

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024 AT 5:33 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Police Jury Administrative Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:33 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mr. Hudson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mrs. Bacon asked to add an item to her name to contract Atlas Community Studios for Workforce Development’s project with NELA MAC and to identify a funding source. This item was received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting of the Jury. The president asked to add Representative Foy Gadberry as a visitor to give an update on the legislative session. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the agenda with the amendments. 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 3, 2024 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed with Mrs. Bacon abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9486 – An ordinance supplementing and amending Chapter 8 of the compiled ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, to establish a Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Disposal; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to close the public hearing.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9487 – An ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 75074, 15851, 47465, 58089, & 62561) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against the ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to close the public hearing.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Alana Cooper with the Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mrs. Cooper gave an update on recent and upcoming events in the parish.

The president recognized Steve Wallace with the Broadband Advisory Committee. Mr. Wallace gave an update on rural broadband in the parish.

The president recognized Representative Foy Gadberry. Representative Gadberry updated the Jury on state funding for the parish from the recently completed legislative session.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 2 for Hodge Watson Road Phase 1 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve Change Order No. 2. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the bid results for Hodge Watson Road Phase 2 and recommended accepting the lowest conforming bid from Diamond B Construction Co. LLC for \$600,650.05. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to accept the bid and award the project to Diamond B Construction Co., LLC and to authorize the president to sign all necessary contract documents. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby requested authorization to advertise the Camp Road project for bids. This will be funded from the west side tax fund. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Tyson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise the project for bids. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby requested authorization to advertise improvements to two lift stations in the West Ouachita Industrial Park for bids. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Tyson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise the project for bids. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby requested authorization for Greater Ouachita Water Co. to automate water wells and treatment in the West Ouachita Industrial Park. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to authorize Greater Ouachita Water Co. to automate water wells and treatment in the West Ouachita Industrial Park.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Jury to amend the agenda to add an item to approve repairs to the sewer treatment plant in the West Ouachita Industrial Park. Mr. Mitchell explained he thought this work was included in the agenda items Mr. Crosby addressed, but it was not. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to amend the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the repairs for the sewer treatment plant and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the repairs to the sewer treatment plant in the West Ouachita Industrial Park. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby requested authorization to submit an application to Delta Regional Authority for a Homeland Security office/warehouse building. He explained this grant would supplement federal funds requested through Senator Cassidy and would not require a local match.

Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE “OUACHITA PARISH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT;” AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Emergency Operation Center (“EOC”) serves not only Ouachita Parish, but is a hub for emergency response and emergency preparedness training for the eleven (11) surrounding parishes in Northeast Louisiana making up the State of Louisiana’s Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness’ “Region 8”;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish EOC is presently located in – and shares space with – the Ouachita Parish Fire Department’s Training Center;

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need for the Ouachita Parish EOC to have a larger, updated space, to accommodate not only emergency response efforts in Ouachita Parish when the need arises – which seems to occur more often of late – and but to allow for improved training and support for emergency response for all of the parishes of Region 8;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the benefit of the proposed improvements to the Ouachita Parish EOC, the United States has made a direct appropriation of \$2,500,000.00 to fund the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is in need of \$625,000.00 in matching funds to be able to access the direct appropriation and complete this important project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the governing authority of Ouachita Parish and fiscal agent for the Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, in legal and regular session that it does hereby authorize, support, and endorse the submission of an application to the Delta Regional Authority seeking funding for the above-described **“OUACHITA PARISH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT;”**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the additional funds required for this Project will be provided from a direct federal appropriation of \$2,500,000.00 recently awarded to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for this Project;

SECTION 3. That Kevin Crosby, Parish Engineer is hereby designated and authorized to act on behalf of the Parish of Ouachita and/or the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for purposes of submitting the application that is the subject of this Resolution and providing information related thereto to officials, employees, and agents of the Delta Regional Authority.

The above resolution was adopted on the 17th day of June 2024.

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Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Hudson to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mrs. Bacon, called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack presented the claim statement for the period of May 17, 2024 through June 13, 2024 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve payment of the claims for the period stated as recommended by the treasurer. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mrs. Bacon.

MRS. TONI BACON, DISTRICT A:

Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the contract with Atlas Community Studios for Workforce Development's project with NELA MAC and to pay the contract out of the ARPA interest funds. 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:

Discussion ensued on the scheduling of interviews for the fire chief position. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to interview the top five candidates the week of June 24-28. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Thompson.

MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9486

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, issues related to the disposal of solid waste are important to the citizens of the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, including, but not limited to, reducing the burden the community experiences as a result of the improper disposal of solid waste; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) finds that it would benefit from the input of a citizens’ advisory committee that could direct its attention to the issues related to solid waste disposal in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish and make suggestions and recommendations to the OPPJ concerning solid waste disposal and related matters;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that Article I of Chapter 8 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing “Garbage and Trash” be supplemented and amended to add Sections 8-6 through 8-11 as follows:

Sec. 8-6. –Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Disposal.

In order to advise the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) with respect to issues concerning solid waste disposal, particularly in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, and related matters, there is hereby created the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Solid Waste.

Sec. 8-7. - Same—Members, terms and officers.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee on Solid Waste shall be made up of seven (7) members appointed by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. One member shall be nominated by the juror representing each of the six (6) Police Jury districts. The seventh member shall be an “at large” member and shall be nominated by the OPPJ President.

Four (4) members would serve initial terms of two (2) years and three (3) members would serve initial terms of four (4) years, with said initial terms to be allocated by the drawing of lots at the committee's initial meeting. After these initial terms, all members would serve terms of four (4) years.

At its initial meeting the committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman who shall serve one-year terms in such offices. The Parish Treasurer shall designate an employee to serve as the secretary of the committee. Said secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of minutes, preparation of agendas, posting of notices, and similar clerical matters.

Sec. 8-8. - Same—Meetings.

The committee shall meet quarterly and otherwise upon the call of the chairman. Meetings shall be held at the OPPJ Office in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Administrative Building or at such other location as selected by the chairman. The committee is encouraged to specifically notify representatives of Ouachita Green and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful of its meetings.

Sec. 8-9. - Same—Scope of duties.

The committee shall consider issues related to the disposal of solid waste in Ouachita Parish, and matters related thereto, with a focus on such issues affecting the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish. The committee shall make recommendations to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury regarding same. The committee is encouraged to involve representatives of Ouachita Green and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful in it.

Sec. 8-10. - Same—Report to police jury.

The chairman or his designee shall appear at a meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at least quarterly to inform the police jury regarding matters considered by the committee and its recommendations, if any.

Sec. 8-11. - Same—Open meetings.

The meetings of the committee shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:4.1 et seq.) that apply to such citizens' advisory committees. Written minutes of its meetings shall be kept as public records.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the supplemental and amending provisions set forth above shall become effective upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 20th day of May 2024.

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

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| 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 17th day of June 2024.

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Mr. Mitchell asked the jurors to forward the names of their nominees so that the Police Jury could make the appointments and get the committee started.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Bratton exited the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Discussion ensued on the bid results for the 911 building on North 7th Street, West Monroe. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to table the item until the July 15th meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9487

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 75074, 15851, 47465, 58089, & 62561) 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# 75074:** LOT 15 SQ 5 UNIT 1 BTW ADDN; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: LOCATED ON BAILEY STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 07/01/1998

Purchaser: Paulette Clay Bid: \$1,866.66 Auction Date: June 6, 2024

2. **PARCEL# 15851:** LOT IN E2 OF SE4 OF NE4 SEC 19 T17N R4E, BEG 262 FT SO & 15 FT E OF NW COR, E 100 FT, DEPTH SO 150 FT; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 6/30/2020

Purchaser: ITL Rentals, LLC Bid: \$1,187.70 Auction Date: June 6, 2024

3. **PARCEL# 47465:** SOUTH 50 FT LOTS 9 & 10 SQ F LOVERS LANE ADDN; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2704 DICK TAYLOR STREET; MONROE LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/30/2020

Purchaser: Kirsten Melancon Bid: \$4,000.00 Auction Date: June 6, 2024

4. **PARCEL# 58089:** LOT 15 SQ 4 JOHNSTONS 1ST ADDN; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 3203 POLK STREET; MONROE LA, ADJUDICATED TO PARISH ON 06/30/2020

Purchaser: Erica Brown Bid: \$7,000.00 Auction Date: June 6, 2024

5. **PARCEL# 62561:** 3ACS IN S ½ OF NE ¼ OF NE ¼ OF SEC 20 T17N R4E BEG 299.8 FT N OF SW OF S ½ OF NE ¼ OF NE ¼ OF NE ¼ , EAST 338.8 FT, NORTH 381.2 F, W 338.8 FT, SOUTH 381.2 FT TO BEG; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 5003 BROWN STREET, RICHWOOD, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/11/2019

Purchaser: Mona Profit Bid: \$7,446.38 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 3rd day of June 2024.

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

YEAS: (4) Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B;
Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (2) Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D

The above ordinance was adopted on the 17th day of June 2024.

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Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

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 17th day of June 2024.

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

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| YEAS: | (6) | Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B; Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F. |
| NAYS: | (0) | |
| ABSTAIN: | (0) | |
| ABSENT: | (0) | |

The above ordinance was adopted on the 1st day of July 2024.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

Mr. Hudson asked for Representative Pat Moore to be recognized. Representative Moore spoke regarding state funding for the parish.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mr. Cammack, Treasurer. Mr. Cammack asked to amend the CDBG records management policy to amend the language to read “Records must be maintained for a period of five years after closeout of the State’s Disaster Recovery grant by HUD”. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to amend the records management policy. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Cammack requested approval to repair the tractor located at the Calhoun property. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the repairs needed. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Wells, Fire Department. Chief Wells requested approval for Health Hopfinger, Ryan Spillers, Jonathan Barnes and Hunter Thigpen to attend the 2024 Wichita HOT training on October 11-14, 2024. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Wells requested approval to declare eight LUCAS II chest compression devices (asset #'s 16188-16195) as surplus and allow for trade-in on new devices. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to declare the equipment as surplus and allow for trade-in. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the schedule for the annual revenue ordinance and recommended making scheduling notices for the ordinance to be adopted August 19. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to schedule the notices for the ordinance to be adopted August 19. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Ms. Cupit, Region 3 Coordinator for Louisiana Watershed. Ms. Cupit spoke regarding the RFP results for the regional watershed plan contractor and recommended negotiating a contract with Halff. If a contract is not negotiated Ms. Cupit recommended moving to the next contractor in line. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the negotiation of the contract as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey application and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the application as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

WHITFIELD, SHATERICA ULTRA BAR & LOUNGE, 1115 WASHINGTON STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2024 NEW

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey application and stated that the Ouachita Parish School Board has given permission for the issuance of the alcohol permit at this location though the store would be within 300 feet of the southernmost boundary of the tract upon which Jack Hayes Elementary is located. In view of the school board's action, Mr. Mitchell recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the application as recommended.

SINGH, SURINDER T & C MART VENTURES LLC, DBA TOWN & COUNTRY MART, 3401 OLD STERLINGTON ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2024 NEW

The president recognized Dr. Lisa VanHoose, 3710 Old Sterlington Road, Monroe. Dr. VanHoose spoke in opposition to the issuance of an alcohol permit for this location due to the distance to Jack Hayes Elementary School.

The president recognized Quincy Gardner, 16 Leslie Lane, Monroe. Mr. Gardner also spoke in opposition to the issuance of the alcohol permit.

The president recognized Scott Patton, attorney for the applicant. Mr. Patton stated that this store is a convenience store that will mainly sell food and groceries. Mr. Patton stated that the Ouachita Parish School Board issued a waiver for the distance due to the distance from the actual school building and not the property line.

After discussion, motion passed with Mrs. Bacon opposing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The president recognized Rev. John Sewell, 707 Tanglewood Drive, Monroe. Rev. Sewell spoke regarding flooding issues in Tanglewood Subdivision.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the plans for the Raccoon Bayou project in the Tanglewood area. Mr. Crosby stated that he has not been able to obtain the right-of-way needed to submit the project to the state.

The president recognized Jolene Thompson, 605 Greenwood Drive, Monroe. Ms. Thompson spoke regarding flooding issues in Tanglewood Subdivision.

The president recognized Crystal Colston, 107 Longwood Drive, Monroe. Ms. Colston spoke regarding the Raccoon Bayou project and stated that the residents need to be more informed on the project.

The president recognized Eletha Murray, 502 Greenwood Drive, Monroe. Ms. Murray spoke regarding the history of flooding at her home. Ms. Murray asked if something could be done to expedite the process to move the Raccoon Bayou project forward.

The president recognized Representative Pat Moore. Representative Moore asked what will happen once the right-of-way is obtained.

Mr. Crosby stated that there are funds available from the statewide flood program and GOHSEP but it is not enough for the project.

Representative Moore asked for an update on the Bayou Mouchior project. Mr. Crosby stated that he would have an update at the next meeting.

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 8:24 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary