

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008 AT 5:38 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, June 16, 2008 at 5:38 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)

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. Smiley. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Smiley.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting including the Personnel and Public Works Committee Meetings held on June 2, 2008, with the necessary clarifications, was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Royce Olge, Skate Lane. Mr. Olge presented a petition to the jury requesting that they paved Skate Lane. The president asked Mr. Harrison/Mr. Murray to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Harrison stated that a cost estimate had been prepared. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and stated that the homeowners would repay the jury to pave the road. Discussion ensued. This matter was deferred to the July 7, 2008 meeting.

The president recognized Mrs. Doretha Johnson, Advanced Learning Center. Mrs. Johnson asked for a waiver to hook into the water system located across the street. Discussion ensued. The president indicated to Mrs. Johnson that the police jury had no jurisdiction over this matter. He asked that Mr. Mitchell speak with Steve McAdams from the health unit and get back with Mrs. Johnson. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. David Creed, OCOG. The president stated that this matter was on the Finance Committee Meeting agenda and asked if his fellow jurors had a problem with

taking up this matter at this time. No one had an issue. Mr. Creed spoke regarding the funding for OCOG for FY08-09. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the budget as prepared by Mr. Creed's office (OCOG) in the amount of \$33,356 a difference of 7,228.00. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Bill Roark. The president stated that he was here to address a matter that was on Mr. Calhoun's agenda. Mr. Roark updated the jury on the matter of the purchase of the property for the Southwest Branch of the parish library, and on the option on the Connor property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CERTAIN 4 +/- ACRE TRACT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LA. HWY. 34 AND MT. VERNON CHURCH ROAD FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$75,000.00) DOLLARS SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTHWEST OUACHITA BRANCH LIBRARY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the population growth in southwest Ouachita Parish requires that a branch library be established there to serve the needs of the citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the purchase of a certain 4 +/- acre tract located at the intersection of La. Hwy. 34 and Mt. Vernon Church Road for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy-five thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars for the establishment of a Southwest Ouachita Branch Library be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President be and hereby authorized and empowered to execute said Act of Sale on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above resolution was adopted the 16th day of June 2008.

The president addressed the matter of the selection of the official journal. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack recommended accepting the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal for the year at the rate quoted. Discussion ensued on the matter of auxiliary official journal. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept The Ouachita Citizen as the official journal for the year ending June 30, 2009 at the rate quoted. Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to use The Monroe Dispatch as an auxiliary official journal contingent upon their willingness to accept the rate of the official journal. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president accepted a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun 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 6:09 pm.

The chairman stated that he had two items that were basically informational only. Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Regional Economic Development Funding. No action taken on this matter.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of the Best Practices Review and Auditor's meeting.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of 05/17/08 to 06/12/08. Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the claims statement. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack asked Ms. Cupit to speak regarding the monthly exception report and budget variances. Ms. Cupit mentioned that the Extension Service budget would be a little different due to damage to the roof and construction of improved handicapped access. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the cost of the Mosquito Abatement election. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding a long and short-term disability plan for parish employees. Mr. Cammack indicated that the prior jury had approved for a representative from Mutual of Omaha to sell the plan, but the company would no longer offer this plan because enrollment had fallen short of the required level of participation from parish employees. Mr. Cammack indicated that Mr. Brett Cloyd was here to talk about another disability insurance plan for parish employees. Mr. Cloyd spoke regarding a long and short-term disability plan for parish employees at no cost to the jury. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to allow Mr. Cloyd to represent The Hartford Insurance Company for the purpose of selling long term and short-term disability insurance to parish employees. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the vehicle purchase for WIA. Mr. Cammack stated that no vehicles were available under the old state contract and that the matter be deferred until the new contract is signed.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the food bid tabulation for Green Oaks Detention Center for the third quarter. Mr. Jackson asked whether or not the jury had any problems taking up this matter at this time. None opposed the matter. Mr. Cammack stated that Conco Foods had submitted the

lowest bid and that they be awarded the contract for the third quarter. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the low bid of Conco Foods for the third quarter for Green Oaks Detention Center. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Rhodes, Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Rhodes requested to hire five (5) Juvenile Detention Officer II-Female. Mr. Rhodes indicated that he needed to hire five instead of four Juvenile Detention Officers II due to the promoting of one employee to the new position of Juvenile Detention Officer III. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to hire five (5) Juvenile Detention Officers-II (Female), subject to their passing all pre-employment tests. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the request to open the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II-Male. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to open the position of Juvenile Detention Officer II-Male. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Tims, LaJet Director. Mr. Tims spoke regarding hiring a part-time Office Assistant I. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve hiring the part-time position of Office Assistant I. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Mitchell, Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the utility expense of the sheriff's office training facility located at 420 Wheelis Street in West Monroe. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter be deferred until the July 7, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with ARCO. Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that the agreement was just a renewal of an existing agreement between the two agencies. Discussion ensued.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the agreement and authorize the president to execute documents to extend the agreement. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Calhoun commented on the accomplishments of Mr. Jackson's son.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade. The Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The president asked for a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Police Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion adopted.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the monthly reporting of the various department heads. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell asked that Mr. Cammack contact the department heads by letter and ask that they submit a monthly report to be included in the packets. Additional discussion ensued. After discussion a motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson that department heads submit a monthly report detailing monthly activities to be included in the jurors' packets. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter at this time.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the Restroom Facilities at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Calhoun asked that Mr. Harrison speak regarding the matter. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the budget of Cheniere Lake Park. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to build floor plan option #2 as drawn by Harrison and Associates in the amount of \$89,000 for Restroom Facilities at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Calhoun recognized the new mayor of Richwood, Steve Hunter.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the repairs to roads in District B. Mr. Harrison stated that the documents will be done in about two weeks and that the work could be done this summer. No action taken on this matter.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the matter of space planning for courthouse offices. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to retain the firm of Herbert Land Architect, Inc., for the purpose of reviewing the plan and making recommendations to the jury in regards to the space planning for courthouse offices. In addition, if the jury approves the plans that the standard AIA form be used and that the president is authorized to execute the contract. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell asked that the matter concerning the Workforce Investment Board be deferred until the next meeting on July 7, 2008.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Caldwell for INTRODUCTION ONLY:

ORDINANCE NO. 8893 (INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING LAKE PARK DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury created Lake Park Drainage District by Ordinance No. 7442 adopted June 16, 1975;

WHEREAS, the Lake Park Drainage District was created to operate and maintain the levee system that had been constructed by the developers of Lake Park Subdivision to provide flood protection for said subdivision, all of which was incorporated within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, in approximately 1998, after completion of the Chauvin Pump Station, the Board of Commissioners of Lake Park Drainage District stopped levying an annual assessment against property in the District to fund maintenance of the levee system, disbanded, and turned said District's operations over to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

WHEREAS, in 2001 the River Styx Pump Station was completed further improving flood control in the area encompassing the Lake Park Drainage District;

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2004 the OPPJ conducted community meetings regarding the status of the Lake Park Drainage District and appointed a new Board of Commissioners to determine the District's status;

WHEREAS, in May 2004, the Board of Commissioners determined that "given the effect of the new River Styx Pumping Station on flood control in the area; the condition of the pump system of Lake Park Drainage District; the cost of maintaining and operating the pump system of Lake park Drainage District; and the limited additional benefits derived from the pump system of Lake Park Drainage District, continued operation and maintenance of the pump system of Lake Park Drainage District is not in the best interest of Lake Park Drainage District." The Board at that time also declined to implement an assessment to fund continued operation of the District and conveyed the District's lone remaining operable pump to the OPPJ in satisfaction of any debt or reimbursement owed to the OPPJ for monies spent out of the Parish's general fund on District Expenses in the preceding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Lake Park Drainage District has no outstanding indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury that pursuant to the authority granted by La. Const. Art. 6, Section 15, the Lake Park Drainage District be, and hereby is, abolished;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of the introduction of this Ordinance and of a public hearing to be held on July 7, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse prior to the consideration of this Ordinance for adoption be published in the Official Journal on June 26, 2008, and July 3, 2008.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding a modification of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Contract with the WIA that had been received from the state after the publication of the agenda for this meeting. Discussion ensued. A motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to amend the agenda to take up the matter at this time. The motion passed without opposition.

A motion was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the modified contract in the amount of \$400,000, and authorized the president to execute the necessary documents. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Murray to speak regarding the matter of the ditches in Garden Park Subdivision. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the matter and stated that a cost estimate had been done. Discussion ensued. After discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to clean out the ditch at the end of Honeysuckle Drive located within Garden Park Subdivision. Additional discussion ensued. Mr. Blade withdrew his motion. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Murray recommended to the jury that a cost estimate be prepared on the ditch located behind LA Machinery, which would be more beneficial for drainage purposes. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the matter of Park Circle and Pat Drive drainage improvements. Mr. Blade asked that Mr. Harrison speak regarding the matter. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and informed the jury that FEMA monies were available for these projects. Mr. Harrison asked that the jury ratify the notice of intent for these projects. Discussion ensued.

Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to ratify the Notice of Intent document under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for flood control improvements to Park Terrace Subdivision. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter of the Shamblin Street Pump Station. Mr. Mitchell stated that he and Mr. Harrison had met with the mayor of the Town of Richwood. Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury retain Mr. Harrison to prepare a plan to rework the station and act as project engineer. Discussion ensued.

Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to retain Mr. Harrison as engineer for the Shamblin Street Pump Station Project. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley asked that Mr. Harrison speak regarding the matter of a second or back-up Right of Way Appraiser for the Finks Hideaway Project. Mr. Harrison informed the jury that DOTD recommended that an additional appraiser be named for the project to expedite matters. Mr. Harrison recommended that Michael Graham be selected as the backup appraiser to the project subject to the approval of DOTD.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve Michael Graham as backup appraiser for the Finks Hideaway Road Project subject to the DOTD approval. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the matter of Right of Way Acquisitions for flood control projects in the Town and Country Drainage District. Mr. Smiley stated that the land required for this project had been donated and the project was under way. No further action taken on this matter.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to ratify the Notice of Intent document for Oak Circle under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for flood control improvements. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore asked that the matter concerning proposed lighting and sidewalk project be deferred to the July 7, 2008 meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack stated that he had no other items.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill.

Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill reported on the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held on June 10th. He stated that the committee had asked that the meeting times be changed to as needed instead of once a month. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would draft a change to the ordinance and bring it back for jury approval. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Bennett and Mr. Mitchell stated that they had no items.
The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding a variance in Calvert Country Estates, Unit 3, Phase 1-A. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the variance in Calvert Country Estates, Unit 2, Phase 1-A subject to the comments of the engineer and the public works director.. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the final subdivision approval of Patrick's Cove Subdivision. Mr. Murray recommended approval of the subdivision. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the subdivision of Patrick's Cove subject to the comments of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Murray. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer

Mr. Harrison stated that Brad had received a letter from the governor regarding the FY08 Community Block Grant Application for Street Improvements in the Tanglewood Subdivision. He noted that the grant had been approved in the amount of \$333,035. No other action was taken at this time.

BEER & WHISKEY APPLICATIONS

Mr. Mitchell presented and recommended for approval the following application for beer and whiskey. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the application for beer and whiskey. Motion passed with no opposition.

Calvert Crossing Golf Club, LLC DBA "Pine Hills Golf Club", 395 Britton Rd, Calhoun, LA 71225, Ward 6, Class "A" Beer Retail Dealer (on premises), Class "C" Retail Liquor (on premises), and Class "R" Restaurant, NEW 2008

Ms. Moore expressed thanks to the police jury staff members as well as city workers for their help in getting the letters out to the landlords. Ms. Moore reminded the jury about the Landlord's Meeting scheduled for June 24, 2008, at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Blade and seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Walter M. Caldwell, IV, President

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary

Adopted July 7, 2008