

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2008 at 5:35 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 President Caldwell. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Walt Caldwell.

The president stated that the matter regarding the adoption of the minutes for the last meeting will be deferred to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**SECTION 8 HOUSING**  
**MARGARET BOWIE – 20 YEARS**

**TREASURY/ADMINISTRATION**  
**BRADLEY CAMMACK – 15 YEARS**

**GREEN OAKS**  
**RONNIE JOHNSON – 10 YEARS**

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**JOHN WASHINGTON – 10 YEARS**

The president stated that there were no visitors for this evening and that he would entertain a motion to recess the regular police jury meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting. A motion to recess was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade. Motion passed without opposition.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Dorth Blade called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Tims who was not present at the time. Mr. Cammack asked Ms. Harper, Human Resource Coordinator to speak regarding the matter of concerning Mr. Tim's office. Ms. Harper stated that Mr. Tims had conducted interviews and recommended that Kristina Moskal be hired in the temporary Office Assistant I position. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the hiring of Kristina Moskal as temporary Office Assistant I in the LaJet Office. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill. Chief Hemphill stated that he had two personal items for the jury consideration. Chief Hemphill recommended that William Lensing returned to active duty effective 11/12/08. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the return of William Lensing to active duty effective 11/12/08. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Hemphill recommended to the jury that they go into executive session to discuss the second matter concerning Christopher Kirk. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to defer the personnel matter concerning Mr. Kirk to the end of the meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adjourn the Personnel Committee meeting in favor of the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

The president asked for a motion to convene the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to convene as the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Mack Calhoun called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. The chairman recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director who was not present at the time. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to defer the matter regarding the final subdivision approval of Parkwood II Estates to the end of the meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Blade to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The president asked for a motion to resume the regular police jury meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Smiley to resume the regular meeting of the police jury. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized department heads for their monthly reports.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Hemphill stated that the monthly statistics had been compiled and provided to each juror.

### **OCC CORRECTIONS: Major Brian Newcomer**

Mr. Cammack asked that the matter concerning the electronic locking system for the Correction Center be addressed at this time. None of the jurors had any objections to taking up the matter. Mr. Cammack recommended approval of McKee Electronics for the electronic locking system for the correctional facility. Discussion ensued. Motion was offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the low bid of \$245,988.00 by McKee Electronics for the electronic locking system. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Bill Roark, Tri-State Properties. Mr. Roark spoke regarding the option on the Desiard Street property and asked that the jury extend the option an additional six months. Discussion ensued. The president stated that the matter will be deferred until the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Roark spoke regarding the contract on the sale of the property on Trade Rd. Mr. Calhoun asked that this matter be deferred until the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the jury.

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

The president recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

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

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Sewer District 16 Engineering Report and asked that Kevin Crosby of Lazenby & Associates speak. Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the report compiled by Lazenby & Associates of existing sewer systems within West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16. Discussion ensued. Mr. Crosby requested that his agency be allowed to seek funding for the first two phases of the project; which includes gravity line I to New Natchitoches Road and connecting three subdivisions to the existing system. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to allow the firm of Lazenby & Associates to pursue funding for gravity line I to New Natchitoches Road, to upgrade lift station at New Natchitoches Road, and connect three subdivisions. Motion passed with Mr. Blade abstaining.

Mr. Jackson stated that he would like to defer items 2 and 3 to the next meeting of the jury. Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley asked to amend the agenda to take up the items 2008 Operating Budgets and the 2009 Budgets. Mr. Jackson indicated that these items had been advertised and it was necessary to address these items due to the time constraints. Motion passed without opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Jackson:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8914**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.8879, ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR, 2008.**

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Jackson:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8915**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING OPERATING BUDGETS OR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009, FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS.**

Mr. Jackson requested dates for the upcoming budget meetings. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson stated that the next budget meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the bathrooms at Cheniere Lake Area 3. Mr. Calhoun stated that he had talked to Mr. Harrison and asked that the matter be deferred to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the police jury.

**MR. CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:**

The president stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Blade, District D.

**MR. BLADE, DISTRICT D:**

Mr. Blade asked that the matter concerning drainage on Greenfield Drive and Richwood Rd #2 be deferred to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

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

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the Road Lighting Districts throughout the parish. Mr. Mitchell stated that an election will be held in the fall of 2009 at which time all road lighting districts could be renewed for funding due to the change in the law. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the acquisition services for right-of-ways for the Finks Hideaway Road project. Mr. Smiley offered a motion that David W. Volentine be hired to provide secondary right of way appraiser services, seconded by Ms. Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Smiley:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8896 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1, INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON STUBBS RITCHIE ROAD 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 Stubbs Ritchie Rd, 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 Stubbs Ritchie Road 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**

**Stubbs Ritchie Road – 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.

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The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the safe routes to school visit. Ms. Moore indicated that after the December 8<sup>th</sup> site visit, she would bring back a recommendation to the jury.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

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

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the 2008 amended budget and the proposed 2009 budget for the North LA Criminalistics Lab. Mr. Cammack recommended that the jury approve the budget. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the amended 2008 budget and the proposed 2009 budget. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding an invoice from Lazenby & Associates in the amount of \$26,590.00, for the West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 16 study presented earlier by Mr. Crosby. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the invoice as specified by the previously approved task orders. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

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

Chief Hemphill stated that he had no additional items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the 2009 meeting calendar. Ms. Moore suggested to the jury to consider having one meeting for the month of January 2009. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the dissolution of the Monroe-Ouachita Regional Planning Commission and stated that he would have an ordinance ready for the next meeting.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the final subdivision approval of Parkwood II Estates, Unit 7 (District A). Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Murray recommended final approval of the subdivision subject to the comments of Mr. Harrison, Parish Engineer. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant final approval of the Parkwood II Estates, Unit 7 Subdivision subject to the comments of the parish engineer, Mr. Harrison. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The president stated that Mr. Harrison was absent.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey applications for approval. Mr. Mitchell stated that item number 1 and number 20 were new applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve items number 1 and 20. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the remaining items were renewals and that they be approval subject to the criminal background checks for the prior year. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the remaining items subject to Mr. Mitchell's comments. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **KANG, HARDIAL S.** DBA JAAS, LLC. DBA **SPICE**, 8649 HWY 165 NORTH, SUITE 10, MONROE, LA 71203 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "A", RETAIL LIQUOR

CLASS "C", RETAIL RESTAURANT CLASS  
"R"- 2009 NEW

- 2) **RAMSEY, HILTON T.** DBA **J & B LOUNGE**, 507 WASHINGTON ST,  
WEST MONROE, LA 71292 – RETAIL BEER  
CLASS "A", RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "C" –**2009  
RENEWAL**
- 3) **NORTON, RANDALL** DBA **GOOD HOPE HANDY MART**, 1800  
ARKANSAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA  
71291 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL  
LIQUOR CLASS "D" – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 4) **DUCHESNE, GARY** DBA **DUCHESNE PRAIRIE ROAD  
GROCERY**, 1527 PRAIRIE ROAD, MONROE,  
LA 71202 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "B" BEER –  
**2009 RENEWAL**
- 5) **MCDONALD, KEMMY** DBA **WASHINGTON STREET U-PAK-IT**, 500  
WASHINGTON STREET, WEST MONROE, LA  
71292 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "B" – **2009  
RENEWAL**
- 6) **SARAI, BALJIT** DBA **SUNNY AND BROTHER LLC. DBA  
LION'S STOP**, 1490 HWY 594, MONROE, LA  
71203 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL  
LIQUOR CLASS "D" – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 7) **SARAI, BALJIT** DBA **VICKY INC., DBA CONN'S GROCERY**,  
2655 ARKANSAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA  
71291 – RETAIL BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL  
LIQUOR CLASS "D" – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 8) **SARAI, BALJIT** DBA **WISHY, LLC., DBA S-MART**, 7998  
CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291  
– RETAIL BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL LIQUOR  
CLASS "D" – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 9) **GOLDEN, PAUL** DBA **GET N GO, LLC**, 946 OLE HWY 15, WEST  
MONROE, LA 71291- RETAIL BEER CLASS  
"B" – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 10) **HURD, JASON** DBA **MULLIGAN'S AT THE BEND**, 1484  
FRENCHMAN'S BEND ROAD, MONROE, LA

71203 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “A”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “C”, RETAIL RESTAURANT CLASS “R” – **2009 RENEWAL**

- 11) **LAFORGE, ROBIN** DBA NIBER, INC., DBA **CHENIERE SHACK**, 7975 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “A”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “C”, RETAIL RESTAURANT CLASS “R” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 12) **AULAKH, LADDIE** DBA USA TRUCKSTOP INC., DBA **103 RESTAURANT**, 987 HWY 80E, CALHOUN, LA 71225 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “A”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “C”, RETAIL RESTAURANT CLASS “R” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 13) **AULAKH, LADDIE** DBA USA TRUCKSTOP, INC. 985 HWY 80E, CALHOUN, LA 71225 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “D” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 14) **AULAKH, LADDIE** DBA LADLA, LLC., DBA **PINE HILLS GROCERY**, 1300 HWY 80E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER CLASS “B” BEER, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “D”, - **2009 RENEWAL**
- 15) **RAPPOLD, JUNE** DBA **HILLSIDE GROCERY**, 506 OLE HWY 15, WEST MONROE, LA 71291 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “D”, - **2009 RENEWAL**
- 16) **GARVIN, RANDALL** DBA GARVIN ENTERPRISES DBA **RANDALL’S FINE MEATS**, 4205 OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE, LA 71203 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 17) **REEVES, MICHAEL** DBA M.T. REEVES, INC., DBA **U-PAK-IT #429**, 2005 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71202 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “D” – **2009 RENEWAL**

- 18) **CHRISTY, RANDY** DBA **CHRISTY SHORTSTOP**, 149 G.B. COOLEY RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “D” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 19) **DUPREE, BILLY J.** DBA **THE ARENA BILLIARDS BAR & GRILL**, LLC, 1411 THOMAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “A”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “C” – **2009 RENEWAL**
- 20) **AULAKH, LADDIE** DBA COYOTE NY LLC DBA **THIRSTY TURTLE**, 8609 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291- RETAIL BEER CLASS “A”, RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS “C” –**2009 NEW**
- 21) **MOHAMMED, S. M.** DBA **HIGHLAND STORES**, 3300 OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE, LA 71203 – RETAIL BEER CLASS “B” –**2009 RENEWAL**

The president opened the floor for public participation.

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. James Poe, 121 Camp Drive, West Monroe, President of Keep Ouachita Beautiful spoke regarding an award won by the parish. Mr. Poe asked the jury to approve up to \$1000 for travel for Ms. Diane Cook to attend the conference and receive the awards in Washington, D.C., on December 3-5, 2008. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to waive the agenda to take up this item to make a decision before the travel dates. Motion passed without opposition. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize Mr. Cammack to reallocate funds in the Keep Ouachita Beautiful budget to cover the expenses up to \$1,000 not covered by the Corps of Engineers for travel for Ms. Diane Cook to attend the Keep America Beautiful Conference in Washington, D.C., on December 3-5, 2008. Motion passed without opposition.

The president asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Blade asked Chief Hemphill for his recommendation concerning the personnel matter. Chief Hemphill recommended to the jury to go into executive session to discuss his recommendation to terminate the employment of

Christopher Kirk. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Moore to go into executive session to discuss the personnel matter concerning Christopher Kirk. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Kirk agreed to the executive session. The jury went into executive session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to come out of executive session and resume the Personnel Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition. The jury came out of executive session at 8:05 p.m. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to confirm the recommendation of termination by the fire chief effective 12/1/08. Motion passed with Ms. Moore opposing.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to adjourn the meeting of the police jury. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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