

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 AT 8:08 A.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a special called meeting in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury administrative building conference room, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 8:08 a.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

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

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| <u>Members Absent</u> | (1) |
| Lonnie Hudson | District F |

Mr. Smiley spoke regarding the status of the contract to be executed with Atlas Community Studios for Workforce Development’s project with NELA MAC and stated that NELA MAC has asked the Jury to rescind its authorization of the contract at this time.

Mr. Hudson entered the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to rescind the approval of the contract with Atlas Community Studios for Workforce Development’s project with NELA MAC. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to enter into executive session pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17(A)(1) for the purpose of interviewing job applicants. Motion passed without opposition. The Jury entered into executive session at 8:15 a.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Hudson to terminate the executive session. Motion passed without opposition. The meeting entered back into open session at 10:23 a.m.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Tyson to appoint Robert Moore as fire chief.

Substitute motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to narrow the candidates to the top two. Substitute motion passed without opposition.

Each juror gave their top two candidates. After discussion, motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to appoint Robert Moore as fire chief. Motion passed with Mr. Thompson opposing.

Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to make the appointment effective June 24, 2024 and to approve the base salary at \$110,000.00. Motion passed without opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the committee, motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary