

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 21, 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, July 21, 2008 at 5:32 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)

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

**Members Absent** (0)

Invocation was given by Mr. Calhoun. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Calhoun.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting including the Personnel and Public Works Committee Meetings held on July 7, 2008 with the necessary clarifications and corrections to page 5 and 7, was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Judge Benjamin Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Chairman of the Court's Space Planning Committee. The president indicated that this item was on the Finance Committee agenda and asked would any juror have a problem taking up this matter at this time. None indicated a problem with it. Judge Jones spoke regarding the space needs of the courts and the newly elected judges. Judges Jones asked that the jury implement the plan submitted to them by Judge Alvin Sharp's letter on May 27, 2008 or implement another plan to provide office space for the new judges. The president recognized Bill Land, Architect. Mr. Land spoke regarding the newly proposed plan of July 1, 2008 and a cost estimate of under \$50,000. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the proposed plan as drafted and drawn by Bill Land based on present cost estimate. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Brian Newcomer, OCC Warden. Mr. Newcomer spoke regarding the locking system at the jail. Mr. Newcomer informed the jury that the present system was in need of repair or replacing. Mr. Newcomer informed the jury of a cost estimate secured from a local

vendor. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the matter. The president indicated that this item was listed on the finance committee agenda. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the upgrade of the locking control system at OCC. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized David Kaul, 103 Stonecliff Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Kaul spoke regarding the safety concerns for the children within his subdivision. Mr. Kaul requested that the jury install a three way stop sign at the intersection of Stonecliff and Briarcliff Drives. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Murray, Public Works Director spoke regarding the matter. Additional discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to direct the Public Works Department to install a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Briarcliff and Stonecliff Drive. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized residents of Casa Linda Subdivision and asked whether they had a spokesperson for the group. Janice Earl, 117 Southern Oaks Drive, West Monroe addressed the jury. Mrs. Earl spoke regarding the proposed building being erected by Ms. Doris Cloud. Mrs. Earl asked the jury to answer the question as to what type of building was being built. Mrs. Cloud came forth and addressed the jury. Mrs. Cloud informed the jury that she was building a triplex on her existing property outside the subdivision. Discussion ensued. The president recognized Mr. Ricky Culp. Mr. Culp spoke regarding the matter and how the drainage of the proposed building has affected his business. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Murray addressed the group concerning the matter. Additional discussion ensued. The president recognized Mr. Jack Fry, 223 Alta Mira Drive, West Monroe. Mr. Fry spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. After lengthy discussion, the president informed the group that the jury could not grant their request to prevent the building of the triplex on Ms. Cloud's property but could enforce the parish ordinances as they pertain to the building of the project.

The president convened a public hearing to discuss Ordinance No. 8894 Revoking Parson Rd. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president convened a public hearing to discuss Ordinance No. 8895 Increasing the speed limit on Rowland Drive from 25 mph to 35 mph. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, 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 chairman, Mr. Charles Jackson at 6:54 p.m, called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.

The chairman noted that the first item had been addressed as well as an item under Mr. Cammack's name. The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack was not present at this time. The chairman asked Ms. Cupit to speak regarding items listed under Mr. Cammack's name. Ms. Cupit spoke regarding the Monthly Exception Report. Ms. Cupit stated that Mr. Cammack had returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period covering 6/13/08 through 7/17/08. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the claims for the period covering 6/13/08/ through 7/17/08. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack updated the jury on the open computer technician position and the on-site computer consultant.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the request from the Sheriff's Tax Office to purchase 13 UPS battery backups. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to purchase 13 UPS battery backups for the Sheriff's Tax Office. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack updated the jury on budget matters. Mr. Jackson advised that the state is requiring a feasibility study on new capital outlay projects as well as a 25% match on those projects. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Harrison to update the jury on the block grant projects. Mr. Harrison stated that the Tanglewood Street Project was approved but the sewer project was not approved. Mr. Harrison stated that the sewer project should be reevaluated and repackaged for submittal next week.

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 7:05 p.m.

At this time, the president entertained a motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to resume the Regular Police Jury Meeting. Motion passed with no opposition.

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

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

Mr. Jackson stated that matters concerning District A had been addressed already. Mr. Jackson thanked his fellow jurors for their actions on behalf of Braircliff and Stonecliff Subdivisions.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

### **MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the bathroom facilities at Cheniere Lake Park Area 3. Mr. Harrison stated that he is finishing up the plans to be submitted to the Fire Marshall and the State Board of Health.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the repairs to the roads in District B. Mr. Harrison stated that the project has been advertised for bids and that the bids will be opened on August 18, 2008. The results of the bid opening will be presented at that night's Regular Meeting.

Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade, offered the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8894**

**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.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2008.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

The president spoke regarding the Amendment to the LDOL Contract with the jury. The president asked Ms. Bennett, WIA Director to speak regarding the amendment to the agreement between LDOL and the Police Jury. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson grant authority to the parish treasurer to sign the agreement. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-27**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. JOEL TURNER TO THE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT C, BEGINNING JULY 21, 2008 AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,**

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Joel Turner 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. Joel Turner, 2805 River Oaks Drive, Monroe, LA 71201**

**BE AND HEREBY** is appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the Mosquito Abatement Board of Commissioners, beginning July 21, 2008.

The above resolution was adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2008.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Cobb to speak regarding the sidewalks and ditches on Dellwood Drive. Mr. Cobb spoke regarding the matter. No further action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun, offered the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8895**

**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 above ordinance was introduced on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008.

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

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NAYS	(0)
ABSTAINING	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2008.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

**MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:**

Ms. Moore stated that a report had been provided to each juror on the recent WIA conference and stated that it was successful and interesting. Mr. Caldwell expressed his appreciation to Ms. Moore for being involved with the WIA office.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for the grass fire units and deferred to the Fire Chief. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the bid tabulation for uniforms and recommended that KMS Uniforms be awarded the contract for uniforms. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to accept the low bid of KMS Uniforms for uniforms. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the quote tabulation for removal of trees at Raymond Drive and Reddix Lane. Mr. Cammack recommended to the jury to accept the low quote of Holyfield Tree Service for removal of trees at the two locations. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the basis for the removal of these trees at the jury's expense. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to accept the low quote of Holyfield Tree Service. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the trees located in the courthouse annex parking lot. Mr. Cammack stated that he planned to have the trees cut down due to the damage caused by the roots. Mr. Cammack indicated that he would speak with Raymond Hoggatt about planting some other type of tree in place of the existing trees.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the impending move of employees within the Treasurer's Office required by the allocation of additional office space to the District Court.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

**FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**

The chief spoke regarding the bid tabulation for grass fire units. Chief Hemphill recommended to the jury that the low conforming bid of Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. be accepted. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept the low conforming bid of Ferrara for grass fire units. Motion passed with no opposition.

The chief spoke regarding the sale of two (2) surplus fire trucks. Chief Hemphill stated that the trucks had been appraised at a price of \$14,000 to \$17,000 and that the Town of Farmerville had offered \$30,000 for both. Chief Hemphill recommended that the two trucks be sold to the Town of Farmerville for \$30,000. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Farmerville for the sale of the fire trucks. Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

**LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the proposed amendment changing the meeting times of the Fire Advisory Committee.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray spoke regarding Casa Linda Subdivision. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murray indicated that a building permit had not been issued to Ms. Cloud at this time. Mr. Murray asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the preliminary subdivision approval for the Villages of Standifer Subdivision. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to grant preliminary subdivision approval to The Villages of Standifer subject to the comments of the parish engineer. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the drainage servitude on Joe White Rd. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter and suggested that this be done in an ordinance so that the revocation could be filed in the clerk's office. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the jury introduce an ordinance for this revocation. Mr. Smiley introduced the following Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE No. 8897 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') WIDE DRAINAGE SERVITUDE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4, UNIT 1 OF THE GLEN SUBDIVISION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**Whereas**, in anticipation of the future re-alignment of certain drainage channel(s), the developer of The Glen Subdivision dedicated to the public a 15' wide drainage servitude along the north line of Lot 4, Unit 1 of said subdivision, all of which is shown more particularly on the plat of The Glen Subdivision filed in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_;

**Whereas**, given the course of the development of The Glen Subdivision, the re-



alignment of drainage channel(s) mentioned above is no longer anticipated and the present owner of Lot 4, Unit 1 of The Glen Subdivision and an adjacent 5.45 acre tract has dedicated to the public a 30' servitude encompassing the existing drainage course across said tracts; and,

**Whereas**, there no longer exists a public purpose for the existence of the above-described 15' wide drainage servitude along the north line of Lot 4, Unit 1 of said subdivision

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the 15' wide drainage servitude along the north line of Lot 4, Unit 1 of The Glen Subdivision dedicated on the plat of said subdivision on file in the Conveyance Records of Ouachita Parish at Plat Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_, be, and hereby is, revoked.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Police Jury wanted a realignment of the drainage and that the land owner had granted a new 30 foot servitude in exchange for this revocation. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorized the president to accept the dedication of the new servitude. Motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Murray stated that 40 Oaks Farm Road would be closed on July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3 for chip sealing.

Mr. Murray stated that he had received a letter advising that the Secretary of Louisiana DOTD would be in town on July 29<sup>th</sup> for a meeting with local officials.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

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

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the 2008 Road Striping Contract with Robinson Contractors. Mr. Harrison recommended change order number one be approved. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve Change Order Number 1 of the 2008 Road Striping Contract. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson stated that the contractor has made a mess on the roadside as well as some roads with excess paint. Mr. Harrison stated that the contractor had been made aware of the excess paint and would clean it up. Mr. Caldwell confirmed that the change order was based on the unit price contained in the contractor's original low bid after accepting the contract. Motion passed with no opposition.

**BEER & WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

There were no beer and whiskey applications.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chief Hemphill requested that the proceeds received from the sale of the surplus trucks be deposited into the capital outlay funds of the fire department. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to amend the motion and deposit the proceeds from the sale of the surplus fire trucks into the capital outlay funds of the fire department instead of the operating budget.

Ms. Moore stated that the meeting with the church groups regarding community improvement efforts had been set for August 28<sup>th</sup>.

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Walt M. Caldwell, President

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Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary

Adopted August 4, 2008