

**OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008 - 2:00 PM  
POLICE JURY CONFERENCE ROOM**

Mr. Charles Jackson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the Police Jury conference room.

Jackson announced that the items on the agenda for the Correctional Center would not be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer for the Police Jury, discussed the general process for the budget meetings.

Dr. Cole Church, Director for Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District, presented the 2008 amended and 2009 proposed budget for his department. He also had statistical information to compare the Ouachita Parish district with that of two other parishes, Tangipahoa and Calcasieu.

No action was taken on the Ouachita Mosquito Abatement District budgets.

Mr. Michael Rhodes, Director for Green Oaks Juvenile Detention Home, and Mr. Blake Wheelis, member of the Green Oaks Citizen Advisory Board, spoke regarding the Green Oaks budgets. Wheelis discussed concerns regarding the proposed rollback that the Jury had approved at a previous meeting. He also gave a hand out to the Jury.

Rhodes spoke regarding the answers to the items on the budget questionnaire. He also gave data comparing Green Oaks with centers in other parishes.

No action was taken on the Green Oaks Juvenile Detention Home operations budget.

Cammack discussed the budget for the Green Oaks 1996 Construction Fund. Rhodes discussed possible uses for the funds. Included were painting beams in the recreation area and sound/recording equipment.

Cammack also discussed the Green Oaks 2006 Construction Fund.

No action was taken on either fund.

Cammack discussed the West Ouachita Industrial District fund budget. It had been looked at during a meeting of the district earlier that day.

No action was taken on the West Ouachita Industrial District budget.

Cammack discussed the Health and Dental Insurance fund. Lingered claims had kept the fund active during 2007 and 2008. It would now be closed out with approximately \$8,300.00 to be returned to departments on a pro-rata basis.

No action was taken on the Health and Dental Insurance fund.

Jackson discussed the date of the next Finance Committee meeting. It was determined that the next meeting will be October 27, 2008 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Cammack requested that the Jurors consider not having any budget meetings during the week of Thanksgiving.

A discussion over the Health Insurance to be offered to Police Jury employees for 2009 ensued.

Mr. Stan Neese with United Health Care presented information regarding their proposal.

Mr. Billy Justice and Dr. Gary Jones with Vantage Health Plan presented information regarding their proposal.

Each company answered questions regarding their plans.

Ms. Pat Moore moved that the Vantage Health Plan proposal with a 1.6% increase for HMO coverage and a 2.9% increase for PPO coverage be accepted. Mr. Dorth Blade seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Moore and Blade voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Mack Calhoun voted in opposition to the motion. Abstaining from the vote were Mr. Charles Jackson and Mr. Shane Smiley. Absent was Mr. Walt Caldwell.

A discussion over the Dental Insurance to be offered to the Police Jury employees for 2009 ensued.

Mr. Butch Statum presented his proposal for Humana.

Mr. Brett Cloyd presented the proposal of Broker's National Insurance.

Each company answered questions regarding their plans.

Mr. Shane Smiley moved that the Humana proposal with the \$2,000 year annual maximum be accepted. Mr. Blade seconded the motion. There was no opposition. Mr. Walt Caldwell was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.