

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 5:35 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 17, 2008 at 5:35 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.

<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

<u>Members Absent</u>	(0)
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Invocation was given by Ms. Moore. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ms. Moore.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting including the Personnel and Public Works Committee Meetings held on November 3, 2008, was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Kim Craft of 114 Gumwood Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291. Ms. Craft spoke regarding the construction work done on 40 Oaks Farm Rd back in August of this year. Ms. Craft stated that the work on the road had left tar on her vehicle. Ms. Craft asked the jury to have the tar removed from the gas tank and fender of her motorcycle. Mr. Mitchell stated that the claim had been reviewed and denied. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mitchell advised and recommended to the jury, that in order to take action on this matter that the agenda would have to be amended to take it up.

A motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to amend the agenda to take up the matter regarding the tar on the motorcycle. Motion failed due to Mr. Caldwell's opposition.

The president convened a PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance No. 8912 Establishing the speed limit of thirty- five (35) miles per hour on Simmie Woods Road. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against this ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular police jury meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting. Motion was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Charles Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. Mr. Jackson recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of 10/17/08 to 11/13/08 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the claims. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the recent bid opening for the electronic locking system at the correctional facility. Mr. Cammack recommended to the jury to reject all bids and to rebid the project. Mr. Cammack stated that he had spoken with the sheriff and that the sheriff as well as the architect agreed that the project should be put back out for bids. Discussion ensued. Warden Newcomer spoke stating that an error had been made in totaling the initial cost estimate and that the low bid was consistent with the corrected cost estimate. Rick Ray of McKee Electronics spoke regarding the bid offered by his company. Additional discussion ensued. The matter was deferred to the December 1st meeting of the police jury.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the 2008 Amended and 2009 Proposed Budgets. The chairman stated that he would like to take care of the matters regarding the 911 Office at this time and come back to the budgets.

The chairman recognized Mr. Lott, 911 Director. Mr. Lott spoke and recommended the hiring of Teresa Porter in the position of 911 Call Taker. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to hire Ms. Porter in the position of 911 Call Taker. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Lott spoke and recommended the hiring of Shantrail Y. Scott in the position of 911 Call-Taker Manager. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the hiring of Ms. Scott in the position of 911 Call Taker Manager.

The chairman recognized Mr. Cammack. Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the General Fund-School Based Clinics, Hospital Settlement Fund, General Liability Insurance Fund, and the Workmen's Comp Insurance Fund budgets. No action was taken on this matter.

The chairman stated that the next budget meeting is set for Thursday, November 20th at 3 p.m.

The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the hiring of Keith Blakes in the position of General Laborer. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to hire Keith Blakes in the position of General Laborer pending the results of his physical. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the hiring of Vicki Bynum in the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to hire Ms. Bynum in the position of Equipment Operator I. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the purchase of four (4) tractors with boom mower attachments. Mr. Murray stated that the tractors would be purchased off state contract. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to purchase four (4) tractors with boom mower attachments. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill informed the jury that the fire department's budget had been presented to the Fire Department Citizen's Advisory Committee at last Thursday meeting. The chief stated that the committee had unanimously recommended approval of the budget as presented.

The chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting and reconvene the regular police jury meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The regular meeting of the police jury was reconvened at 6:46 pm.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the status of G. B. Cooley Road. Mr. Murray, Public Works Director stated that a cost estimate of \$985 had been established for placing buttons on the road at both locations. Mr. Murray indicated that there was a need for some type of device to reflect the change in the roads and recommended this action to the jury. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to act on the recommendation by public works to place speed buttons as specified by G. B. Cooley Road. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Harrison stated that bids were originally schedule to open today on the project, but as of early last week, there were no bidders on the project. Mr. Harrison stated that he had issued an addendum extending the bid deadline for an additional two weeks- December 1, 2008. Mr. Calhoun asked that the matter be deferred until that time.

Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding road repairs related to the Pipeline settlement. Mr. Harrison stated that bids were opened on November 14th and that a summary of the bids had been given to each juror. Mr. Harrison stated that the low bidder for the project was Amethyst Construction, Inc., of West Monroe with a bid of \$414,958.20 and recommended them for the job. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the low bid of Amethyst Construction for the West Ouachita Road Repairs Project in the amount of \$414,958.20. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade, introduced the following ordinance for final adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 8912 (FINAL)

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.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 3rd day of November 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 17th day of November 2008.

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Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley, offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION 08-50

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MR. CHARLES JOHNSTON TO THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DISTRICT B, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2009; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Johnston, Monroe, LA 71202 (District B) has expressed a desire to continue 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. Charles Johnston, be and hereby is reappointed to the Fire Advisory Committee, beginning November 17, 2008 and ending November 17, 2009.

The above resolution was adopted this 17th day of November 2008.

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MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Harrison to speak regarding the drainage project with the City of West Monroe. Mr. Harrison stated that he was waiting to hear back from the city of West Monroe and their engineer. Mr. Caldwell asked that a letter be drafted and sent to the city regarding the matter.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Blade, unanimously seconded, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-49

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED STATES POST OFFICE IN SOUTHEAST OUACHITA PARISH,

**LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT
THERE TO.**

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution “Southeast Ouachita Parish” is that portion of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana lying east of the Ouachita River and south of Interstate 20;

WHEREAS, Southeast Ouachita Parish has a population of more than Thirty-One Thousand (31,000) persons and is also home to many businesses, industrial concerns, schools, and commercial facilities;

WHEREAS, Southeast Ouachita Parish includes portions of the City of Monroe, the entire Town of Richwood, and a significant portion of the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, including the communities of Bosco, Tanglewood, Charmingdale, Gourd Bayou, and Prairie Road, among others;

WHEREAS, Southeast Ouachita Parish is remote from the existing United States Post Offices in Ouachita Parish, all of which are located north of Interstate 20; and,

WHEREAS, many of the residents of Southeast Ouachita Parish are economically disadvantaged and the need to travel to the northern portion of the parish to conduct business with a United States Post Office presents not just a mere inconvenience, but a hardship;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury believes that the establishment of a United States Post Office in Southeast Ouachita Parish will greatly serve the citizens and business in that community;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session hereby endorses and supports the establishment of a United States Post Office in Southeast Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Alexander; Senator Landrieu; Senator Vitter; the United States Postmaster General; and the United States Postmaster(s) having jurisdiction over Ouachita Parish and the State of Louisiana.

The above resolution was adopted the 17th day of November 2008.

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The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley indicated that he had no items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the recent Safe Routes to School Conference held in New Orleans. Ms. Moore suggested that an invitation be extended to the Shalanda Cole, Safe Routes to School Coordinator to come to Ouachita Parish and present an overview of the program. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Blade to support the efforts of securing funding for the Safe Routes to School Program by extending an invitation to the coordinators to come to Ouachita Parish. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Mr. Cammack reminded the jury that the first police jury meeting in December follows a holiday.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

Chief Hemphill stated that he had two personnel actions for the jury's consideration:

Kirk, Christopher	Placed on Administrative leave with pay pending investigation	Effective Date 11/07/08
Coleman, Marcus	Resigned	Effective Date 11/12/08

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the recommendations of the chief. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the request of the Ouachita Parish School Board for reimbursement of mineral royalties. Mr. Mitchell recommended to the jury to reimburse the school board the royalties in the amount of \$49,088.00. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to reimburse Ouachita Parish School Board \$49,088.00 in royal payments. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding a letter from the city of Monroe requesting revocation of an ordinance that created a regional planning commission. Mr. Mitchell stated that he was researching the ordinance and would bring it back to the jury at a later date.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray informed the jury that Good Hope Road Bridge would be closed on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 8:30 am and reopen on Wednesday, November 26th at 5 pm for bridge repairs.

The president recognized Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Don Harrison, Engineer

Mr. Harrison spoke regarding the Hazard Mitigation Planning Pilot Grant Program. Mr. Harrison stated that the mitigation plan had to be maintained and updated every five years. Mr. Harrison asked the jury to approve the withdrawal from the Hazard Mitigation Planning Pilot Grant Program and to apply for a new grant under the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to execute a letter on behalf of the Police Jury to withdraw from the Hazard Mitigation Planning Pilot Grant Program and apply for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Program. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey applications for approval. Mr. Mitchell requested that item number 8 be tabled at this time due to an incomplete application. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to table item number 8. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of items 1-7, and 9. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the 2009 renewal of items number 1-7 and 9. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) FULLER, TERRY DBA FULLER'S GROCERY, 4188 HWY 34,
WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS
"B" BEER, 2009 RENEWAL

- 2) HOWARD, OLIVER DBA **WESTERN CLUB, INC.**, 306 MEDORAH DRIVE, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, AFTER HOURS BOTTLE CLUB –2009 RENEWAL
- 3) WAGNON, MICHAEL DBA LOUISIANA DISCOUNT TOBACCO, INC. DBA **DISCOUNT TOBACCO OUTLET #27**, 106 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “D” LIQUOR – 2009 RENEWAL
- 4) SMITH, JAMES A. DBA **CLASSIC FOODS**, 610 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “D” LIQUOR – 2009 RENEWAL
- 5) CORDELL, JOHN H IV DBA **HARDE MART #115**, 104 HWY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “D” LIQUOR –2009 RENEWAL
- 6) CORDELL, JOHN H IV DBA **HARDE MART #103**, 331 HWY 546, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “D” LIQUOR – 2009 RENEWAL
- 7) KANG, HARDIAL DBA **SUPER MART**, 8635 HWY 165N, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “D” LIQUOR- 2009 RENEWAL
- 8) KANG, HARDIAL DBA **SPICE**, 8649 HWY 165N-SUITE 10, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL CLASS “A” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “C” LIQUOR, RETAIL RESTAURANT- 2009 NEW
- 9) LENARD, JOSEPHINE DBA **PETES II**, 134 KINGS LAKE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL CLASS “A” BEER, RETAIL CLASS “C” LIQUOR- 2009 RENEWAL

There being no other business to come before the jury at this time, motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

A D J O U R N !

Adopted 12/22/08