and obnoxious weeds as required above, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury shall cause notice of such failure to be sent by registered or certified letter or other adequate notice to the owner of said lot.

(Ord. No. 8004, 9-22-86)

Sec. 24-18. Authority of parish to cut grass and weeds.

If the owner of a lot or parcel fails to cut such grass and weeds when requested within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice, the police jury shall cause such grass and weeds to be cut or removed and shall assess the cost of such cutting and removal against the owner of the lot. (Ord. No. 8004, 9-22-86)

Sec. 24-19. Payment of cost by property owner.
The owners of lots or parcels from which such grass and weeds have been cut and removed shall be required to pay the secretary-treasurer of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury the actual cost of cutting same.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of this Ordinance shall be May 20, 2008; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a Public Hearing be held on May 19, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, to hear comments from all interested parties as to the proposed amendment of Article II of Chapter 24 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana se forth above.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 21st day of April 2008.

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

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 19th day of May 2008.

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Mr. Jackson offered Ordinance No. 8890 for final adoption, seconded by Mr. Smiley:

ORDINANCE NO. 8890 (Final)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8879, ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR, 2008.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, convened on the 19th day of May, 2008 that:

SECTION ONE: The following detailed estimate of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008, be and the same is hereby amended for the Police Jury General Fund and Special Revenue Funds during said period.

	2008 GENERAL FUND	2008 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008 DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	2008 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	2008 PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
REVENUES	\$4,919,778	\$59,381,762	\$2,800	\$713,518	\$65,017,858
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government:					
Legislative	206,675	297,741	0	0	504,416
Judicial	2,483,479	4,374,727	0	0	6,845,206
Elections	161,089	0	0	0	161,089
Finance & Admin	618,200	1,391,502	5	2,033	2,011,740
Other Gen Government	774,480	21,525	0	0	796,005
Total General Government	4,243,923	6,085,495	5	2,033	10,331,456
Public Safety	55,000	25,477,597	0	0	25,532,597
Public Works	55,831	6,081,906	0	0	6,137,737
Health and Welfare	5,100	6,773,820	0	0	6,778,920
Culture and Recreation	102,125	5,720,866	0	0	5,822,991
Economic Development	120,449	284,102	0	0	404,551
Capital Outlay	163,850	15,550,763	0	1,364,268	17,078,881
Total Expenditures	4,746,278	65,975,549	5	1,366,301	72,087,133
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	173,500	(6,592,787)	2,795	(652,783)	(7,069,275)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance proceeds	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of assets	0	306,100	0	0	306,100
Operating transfers in	0	1,228,127	0	308,461	1,536,588
Operating transfers out	(449,562)	(1,087,026)	0	0	(1,536,588)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(449,562)	447,201	0	308,461	306,100
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(276,062)	(6,145,586)	2,795	(344,322)	(6,763,175)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,881,235	53,674,869	9,923	2,988,101	58,554,128
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$1,605,173	\$47,529,283	\$12,718	\$2,643,779	\$51,790,953

In all other respects Ordinance No. 8879 shall remain the same.

The above Ordinance was introduced on April 21, 2008.

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

YEAS:	(4)	
NAYS:	(1)	Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B
ABSTAIN:	(1)	Mr. Dorth Blade, District D

The above Ordinance was adopted on the 19th day of May 2008.

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Mr. Jackson advised that he had received no communication from the District Court regarding the space planning issues in the courthouse. Accordingly, no action was taken on this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-25

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DARYEL HENDRIX TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST OUACHITA INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term of Daryel Hendrix as a member of the Advisory Board of West Ouachita Industrial District has expired, and he desires to remain on the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Daryel Hendrix, 108 Armstrong Lane, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, be and hereby is reappointed as a member of the West Ouachita Industrial District Advisory Board, for a term of four (4) years, said term beginning May 19, 2008 and ending May 19, 2012.

The above resolution was adopted the 19th day of May 2008.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the restroom facilities at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Murray updated the jury on the activities of Mr. Harrison in regards to this project.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the repairs to roads in District B affected by the pipeline damage. Mr. Murray stated he had spoken to Mr. Harrison about this matter and that tentative plans are to bid out this project in the month of July.

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

RESOLUTION 08-26

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A. B. DOWNS, JR. AND KENNY SOLLEY TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST OUACHITA INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND APPOINTING SCOTT ALBRITTON TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST OUACHITA INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the term of A. B. Downs, Jr., and Kenny Solley as members of the Advisory Board of West Ouachita Industrial District has expired, and they desire to remain on the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, Brian Marks, 107 Marion Place, West Monroe, LA 71291, has resigned and Scott Albritton has expressed a desire to serve,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that A. B. Downs, Jr., 221 Dumas Rd, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 and Kenny Solley, 607 Northwood Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291, be and hereby are reappointed as members of the West Ouachita Industrial District Advisory Board, for a term of four (4) years, said term beginning May 19, 2008 and ending May 19, 2012, and Scott Albritton be and hereby is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Brian Marks for a term of one year, said term beginning May 19, 2008 and ending May 19, 2009.

The above resolution was adopted the 19th day of May 2008.

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The following resolution was offered by Mr. Calhoun, and seconded by all the jurors:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-27

A RESOLUTION STATING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S SUPPORT OF THE SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT STATE FUNDING OF SAID COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District was created by the State of Louisiana to direct efforts to preserve the Sparta Aquifer, the primary source of potable water for North Central Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the ongoing rapid depletion of the Sparta Aquifer poses a threat to not only the health and welfare of citizens of North Central Louisiana but also to the economy of the region;

WHEREAS, the impact of the depletion of the Sparta Aquifer on North Central Louisiana is of vital importance to the whole State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has not yet provided a permanent source of funding for the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District's operations;

WHEREAS, the Commission is in need of permanent funding to establish programs necessary to preserve the Sparta Aquifer;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby states its support of Representative Rick Gallot's efforts to secure permanent state funding of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District's operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby requests that the local governments, citizens, and industries that rely on the Sparta Aquifer for potable water lend their support to Representative Gallot's effort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be mailed to each Representative and Senator representing citizens of Ouachita Parish in the Louisiana Legislature; and to the Governor of Louisiana.

The above resolution was adopted on the 19th day of May 2008.

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MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding Resolution No. 08-24. Mr. Murray addressed the jury concerning the matter. A brief discussion ensued.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-24

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT TO REPLACE THE BLACK BAYOU BRIDGE (Structure No. U37-32303-92088-1) THROUGH THE OFF SYSTEM HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana DOTD has notified the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that DOTD has chosen to fund the replacement of the OPPJ's Black Bayou Bridge (Structure No. U37-32303-92088-1) through DOTD's Off-System Bridge Program; and,

WHEREAS, DOTD has advised that in connection with such work OPPJ will be responsible for obtaining the required Rights-of-way and having conflicting utilities re-located;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby requested to proceed with the replacement of the OPPJ's Black Bayou Bridge (Structure No. U37-32303-92088-1) through DOTD's Off-System Bridge Program as set forth in DOTD's letter to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury dated April 21, 2008;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby agrees to be responsible for obtaining the Rights-of-way and utility relocations required for such project.

The above Resolution was adopted the 19th day of May 2008.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Blade had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The following ordinance was offered for final adoption by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade:

ORDINANCE NO. 8888

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON BAYOU OAKS DRIVE FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has heretofore established a specific speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph on Bayou Oaks Drive, a parish road located in District E of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, residents have requested that the speed limit be increased to thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on said Road:

WHEREAS, increasing the speed limit to thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on Bayou Oaks 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

Bayou Oaks Drive- 35 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 and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 21st day of April 2008.

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

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 19th day of May 2008.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

The following ordinance was offered for final adopted by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun:

ORDINANCE NO. 8892

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON FOREST HOME ROAD FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has heretofore established a specific speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph on Forest Home Road, a parish road located in District F of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, residents have requested that the speed limit be increased to thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on said Road:

WHEREAS, increasing the speed limit to thirty-five miles-per-hour (35 mph) on Forest Home Road 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

Forest Home Road- 35 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 and a Public Hearing be held to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 5th day of May 2008.

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

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 19th day of May 2008.

Ms. Moore updated the jury about a recent meeting with the mayor of Monroe concerning litter and improving the community. A motion was offered by Ms. Moore that the parish treasurer appoint three parish employees to work on the planning committee for this effort, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with no opposition.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding her appointment to the WIA Board. Ms. Moore recommended to the jury that she act as a liaison instead of a voting member of the board. Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to designate the police juror appointed to the WIA Board to serve as a non-voting member of the WIA Board. Motion passed with no opposition. Discussion ensued about the make up of the WIA Board.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for Digital & Audio Recording Systems for Courtrooms 5 and 6. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the bid subject to comments from the courts that transcripts transcribed using this process are certifiable. Additional discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell amended his motion to approve the bid subject to comments from the courts that transcripts are certifiable and to state that this is in lieu of our obligation to hire additional court reporters, seconded by Mr. Smiley. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill reported that he had no items.

The president recognized Ms. Bennett.

WIA Doretha Bennett, WIA Director

Ms. Bennett spoke regarding the Workforce FY 2008 Allocation. Discussion ensued. Ms. Bennett recommended that the jury approve the FY 2008 allocation. Motion offered by Ms. Moore to approve the grant funds for the FY2008 and grant authority to the president to sign the necessary documents, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with no opposition.

Ms. Bennett spoke again regarding the makeup and the appointment of the WIA Board.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell.

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

Mr. Mitchell reported that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding Preliminary Subdivision Approval-Indian Hills Manufactured Homes Subdivision, Unit 1. Mr. Murray recommended approval subject to the comments of the Mr. Harrison, Engineer. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve Preliminary Subdivision Approval-Indian Hills Manufactured Homes Subdivision, Unit 1 subject to the comments of the Public Works Director and the Consulting Engineer. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the Preliminary Subdivision Approval-Chauvin Place, Unit 2. Mr. Murray recommended approval subject to the comments of the parish engineer. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Approval-Chauvin Place, Unit 2 subject to the comments of the Public Works Director and the Consulting Engineer. Motion passed with no opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Cammack spoke again regarding the purchase of the Audio & Digital Equipment for the courts

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Blade

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