

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AT 5:32 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, November 3, 2008 at 5:32 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(6)</b>
<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 Ms. Moore. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ms. Moore.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the police jury held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup> was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized visitor David Ezell, 320 G. B. Cooley Rd, West Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Ezell spoke regarding speeding on G. B. Cooley Rd and asked for assistance in deterring the problem. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ezell asked the jury to install speed bumps or a 3-way stop sign on the road. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 8911 reducing the speed limit on a portion of Canyon Road to fifteen (15) miles per hour. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Cedric Hemphill, 1909 Crescent Drive, Monroe, an employee of Herbert Land Architect, Inc. Mr. Hemphill spoke regarding the recent bid opening for the re-roofing of various branches of the libraries. Mr. Hemphill stated that Southern Roofing had submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$92,169.00 for the project and that \$95,000 had been budgeted for the project. Mr. Hemphill recommended that Southern Roofing be awarded the contract for that job. The president stated that this was an item located on page 7 of the agenda

and asked whether anyone had a problem addressing the matter at this time. No one had a problem with addressing the matter at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the low bid of Southern Roofing for the re-roofing of various branches of the libraries. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack stated that Warden Newcomer was present and asked that his matter be addressed at this time. The president asked whether or not anyone had a problem addressing this matter at this time. The president recognized Warden Newcomer of Ouachita Correction Center. Warden Newcomer spoke regarding the bid results for the electronic locking system at the correctional center. Warden Newcomer stated that McKee Electronics had submitted the only bid in the amount of \$245,598.00 for the project and asked that the jury accept their bid. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cammack stated that the bid amount was more than \$100,000 above the amount budgeted and asked that the matter be tabled until the first meeting in December. Warden Newcomer asked Mr. Sonny McKee of McKee Electronics to speak regarding the matter. Mr. McKee offered an explanation for the bid amount. Discussion ensued. The president stated that the matter would be deferred until the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular police jury meeting in favor of the personnel committee meeting. Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting, offered motion. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman, Mr. Dorth Blade called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Blade recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the change of pay scale for various departments. Mr. Cammack recommended that the pay scale be changed to a .5% pay scale and quartile system. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the .5% pay scale and quartile system for various departments. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the state law for juror's pay. Mr. Cammack asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Mitchell informed the jury that the law provided for a pay increase for the jurors and an increase in pay for the president of the jury. Mr. Mitchell explained the requirement for instituting such an increase. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the restructuring plans for administration. Mr. Cammack asked for directions on the matter from the jury. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to allow administration to get together and come up with a position and pay scale and bring it back to the jury. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the review of full time equivalents. Mr. Cammack shared an analysis by department with the jury of full time equivalent hours worked, full time equivalent paid, average salary worked and average salary paid. Discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill of the fire department. Chief Hemphill presented the following five personnel actions for consideration.

Lensing, William	Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date: 10/04/08
Bethea, Curtis	Termination of Extended Sick Leave	Effective Date: 10/25/08

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the extended sick leave of William Lensing and termination of extended sick leave of Curtis Bethea. Motion passed without opposition.

Mobley, Jimmy	Termination of Military Leave	Effective Date: 10/21/08
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Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to terminate the military leave of Jimmy Mobley and return his to regular duty effective 10/21/08. Motion passed without opposition.

Harper, Bradley	Resigned	Effective Date: 11/02/08
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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to accept the resignation of Bradley Harper effective 11/02/08. Motion passed without opposition.

Odom, Stephen	Promotion from Fire Driver to Probationary Fire Captain	Effective Date: 11/05/08
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Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to promote Stephen Odom to Probationary Fire Captain. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman asked if there was any other business to come before the committee. Mr. Tims, LaJet Director asked the jury to amend the agenda to open a position in his department. Mr. Tims stated that his current employee had found a full time position and gave notice after the agenda had been put together. Motion was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to amend the agenda to take up the matter concerning an opening in the LaJet office. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Tims asked that the part-time position of Office Assistant I be opened due to the resignation of Tammy Williams effective October 31, 2008. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to open the part-time position of Office Assistant I in the LaJet Office. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley at 6:47 p.m. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to convene the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The chairman, Mr. Mack Calhoun,

called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the turnaround on Eagle Lake Road. Mr. Murray presented a cost estimate of the proposed project and stated that the final location of the turnaround may increase the cost. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Foy Gadberry, the parish's certified building official, had been appointed to the Louisiana Construction Code Council and that this appointment would benefit the jury. Mr. Gadberry was present and thanked the jury for allowing him to run the code enforcement department.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade. Motion passed without opposition. A motion to reconvene the regular police jury meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade. Motion passed without opposition. The regular meeting of the police jury was reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

The following department heads submitted supplements to their monthly written reports.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**                      **Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief**

Chief Hemphill stated that the reports submitted last week did not include some run numbers, but he had placed an updated report at each juror's position.

**GREEN OAKS:**                              **Mr. Mike Rhodes, Director**

Mr. Rhodes indicated that the girls' wing was full and that there could possibly be a need for another addition to the facility.

**HOMELAND SECURITY &  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
AGENCY:**                              **Mr. Butch Beckham, Director**

Mr. Beckham stated that he had no additional items to report, but indicated there would be a press conference later in the month.

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

The president recognized Mr. Charles Jackson, District A.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8911 (FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF CANYON RD TO FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sec. 14-1 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, the general speed limit on roads within recognized subdivisions is twenty-five miles per hour; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that it is in the public interest to reduce the speed limit to fifteen (15) miles per hour on that portion of Canyon Road within Canyon Ridge Subdivision;

**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**

**“Canyon Road, from the western boundary of Canyon Ridge Subdivision easterly and southerly to its point of termination in a cul-de-sac, fifteen (15) 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 on October 30, 2008, and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana, November 3, 2008, to hear comments from all interested parties.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008.

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

YEAS	(6)
NAYS	(0)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2008.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-47**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CARL TURNER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WARD FIVE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Coordination Agreement entered into on or about November 17, 2006,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Carl Turner has agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mr. Carl Turner be, and hereby is, appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation for the next term ending December 31, 2009;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation is hereby requested to recognize this appointment of Mr. Carl Turner to serve on said Board and to take all steps necessary to give effect to such appointment.

The above resolution was adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2008.

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Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the matter of G. B. Cooley Road. A motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley for Public Works to explore the feasibility of buttons or ruts and bring back a cost estimate and a recommendation as to whether or not it would be a suitable solution for this issue. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the bid opening for the Cheniere Lake Area 3 Bathrooms. Mr. Calhoun indicated that the bids would be opened on November 17<sup>th</sup>. No action taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the road repairs in his district. Mr. Harrison indicated that project bid opening date is November 14<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the sale of property on Trade Street (formerly Enterprise Road). Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Bill Roark to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Roark stated that the total tract to be sold is 10.77 acres at \$5,000 per acre. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to sell the 10.77 acres located off Trade Street (formerly Enterprise Road) at \$5,000 per acre. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Roark stated that he thought that the jury was getting a far price for the property. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Roark stated that there was a new six (6) month lease on the house located on Holland Drive.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8912 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT OF THIRTY-FIVE MILES (35) PER HOUR ON SIMMIE WOODS RD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that it is in the public interest to established a speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Simmie Woods Rd;

**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**

**Simmie Woods – thirty-five (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 on November 13, 2008, and a Public Hearing shall be held in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Second Floor, Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana, November 17, 2008, to hear comments from all interested parties.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the change from 25 mph to 35 mph was made after consulting with the Public Works Department.

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**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the appointments to the Northeast Delta Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell deferred the matter to a later date.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-48**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BLAKE WHEELIS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WARD FIVE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Coordination Agreement entered into on or about November 17, 2006,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blake Wheelis, has agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mr. Blake Wheelis be, and hereby is, reappointed to serve on the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation for the next term ending December 31, 2009;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of The Ward Five Healthcare Foundation is hereby requested to recognize this appointment of Mr. Blake Wheelis to serve on said Board and to take all steps necessary to give effect to such appointment

The above resolution was adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2008.

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Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the drainage project with the City of West Monroe. Mr. Harrison stated that he had met with the West Monroe city engineer and reviewed the proposed project. Mr. Harrison stated that the project would relieve some drainage problems in the Downing Pines Rd area. Mr. Harrison stated that he has asked the City of West Monroe to specifically identify what they needed for the jury to consider. Mr. Harrison stated that once that information is received he would get back with the jury. Discussion ensued. No action taken on this matter.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.



**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade stated that he would like the item regarding drainage on Greenfield Drive and Richwood Road #2 be deferred until a later date.

Mr. Blade asked Mr. Harrison to update the jury on the status of the Shamblin Street Pump Station. Mr. Harrison stated that the actual service area had been mapped out as well as the loads that actually go to that station. Mr. Harrison stated that no maps existed of the area and that the area covered is more than 239 acres. Mr. Harrison stated that the correctional facility only contributes half of the flow to the station. Mr. Harrison stated that the facility was in deplorable condition, pumps needed upgrading and the entire station needs to be rebuilt. Mr. Harrison stated that the Town of Richwood has hired an engineer to help with their portion of the problem. Mr. Harrison stated that after the total problem has been assessed, he would get back to the jury. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Blade stated that he would like for Ms. Moore to address the safe routes to school for Swayze and Robinson Elementary Schools.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E

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

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the comprehensive sewerage treatment plan for the eastern part of the parish. Mr. Smiley asked Mr. Mitchell to speak regarding the matter. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement with Greater Ouachita Water Company. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Moore to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Greater Ouachita Water Company to pursue a comprehensive sewerage treatment plan for eastern Ouachita Parish. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the safe routes to school program for Shady Grove Elementary School as well as Swayze and Robinson Elementary Schools. Ms. Moore stated that she would be attending the Safe Routes to School Conference in New Orleans on November 13-14, 2008; so that she would be able to provide the jury with additional information regarding the program. No other action was taken on this matter.

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

**RESOLUTIONS 08-46**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. BRUCE UNDERWOOD TO THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DISTRICT F, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2009; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shane Moorehead has resigned, and Mr. Bruce Underwood, 304 Underwood Rd, Monroe, LA 71202 (District F) has expressed a desire to serve on said committee,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the following individual, Mr. Bruce Underwood, be and hereby is appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee, beginning November 3, 2008 and ending November 3, 2009.

The above resolution was adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2008.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Cammack informed the jury that the next budget meeting is schedule for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Mr. Cammack informed the jury about the status of the move and office space for the judges.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

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

The chief spoke regarding the bid results for the In-vehicle Intercom System. Chief Hemphill stated that Monroe Communications was the only bidder and had submitted a bid of \$37,235.00. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the bid of Monroe Communications in the amount of \$37,235.00 for the in-vehicle intercom system with 2-way radio interface. Motion passed with Mr. Caldwell abstaining.

The chief spoke regarding the memorandum of understanding for investigative services with the North LA Fire Investigation Unit. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the memorandum of understanding. Motion passed without opposition.

The chief requested that a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle be declared as surplus to be sold at auction on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to declare the vehicle as surplus and to be sold at auction. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney  
**LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney**

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the ambulance contract between AMR and the police jury. Mr. Mitchell asked that the jury authorize the president to execute the ambulance contract. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the president to sign the agreement for ambulance service in the parish. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Blade spoke regarding the need for a post office on the south side of the parish. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would prepare an ordinance regarding the matter for the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**  
Mr. Murray stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

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

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the Federal Aid Urban Systems Program through OCOG. Mr. Harrison presented a summary of road projects that would be available for participation in that program. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Moore to consider item number 5, which is a portion of Caples Road as a part of the urban systems program. Motion passed without opposition. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to add item number 11 (Parker Road Extension) to the urban systems program. Motion passed without opposition. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to add item number 3 (Vancil Road) to be considered under the urban systems program. Motion passed without opposition.

The following applications for beer and whiskey were presented for approval by Mr. Mitchell. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the new application for Rodney's Place and approve the renewals subject to clear surveys. Motion passed without opposition.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

- 1) **RODNEY, WAYNE MURRAY DBA RODNEY'S PLACE**, 601 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS "A" BEER, RETAIL CLASS "C" LIQUOR- **2008 NEW**
  
- 2) **KEY, TANDY & MARTHA DBA BIG STAR OF FAMERVILLE INC., DBA FRESH MARKETS/HARVEST FOODS**, 127 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL CLASS "B" BEER- **2009 RENEWAL**
  
- 3) **TARIQ, AKBER & SHANDANA DBA SUNRISE OF MONROE LLC DBA TAZMART**, 801 NEW NATCHITOCHE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS "B" BEER, RETAIL CLASS "D" LIQUOR – **2009 RENEWAL**
  
- 4) **BOOTH, CYRIL & KATHERINE DBA BOOTH'S DESIARD U-PAK-IT, INC.**, 5600 DESIARD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL CLASS "B" BEER, RETAIL CLASS "D" LIQUOR-**2009 RENEWAL**

There being no other business to come before the jury, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**A D J O U R N !**

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Walt M. Caldwell, IV, President

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Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary