

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF  
OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL  
MEETING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008 AT 5:30  
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 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, 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)**

Mr. Jackson gave invocation. Mr. Jackson led Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The president recognized Mr. Bill Roark. Mr. Cammack stated that Mr. Roark was present and wanted an opportunity to address the jury regarding renewal of his contract. Mr. Roark stated his accomplishments for the contract period and asked that the jury would consider that when they take action.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the police jury meetings held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smiley. 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 offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to recess the regular police jury meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr. Jackson convened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:45 p.m. Mr.

Jackson recognized Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the 2009 cost of living increase. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell to adjust the budget to reflect a 3% cost of living increase across the board. Motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion ensued again. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant a cost of living increase not less than 3%, and to amend the budget to reflect whatever increase that is within each department's budget and to grant that increase. Motion passed without opposition.

Additional discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to grant a flat 3% cost of living increase to the employees at OCC and Julia Kirby. Motion passed without opposition.

The chairman recognized Chief Hemphill. Chief Hemphill stated that he would like to grant the equivalent of a 4% increase to his employees, which includes granting a 2% increase and raising the base pay of the firemen. Chief Hemphill stated that this is not an increase in the budget. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to grant the 4% increase to the fire department employees as presented in the budget hearings, which include adjusting the base pay. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Blade to authorize the granting of pay increases as specified effective January 1, 2009.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the CELA Website invoices. Discussion ensued. The matter was deferred until the January meeting.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Jail Operations Budget. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caldwell requested that the Jail Operations Budget be shown as an item each month on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the General Fund budget. Mr. Smiley spoke regarding funding for NELEA. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to add \$3000.00 to the 2009 budget for NELEA. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the \$4000 added to the General Fund budget for West Ouachita Recreation District. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to remove \$4000 from the General Fund budget earmarked for the West Ouachita Recreation District. Motion failed with Mr. Calhoun and Blade voting yes, and Misters Jackson, Caldwell, Smiley and Ms. Moore voting no. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Calhoun asked that the matter be placed on his agenda for the next three years.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the 2009 Real Estate Agent Contract for 2009. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to restore the budget amount from General Fund Reserve funds for real estate agent contract services for 2009. Motion passed with Mr.'s Jackson, Blade, Calhoun and Ms. Moore voting yes. Voting no

was Mr. Smiley and Mr. Caldwell.

Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to close the budget hearings for the 2008 Amended Budgets and the 2009 Proposed Budgets. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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

The president recognized Mr. Jackson.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8914 (FINAL)**

**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.**

	2008 GENERAL FUND	2008 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008 DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	2008 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	2008 AMENDED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$5,284,764	\$54,818,018	\$1,875	\$761,644	\$60,866,301
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Government:					
Legislative	229,886	290,380	0	0	520,266
Judicial	2,384,208	4,357,280	0	0	6,741,488
Elections	181,892	0	0	0	181,892
Finance & Admin	636,465	1,286,212	292	2,058	1,925,027
Other Gen Gov.	844,875	6,250	0	0	851,125
Total General Gov.	<u>4,277,326</u>	<u>5,940,122</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>2,058</u>	<u>10,219,798</u>
Public Safety	55,000	25,794,754	0	250,603	26,100,357
Public Works	17,050	5,473,828	0	0	5,490,878
Health and Welfare	22,111	7,003,856	0	0	7,025,967
Culture and Recreation	53,615	5,770,016	0	0	5,823,631
Economic Develop	380,368	282,605	0	0	662,973
Capital Outlay	105,892	5,635,730	0	2,120,246	7,861,868
Total Expenditures	<u>4,911,362</u>	<u>55,900,911</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>2,372,907</u>	<u>63,185,472</u>
EXCESS/DEFICIENCY REV OVER EXPENDITURES	373,402	(1,082,893)	1,583	(1,611,263)	(2,319,171)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:

Proceeds from					
Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance proceeds	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Assets	0	20,100	0	52,000	72,100
Operating Transfers in	0	1,191,987	0	1,762,038	2,954,025
Operating Transfers Out	(424,977)	(2,529,084)	0	0	(2,954,025)
TOTAL SOURCES/USES	<u>(424,977)</u>	<u>(1,316,961)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,814,038</u>	<u>72,100</u>
EXCESS(Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(51,575)	(2,399,854)	1,583	202,775	(2,247,071)
FUND BALANCE AT BEG OF YEAR	<u>6,694,348</u>	<u>52,803,334</u>	<u>10,411</u>	<u>3,775,519</u>	<u>63,283,612</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$6,642,773</u>	<u>\$50,403,480</u>	<u>\$11,994</u>	<u>\$3,978,294</u>	<u>\$61,036,541</u>

The above ordinance was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 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 the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

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The following ordinance was offered for final adoption by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Smiley:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8915 (FINAL)**

**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**

	2009 GENERAL FUND	2009 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009 DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	2009 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	2009 ORIGINAL CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$5,152,177	\$65,668,221	\$1,725	\$762,651	\$71,584,774
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Government:					
Legislative	225,493	308,744	0	0	534,237
Judicial	2,532,578	4,901,643	0	0	7,434,221
Elections	147,145	0	0	0	147,145
Finance & Admin	611,284	1,418,340	5	2,057	2,031,686
Other Gen Gov.	828,110	6,000	0	0	834,110

Total General Gov.	<u>4,344,610</u>	<u>6,634,727</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,057</u>	<u>10,981,399</u>
Public Safety	56,375	27,435,488	0	6,950	27,498,813
Public Works	55,876	6,273,902	0	0	6,329,778
Health and Welfare	3,700	7,177,179	0	0	7,180,879
Culture and Recreation	60,455	6,136,970	0	0	6,197,425
Economic Develop	220,388	284,102	0	0	504,490
Capital Outlay	<u>199,625</u>	<u>22,499,987</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>22,784,612</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>4,941,029</u>	<u>76,442,355</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>94,007</u>	<u>81,477,396</u>
EXCESS/DEFICIENCY REV OVER EXPENDITURES	211,148	(10,774,134)	1,720	668,644	(9,892,622)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
Proceeds from					
Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance proceeds	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Assets	276,000	45,000	0	0	321,000
Operating Transfers in	0	1,407,214	0	780,000	2,187,214
Operating Transfers Out	(727,922)	(1,459,292)	0	0	(2,187,214)
TOTAL SOURCES/USES	<u>(451,922)</u>	<u>(7,078)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>780,000</u>	<u>321,000</u>
EXCESS(Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(240,774)	(10,781,212)	1,720	1,448,644	(9,571,622)
FUND BALANCE AT BEG OF YEAR	<u>6,642,773</u>	<u>50,403,480</u>	<u>11,994</u>	<u>3,978,294</u>	<u>61,036,541</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$6,401,999</u>	<u>\$39,622,268</u>	<u>\$13,714</u>	<u>\$5,426,938</u>	<u>\$51,464,919</u>

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 the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

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The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

**MR. CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:**

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Calhoun:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8917 (INTRODUCTION)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 10.77+/-ACRES IN SECTION 16, T17N, R3E LOCATED WEST OF TRADE STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS "ENTERPRISE DRIVE") FOR AND IN THE CONSIDERATION AND PRICE OF FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5,000) DOLLARS PER ACRE**

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:4712; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

**WHEREAS**, Tommy Waldrop proposed to buy from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, for a price of FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5000.00) DOLLARS per acre, two parcels of land in Section 16, T17N, R3E located west of Trade Street (formerly known as "Enterprise Drive") totaling 10.77 +/- acres to be more particularly described by survey;

**WHEREAS**, said immovable property is no longer needed for a public purpose and the sale described above is in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that pursuant to the provisions of LA R. S. 33:4712, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the sale of two parcels of land in Section 16, T17N, R3E located west of Trade Street (formerly known as "Enterprise Drive") totaling 10.77 +/- acres to be more particularly described by survey,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be and hereby authorized and empowered to execute said Act of Sale on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above Ordinance was introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

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**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 spoke regarding the option agreement on the Conner Property. Mr. Mitchell addressed the jury and stated that this was an extension of the agreement that had expired early in the month. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to extend the option on the Conner property located on Desiard Street for an additional six (6) months. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Blade expressed his gratitude to the other jurors for the work done during the past year.

The president recognized Mr. Smiley, District E.

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

Mr. Smiley stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

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

Ms. Moore stated that she had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

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

Mr. Cammack stated that he would like to defer to Mr. Rhodes at this time due to the length of some of the items on his agenda.

The president recognized Mr. Rhodes, Director of Green Oaks Detention Center.

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

Mr. Rhodes spoke regarding the opening of three positions in his department. Mr. Rhodes requested to open the position of Juvenile Detention Supervisor, Juvenile Detention Officer II and III. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson to open the three positions. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the 2009 meeting calendar. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Ms. Moore to have one meeting in the month of January, namely January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

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

Mr. Murray expressed his gratitude to the jury for the recent cost of living increase for his department. Mr. Murray spoke regarding the renewal of the Beaver Control Contract for 2009. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the 2009 Beaver Control Contract. Motion passed without opposition.

The president noted that Mr. Harrison, Engineer was not present.

## **BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Mitchell presented the following beer and whiskey applications for approval. Mr. Mitchell stated that the applicant listed as number one had not submitted a completed application, but applicants listed as number 2 and 3 had. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the applicants listed as 2 and 3. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding applicant number 4 and recommended approval subject to a favorable review of criminal background checks for the spouses. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve applicant number 4 subject to the comments made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding applicant number 5 and recommended approval of the liquor application. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Blade to approve the liquor application of applicant numbered 5. Motion passed without opposition.

- 1) **ROGERS, BILLY** DBA **BIG BILLY'S FOOD MART**, LLC, 2217 HWY 151 N, DOWNSVILLE, LA 71234, RETAIL BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "D" – 2009 RENEWAL
  
- 2) **SMITH, EUGENE** DBA **BLUE MOON CAFÉ**, 1815 CONOVER STREET, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER CLASS "A", RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "C" – 2009 RENEWAL
  
- 3) **SAVANA, RITA** DBA **HOB NOB, INC.**, 5076 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291 - RETAIL BEER CLASS "A" , RETAIL LIQUOR CLASS "C", RETAIL RESTAURANT CLASS "R"– 2009 RENEWAL
  
- 4) **THURMAN, WAYNE** DBA **AMERICAN OUTDOOR PRODUCTS**, 7601 HWY 165 NORTH, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER CLASS "B" – 2009 RENEWAL



- 5) **ALI, SALAH MOHAMED** DBA HIGHLAND STORES, LLC,  
DBA **DELTA MINI MART**, 3300  
OLD STERLINGTON RD,  
MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL  
LIQUOR CLASS "D" – 2009 NEW

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the hiring of two Maintenance Technician I-Marvin Herrington and Demarcus Slater. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Blade, seconded by Mr. Jackson to hire two Maintenance Technician I. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack spoke regarding the Inmate Telephone Contract and recommended PCS as the vendor for the inmate phone system. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the matter. Discussion ensued. Mr. John Hemphill of Infinity Networks spoke on behalf of his company. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Jackson to accept PCS as the vendor for the inmate phone system as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding the authorization of the execution of the inmate telephone contract. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would bring the contract before the jury in the new year for the authorization to act. No other action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the projects for the 2009 Stimulus Package. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ms. Moore recognized the visitor to the proceedings and asked that he give his name. Mr. Donnie Bright stated that he was new to the area and wanted to watch the process.

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

**ADJOURN!**