

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008 AT 5:33 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, July 7, 2008 at 5:33 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.

<u>Members Present</u>	(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 Meeting including the Finance Committee held on June 16, 2008, was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed with no opposition. Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2007, was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade and Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with Ms. Moore, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Smiley abstaining.

The president announced the following service awards for the month of July.

911

Kimberly Manhart – 10 yrs

PUBLIC WORKS

Willie Johnson – 30 yrs
Rodriquez Chambers – 10 yrs

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The president recognized Robert Rowan of Rowan Contractors, P. O. Box 7537, Monroe, LA 71207. Mr. Rowan presented a proposal for sidewalks and street lighting along Burg Jones Lane between the parish and city schools located along that roadway. The president stated that this item was listed on Ms. Moore agenda and asked did anyone have a problem taking up the matter at this time. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rowan asked the jury for permission to allow the parish engineer to work with him on the proposal. Additional discussion ensued. The jury requested that Mr. Harrison gather additional information and report back to them.

The president recognized Stephanie Patrick. Ms. Patrick did not appear.

The president recognized Kevin Crosby, Engineer for West Ouachita Sewer District #16. Mr. Crosby presented a task order for Sewer Treatment Plant Inventory. Mr. Cammack and Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize the president to sign the task order with the clarification that payment be made from West Ouachita Sewer District #16. Motion passed with Mr. Blade opposing.

The president recognized Mr. Francis Huffman, Huffman, Ragsdale & Soignier. Mr. Huffman presented the 2007 Audit Report and Findings. The president stated that this item was listed on Mr. Jackson's agenda. No further action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack asked the president to recognized Sandi Easterling of GNF Management. Ms. Easterling presented to the jury a resolution regarding FY2008 LCDBG Street Project Grants. The president stated that this was an item listed on his agenda and asked that the matter be addressed at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopt Resolution 08-30 FY2008 LCDBG for Street Improvements. Motion passed with no opposition.

RESOLUTION 08-30

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for street improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Procurement Policy, (2) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Bradley N. Cammack, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Bradley N. Cammack, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the President to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bradley N. Cammack and Karen Cupit are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Walter M. Caldwell, IV shall certify to the correctness of each signature and that Community Trust Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Brad Cammack is authorized to sign checks on the official depository, which is required for each check.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, presented at the 7th day of July, 2008, regular scheduled meeting was read and the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS	6
NAYS	0
ABSTAINING	0
ABSENT	0

The above resolution was adopted the 7th day of July 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING

The president convened a public hearing to discuss Ordinance No. 8893 Abolishing the Lake Park Drainage District. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to adjourn the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion offered by the president, seconded by Mr. Smiley to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion passed with no opposition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Personnel Committee Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Dorth Blade at 6:25 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the 2009 Insurance Bids. Information item only, no action taken on this matter.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill. Chief Hemphill presented the following personnel actions.

Howard, Velton Mike	Extended Sick Leave Termination of Sick Leave	Effective 5/23/08 Effective 6/30/08
Harris, David	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective 7/10/08

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the above actions. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chief spoke regarding termination of Military Leave without pay for employee Larry Bursey effective 7/01/08. Motion offered by Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to terminate the military leave without pay for employee Larry Bursey. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding confirming the status of employee Dale C. Meachum from Probationary Fire Prevention Officer to Permanent Fire Prevention Officer effective 7/16/08. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to confirm Mr. Meachum as Permanent Fire Prevention Officer. Motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Hemphill spoke regarding the status of the eleven-firefighter recruits. Chief Hemphill recommended the following action:

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Bradley, Justin	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Clark, Eric C.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Coleman, Marcus	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Field, Kekomi M.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Gable, Kenneth A.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Jowers, Bradley K.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Loftin, James H.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Mathis, Xavier C.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Roan, Joshua C.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Rugg, Jared L.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08
Turner, Omar K.	Recruit Firefighter	Prob. Firefighter	06/18/08

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the status of moving the eleven firefighter recruits to probational firefighters as recommended by the chief. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Mr. Rhode, Green Oaks Detention Center. Mr. Rhodes requested to hire Tavoris Cox as replacement Juvenile Detention Officer II for Michael Howell. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to hire Tavoris Cox as a Juvenile Detention Officer II subject to the requirements being met. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the hiring of four (4) Juvenile Detention Officer III positions. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to hire/promote four current employees to Juvenile Detention Officer III. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the opening of five (5) Juvenile Detention Officer II position. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to open five (5) Juvenile Detention Officer II positions. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Doretha Bennett, WIA Director. Ms. Bennett requested to open the position of WIB Planner/Marketing Specialist. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open the position of WIB Planner/Marketing Specialist. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell opposing.

The chairman asked for a waiver of the agenda to take up a personnel matter not listed on the agenda. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to waive the agenda to take up the matter. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chairman recognized Ms. Peggy Steele, Housing Director. Ms. Steele requested to open and hire an employee in the temporary Program Assistant position. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open and hire the temporary Program Assistant position. Motion passed with no opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The Personnel Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mack Calhoun at 6:42 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the sale of surplus vehicles. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to declare the following vehicles to be surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and to authorize them to be sold in accordance with the law. Motion passed with no opposition.

1991 DODGE VAN	ASSET #4915	VIN 2B5WB35Z1MK440559
1992 DODGE VAN	ASSET # 4353	VIN 2B5WB35Z8NK167072
1994 DODGE VAN	ASSET # 6634	VIN 2B5WB35Y7RK144850
1994 DODGE VAN	ASSET #6635	VIN 2B5WB35Y8RK143013
1995 FORD F-150 PICKUP	ASSET #6553	VIN 1FTDF15Y7SNA81895
2000 FORD E-250 VAN	ASSET #9208	VIN 1FTNS24L9YHB28220
2000 FORD F-250 PICKUP	ASSET #9271	VIN 1FTNF20F8YED93782

The chairman asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the request for crossing signals by the First Baptist Church of Calhoun. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement that mirrors a previous cooperative endeavor agreement with the First Baptist Church of Calhoun for the erection of crossing signals and maintenance of same by said church on Calhoun Cut-Off Road at no cost to the jury. Motion passed with no opposition.

There being no other business to come before the Public Works Committee, a motion to adjourn the committee meeting and resumed the Regular Meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade. The Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The following departments presented written reports for the month of June.

ANIMAL CONTROL:	Hack Tull, OPSO, Acting Director
CODE ENFORCEMENT:	Cpl. Wayne Heckford
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief
GREEN OAKS:	Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director
HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY:	Mr. Butch Beckham, Director
HOUSING:	Ms. Peggy Steele, Director
LAJET:	Mr. Leonard Tims, Director
LIBRARY:	Ms. Cheryl Moulriere, Director
MOSQUITO CONTROL:	Dr. Cole Church, Director
PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES:	Ms. Julia Kirby, Coordinator
911 OFFICE:	Mr. Craig Lott
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT:	Ms. Doretha Bennett, Director

Chief Hemphill of the Fire Department supplemented his written report by reporting on the status

of the study being conducted by ULM Social Science Research Laboratory. He also stated that the Louisiana Public Safety Expo is scheduled for June 12, 2008, 10am to 3 pm. He informed the jury that the graduation for the rookie firemen would be held on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Mike Rhodes supplemented his written report by updating the jury on the new construction located at the facility. He stated that the new building was ready for Fire Marshall inspection on Thursday, July 10, 2008. The new girl's wing will be ready at the end of July or the first week in August. No action taken on this matter.

Ms. Bennett stated that the governor would be in Monroe on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10 a.m. to sign the new workforce bill at the old workforce office building.

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Harrison to report on the status of the Green Springs Drainage Project. Mr. Harrison reported that the project should be completed by late summer or early fall. Discussion ensued. No further action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of the 2009 Capital and Operating Budget Planning Cycle and asked that the matter be deferred to July 21, 2008 meeting. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the capital outlay projects. Discussion ensued. No further action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of Millage Reassessment and Roll Forward Procedures. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to give notice of intent to the public regarding the millage rollover. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the status of the Cheniere Lake Area 3 Bathroom Facilities. Mr. Harrison stated that the final plans of the project will be completed within the next 30 days and ready for submission to the State Fire Marshall's Office. Mr. Cammack stated that he had received information from the state allowing the jury to spend the grant monies for this project. No further action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the repairs to Road in Repairs to Roads in District B (Pipeline). Mr. Harrison stated that the final documents for bids were being prepared for this project and that bids will be opened on August 18, 2008.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the 2008 Keep Louisiana Beautiful State Conference. Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. James Poe speak regarding the matter. Mr. Poe spoke regarding the various grant monies received by Keep Ouachita Beautiful and the 2008 Keep Louisiana Beautiful State Conference, which will be held in the parish on August 20-22, 2008. Mr. Poe requested a donation from the jury for the conference. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to provide funding in the amount of \$2,000 to the 2008 Keep Louisiana Beautiful State Conference. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the contract for the clearing of the land for the new Southwest Branch of the Library. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the quotes received by the Purchasing Department. Mr. Mitchell recommended the low quote of R. D. Owens Construction in the amount of \$9,999.00. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to contract with R. D. Owens Construction to clear the land for the Southwest Branch of the library in the amount of \$9, 999.00. Motion passed with no opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun.

ORDINANCE NO. 8894 (INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING PARSON ROAD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, there exists no public purpose for the continued existence of Parson Road as a public road.

WHEREAS, the revocation of said Parson Road is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Parson Road be, and hereby is revoked

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Notice of this proposed revocation of Parson Road 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.

MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

The president spoke regarding the utility expenses for the Sheriff's Facility located on Wheelis Street. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to pay the required utility expenses under law beginning with the service period commencing after July 7, 2008 for the

Wheelis Street facilities or that portion thereof occupied by the Sheriff's Office subject to the sheriff not occupying any additional properties without consulting the jury. Motion passed without opposition.

The president spoke regarding a letter that received from the Tensas Levee District. The president asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Mitchell stated that basically the letter was to ask the jury to approve the Ouachita River levees located in the parish as requested by the Tensas Basin Levee District. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to grant authority to the president to execute the letter approving the Ouachita River levees located within the parish as requested by the Tensas Basin Levee District. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president spoke regarding the paving of Skate Lane. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and advised that this item would be considered for funding in the coming year unless the jury directed otherwise. Discussion ensued. No further action was taken on this matter.

The president spoke regarding the Lake Park Drainage District. Mr. Mitchell added that every property owner had been sent a letter regarding the possible abolition of drainage district.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8893

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.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 16th day of June 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 the 7th day of July 2008.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter of amending the Coordination Agreement for school based clinics. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Ward 5 Healthcare Foundation

asked that the agreement be amended concerning the application for two new school based clinics on the eastside of the parish. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to enter into the amended coordination agreement and authorize the president to act on behalf of the jury. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding adjudicated property located in the parish. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the disposition of adjudicated properties located within the City of Monroe and the parish. A brief discussion ensued. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-28

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DISPOSITION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MONROE PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:2892.1, ET SEQ.; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, the existence of abandoned, adjudicated tax property places a burden on the citizens of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, present Louisiana law does not provide an efficient or expeditious manner for parish governments to dispose of such property;

WHEREAS, by Acts 2006 No. 577 the Louisiana Legislature adopted La. R.S. 33:2892.1, et seq. providing an effective and expeditious process for the disposition of tax adjudicated property by the City of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of tax adjudicated property in Ouachita Parish is located in the city of Monroe and is subject to disposition by the City under La. R.S. 33:2892.1, *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the disposition of such properties through La. R.S. 33:2892.1 et seq. the City of Monroe can collect and remit taxes due the Parish Tax Collector on these properties;

WHEREAS, the participation by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in such dispositions by the City will facilitate the reduction of abandoned, adjudicated property by addressing any title issue raised by the existence of a Parish adjudication on such properties;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby states its support of the disposition of tax adjudicated property by the City of Monroe through the process established by La. R.S. 33:2892.1, *et seq.*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to facilitate such dispositions by the City of Monroe the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes its President to execute, upon the advice of counsel, such documents as are necessary to address any Parish adjudication on adjudicated properties upon which the City of Monroe has or will collect and remit taxes due the Parish Tax Collector for such properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in connection with the issuance of the court orders contemplated by La. R.S. 33:2892.5 the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's legal counsel is hereby authorized to make such appearances on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as will facilitate the disposition by the City of Monroe of adjudicated properties upon which the City of Monroe has or will collect and remit taxes due the Parish Tax Collector for such properties.

The above resolution was adopted the 7th day of July 2008.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District F.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the Bayou Desiard EcoSystem Restoration Project. Mr. Smiley reported that he and Mr. Harrison had met with the Corps of Engineers about the effects of the project on traffic on Finks Hideaway Rd. Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the matter and the plans of the Corps of Engineers. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to accept the preliminary designs of the Corps of Engineers' plans subject to the comments of Mr. Harrison. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-29

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. KIRAN SESHAGIRI TO THE EAST OUACHITA RECREATIONAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT E, TERM BEGINNING JULY 7, 2008 AND ENDING JULY 7, 2012 AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kiran Seshagiri has expressed a desire to serve on the board of commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

Mr. Kiran Seshagiri, 2207 Hwy 594, Monroe, LA 71203

BE AND HEREBY is appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the East Ouachita Recreational District Board of Commissioners, term beginning July 7, 2008 and ending July 7, 2012.

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The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Smiley:

ORDINANCE NO. 8895 (INTRODUCTION)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1, INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON ROWLAND 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 Rowland 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 Rowland 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

Rowland 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 president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore reported that she had no additional items.

The president asked Mr. Mitchell did he have any items to present before the administrative reports. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had received a letter from the Mount Pleasant Community Development Corporation asking for a letter of support from the jury for a senior housing development located at 2016 Burg Jones Lane. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to amend the agenda to take up this item. Motion passed with no opposition. Discussion ensued. Mr. Clarence Smith of the Mt. Pleasant CDC spoke to the jury regarding the matter. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to offer a letter of support for the proposed senior housing development located at 2016 Burg Jones Lane. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the response to the RFP for Accounts Receivable Collection Agency. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack recommended the agency of Stop Loss, Inc., subject to the clarification of two items. Further discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the contract subject to the adjustments to be made by legal counsel. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding an invoice from the grant writer, Barry Wall. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the invoice in the amount of \$1,500 for grant writing services. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the LA Economic Development Contract-Accent Marketing. Mr. Cammack stated that he had received a letter from the state stating that the obligation of Accent Marketing and other entities had been met. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the payment of \$250,000 subject to verification of payments from the other entities. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

B. FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill asked permission to declare as surplus a 1988 Volvo Fire Truck with excessive mileage. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to declare the 1988 Volvo Fire Truck as surplus. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. The president noted that Mr. Mitchell had been with the jury for 5 years.

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

Mr. Mitchell recommended approving a proposed contract between the Animal Control Department and Carolina Biological Supply. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the contract. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Mitchell updated the jury on the Ambulance Suit. He informed the jury that he would be on vacation the week of July 14-18, 2008.

D. PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray reported that he had no items.

E. ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer

Mr. Harrison reported that he had no items.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were no beer and whiskey applications.

The president recognized Mr. Beckham, Homeland Security Director. Mr. Beckham stated that he had nothing to add to his monthly report.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. James Poe thanked the jury for their support of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference.

Mrs. Susan Poe, West Monroe spoke regarding a large ditch located at the north end of Riser School. Ms. Poe thanked the jury for the donation to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference.

There being no other business to come before this body, motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A D J O U R N !

Walt M. Caldwell, President
Adopted July 21, 2008

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary