

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 AT 5:31 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:31 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mrs. Bacon gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Toni Bacon</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Jimmy Tyson</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Larry Bratton</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Lonnie Hudson</b>	<b>District F</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Michael Thompson</b>	<b>District D</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The president asked for public comments concerning any matters on the approved agenda. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on June 17, 2024 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon. Motion passed with Mr. Bratton abstaining.

**SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:**

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**  
LaTanya Ausberry – 10 years

**GREEN OAKS**  
Karen Sanders – 5 years

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Kasey Albritton – 5 years  
Reagan Avery – 5 years  
Heath Crum – 5 years  
Michael Hatten – 5 years  
Jonathan Killen – 5 years  
Austin Mitcham – 5 years  
Christopher Moody – 5 years  
Luke Smith – 5 years  
Nedra Williams – 5 years

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9488 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcel 64988) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

**VISITORS:**

There were none.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

The following department heads presented monthly reports.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

**Ms. Stephanie Mullins**

Ms. Mullins stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Chief Bobby Moore**

Mr. Moore stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

**GREEN OAKS:**

**Mr. Tarquin Smart**

Mr. Smart stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:**

**Mr. Rodger McConnell**

Mr. McConnell stated that he did not have any items to add to his written report.

**LIBRARY:**

**Ms. Nancy Green**

Ms. Green stated that she did not have any items to add to her written report.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Personnel Committee meeting was offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion passed without opposition.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chair called the Personnel Committee meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

The chair recognized Chief Moore, Fire Department. Chief Moore recommended approval of the following personnel actions.

### **Sick Leave**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Honeycutt, Kevin	Sick Leave	5/14/2024
Jowers, Bradley	Sick Leave	5/20/2024
Jones, Cody	Termination of Sick Leave	6/24/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the sick leave as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

### **Promotion**

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Hibbard, Caleb	Perm. Driver	Prob. Captain	7/08/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the promotion as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

### **Retirement**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Nelson, Daniel	Retires as captain	7/01/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the retirement as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

### **Resignations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Panni, John	Resignation/Recruit	6/14/2024
Cooper, Adison	Resignation/Recruit	6/19/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the resignations as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

### **Reclassification**

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Wells, John	Substitute Fire Chief	Perm. Deputy Chief	6/24/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the reclassification as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

**Hiring** – Contingent on passing remaining test.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jowers, Josiah	Prob. Communication Officer I	TBD
Tucker, Emily	Prob. Communication Officer I	TBD
Miller, Leland	Prob. Mechanic	7/22/2024

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the new hires as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Thompson entered the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Clack, Public Works. Mr. Clack requested to hire Willis Broadway and Desmond Hicks as Equipment Operator I, to hire Sharif Johnson and Michael Joiner as general laborer and to hire Sydnee Davis as Public Works secretary. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the new hires as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Clack requested to terminate Floyd Robinson. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to terminate Floyd Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Mr. Smart, Green Oaks. Mr. Smart requested to terminate Lakita Harris and Kenyatta Robinson. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to terminate Lakita Harris and Kenyatta Robinson. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Smart requested to hire Earnest Wyatt as Juvenile Detention Officer II part-time. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to hire Earnest Wyatt. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and enter into the Public Works Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed without opposition.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The chair, Mr. Hudson, called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Clack, Assistant Director. Mr. Clack stated that he did not have any items.

The chair recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for Canyon Road cul-de-sac improvements and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby recommended accepting the substantial completion of Canyon Road cul-de-sac improvements. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee at this time a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed without opposition.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meetings. Motion passed without opposition.

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

The president recognized Mrs. Bacon.

**MRS. TONI BACON, DISTRICT A:**

Mrs. Bacon asked Mr. Land, Land 3 Architect, to present his report on the courthouse and annex repairs and improvements. The estimated cost for the repairs at the courthouse is \$1,032,478.00 and the estimate cost for the repairs at the annex is \$541,000.00. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to ask approach the sheriff regarding assistance with the project. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Tyson.

**MR. JIMMY TYSON, DISTRICT B:**

Mr. Tyson stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Bratton.

**MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:**

Mr. Bratton asked Mr. Cammack for an update on ARPA funding.

Mr. Bratton asked to defer the matter concerning the chip seal and road improvement programs schedule.

Mr. Bratton spoke regarding the Bayou Desiard control structure.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to authorize Lazenby & Associates to prepare a cost estimate for repairs to East Frenchman's Bend Road. Motion passed with Mr. Thompson abstaining.

Mr. Thompson exited the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Bratton introduced the following ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9489**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 19 ½ OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH TO ADD “ARTICLE V” PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE SITE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING “SOLAR FARMS”; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, it is becoming apparent that the unincorporated portion of Ouachita Parish includes areas that are suitable for the development of large “solar farms” using arrays of devices to collect energy from the sun for the purpose of generating electric power;

**WHEREAS**, such solar farms present a unique need for Site Development regulations given the acreage involved in such developments, the characteristics of the structures constructed and placed on these properties, the potential impact on neighboring properties, the potential impact on vehicle traffic, and other factors;

**WHEREAS**, the present “Site Development Regulations” codified in Chapter 19 ½ of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish do not fully address the unique aspects of the development of sites for the establishment of solar farms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that in addition to the exiting requirements of Chapter 19 ½ additional regulations of the development of sites for solar farms is in the interest of the citizens of Ouachita Parish;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

Section 1

**BE IT ORDAINED** that Chapter 19 ½ of the Compiled Ordinances be, and is hereby, supplemented and amended to add “Article V – Additional Site Development Regulations for Solar Farms,” providing as follows:

**Sec. 19 ½-75. Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to provide additional Site Development regulations necessary to address unique circumstances presented by the development of sites for the construction, establishment and operation of “Solar Farms”

**Sec. 19 ½-76. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter the following terms shall mean:

*Solar energy* means radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

*Solar energy system* means a device or structural design feature intended to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating.

*Solar farm* means the use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power which has a generation capacity of at least fifty (50) kilowatts (kW) direct current (dc) or more when operating at maximum efficiency. Solar farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.

**Sec. 19 ½-77. Permits and fees.**

- a) The placement, establishment, expansion, or substantive alteration the of a solar farm, shall be subject to the foregoing requirements of this Chapter and the additional requirements of this Article.
  
- b) In addition to the other requirements of this Chapter, the applications for site development permits for solar farms shall include will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, drainage study, environmental study, and a traffic plan. The applicant shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted prior to permit approval. Notice of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal and the meeting shall be held at a location in the parish suitable for public meetings.
  
- c) The applicant shall include with the permit application the plan for the solar farm that meets the requirements provided for in this chapter.
  
- d) Upon submission of a permit application for a Solar Farm the applicant shall pay a fee to the parish in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a solar farm consisting of five hundred (500) acres or less. For a solar farm consisting of more than five hundred (500) acres, the fee shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus an additional one-dollar (\$1.00) for each acre in excess of five hundred (500) acres. The applicable permit fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, inclusive of buffer zones and access roads.
  
- e) If the application is denied at any step of the review process, the official issuing such denial shall provide a written statement as to the reasons for the denial to the applicant and the applicant shall be afforded thirty (30) days to submit additional information or an amended plan to remediate the defects that were the basis for the denial. If the application is finally denied, the applicant shall have the option to appeal the denial to the Police Jury, and the Police Jury may, by majority vote, direct the Public Works Director to grant the permit.

f) A permit issued under this chapter may, with the approval of the parish, be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this chapter; however, written notice of such transfer or assignment shall be made to the parish and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the parish records.

g) The issuance of a permit under this chapter shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of the permit.

h) A permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance, unless work has commenced on the solar farm that is of a nature and character that reflects a good faith intention to continue the work until completion. After the expiration of a permit for failure to commence work within one year, the applicant may reapply.

**Sec. 19 ½-78. Single or multiple tracts.**

a) A solar farm may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple non-contiguous tracts, either with ownership by applicant, under one or more leases in which applicant is lessee, or any combination thereof.

b) Any permit issued for a solar farm which relies upon one or more lease agreements shall become null and void upon the termination of any such lease agreement, unless the lease agreement is terminated upon the permittee/lessee taking ownership of the property previously subject to the lease.

**Sec. 19 ½-79. Traffic plan.**

a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a traffic plan for the movement of vehicles that will use public roads during the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.

b) The plan shall provide for the remediation of any damages occasioned to public roads during the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.

**Sec. 19 ½-80. Drainage plan.**

a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a drainage plan.

b) The drainage plan shall include hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analysis to establish that the solar farm will not have any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners; alternatively, the drainage plan shall establish a plan for remediating any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners that may result from the construction of and the operation of the solar farm.



**Sec. 19 ½-81. Buffer zones and vicinage.**

- a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the solar farm.
- b) The buffer zone shall consist of a setback of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from any residence; fifty (50) feet from the front line of any adjacent property at the time of the application; and, twenty-five (25) feet and a setback from the rear or side line of an adjacent property.
- c) The buffer zone shall be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as provided for otherwise in the Code of Ordinances. Maintenance thereof shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of the Code of Ordinances in regard to nuisances and abatement thereof.
- d) No structures or equipment shall be placed in the buffer zone except for fences or walls constructed of new materials. Trees or other vegetation may be placed in the buffer zone.
- e) Structures or equipment outside the buffer zones shall be designed, constructed, or situated so as to prevent any glare, noise, heat, odors or the like emitted from or by such structure or equipment having an unreasonable impact on neighboring properties, including public roads.
- f) Screening at least six feet (6') in height consisting of vegetation, earthen berms, or solid fencing (or a combination of these elements) is required in the buffer zone adjacent to the curtilage of any existing residence.

**Sec. 19 ½-82. Secured access and lighting.**

- a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a plan for sufficient access for first responders during both construction and operation.
- b) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include the minimum lighting necessary for the safe operation of the solar farm and shall be designed to limit, to the extent practicable, the impact of artificial lighting on adjacent residences, buildings, roadways or properties.

**Sec. 19 ½-83. Decommissioning plan.**

- a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of the solar farm upon the cessation of operations of the solar farm.
- b) Cessation of operations and maintenance, shall trigger the decommissioning plan and termination of the permit.

- c) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the removal of the solar panels, ancillary structures, and other infrastructure utilized in the operation of the solar farm.
- d) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the property of the former solar farm, as determined by the EPA, DEQ or the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.
- e) Any lease forming a portion of the application for the original permit shall include reference to the decommissioning plan and the funding thereof as a necessary term therein.

**Sec. 19 ½-84. Maintenance plan.**

- a) The plan shall include a schedule for the regular maintenance in place of the solar farm and buffer zone including but not limited to grass cutting, shrubbery and tree maintenance, and general upkeep of the premises. The maintenance plan shall include provisions providing for the removal of any trees or shrubs planted as a vegetative screen that die or become significantly degraded and the replacement of such trees or shrubs with trees/shrubs of a like or comparable kind.
- b) Adherence to the plan is subject to periodic or random inspections by the parish, and the parish may require adherence to the plan in regard to maintenance.
- c) In the event an inspection notes a failure to adhere to the plan, the parish shall provide written notice to the permittee of the deficiency, which notice shall be deemed provided upon delivery by mail or electronic means. The permittee shall have thirty days from the date of delivery of the notice to remediate the deficiency. If the permittee fails to remediate the deficiency, the permittee shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The permittee shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each day, or part thereof, for each subsequent day that the deficiency is not remediated, with each day considered a separate violation.
- d) The parish may also enforce the plan through the existing parish ordinances in regard to the abatement of nuisances.

Section 2

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

Section 3

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section, paragraph, sentence clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the final Judgment of any Court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability, or invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences,

clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury without the incorporation into this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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The president stated that Mr. Thompson left and did not have any items.

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

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of the property at Ellington Drive/Winnsboro Road. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Bacon stated that another property has been brought to her attention as a possible location for the new animal shelter near the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

After discussion, a substitute motion was offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to table the matter at this time and allow the animal shelter advisory board evaluate the site near the university and, if necessary, ask for an extension on the purchase agreement for the Ellington Drive/Winnsboro Road property. The substitute motion passed with Mr. Hudson opposing.

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson offered the following ordinance for adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9488**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCEL 64988) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

- 1. PARCEL# 64988:** LOT 456 RESUB UNIT 1 CHARMINGDALE SUBDIVISION; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: LOCATED ON AVONDALE DRIVE, MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH 06/07/2018

**Purchaser: Dana Bosley**

**Bid: \$100.00**

**Auction Date: June 6, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9016 and 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

**WHEREAS**, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described above surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the above described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - a. E&P Consulting, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
  - b. E&P LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
  - c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above-described adjudicated properties

to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

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

YEAS:	(5)	Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B; Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(1)	Mr. Michael Thompson, District D

The above ordinance was adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson.

**MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:**

Mr. Hudson stated that he did not have any items.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Chief Moore, Fire Department. Chief Moore stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the OCOG recommendation for the extension of the ambulance services agreement and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to authorize the president to execute the documents necessary to give effect to the two-year extension approved by OCOG. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the right-of-way acquisition for the Raccoon Bayou project and explained that only four parcels remained outstanding, but at least one of those owners did not appear likely to agree to grant the right-of-way. Mr. Mitchell requested authorization to pursue expropriation of the remaining right-of-way parcels. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to authorize expropriation of the remaining right-of-way parcels for the project. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Clack, Public Works. Mr. Clack presented the bid results for the surplus sale of used creosote timbers and recommended accepting the bid from Darryl Johson Construction. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to accept the bid from Darryl Johnson Construction. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Clack requested approval to purchase three Ford F-150 trucks off the state contract. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the vehicle purchase. Motion passed without opposition.

**BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:**

There were none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary