

January 6, 2003

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2003 AT TWELVE-SIXTEEN (12:16) 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, January 6, 2003 at 12:16 P.M. and was duly convened by the Honorable Roger Elkin, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Woodson McGuffee. Invocation was given by Mr. Woodson McGuffee.

Members present: (6)

Mr. Paul Hargrove	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Roger Elkin	District C
Mr. Daryll Berry	District D
Ms. Ashley Daily	District E
Mr. King S. Dawson	District F

Members absent: (0)

Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dawson to approve the Minutes of the last meeting as published in the Official Journal.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded unanimously that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that discussion of a proclamation observing the remainder of the month of January, 2003 in honor of the United States Armed Forces be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded unanimously that the month of January, 2003 be observed in honor of the United States Armed Forces, and that a proclamation be prepared for same.

Motion adopted.

The President **CONVENED** a Public Hearing regarding the proposed application of Richard Haneline under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program for a limited exemption from ad valorem taxes on the proposed renovation of a historic building located at 111 Cotton Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. Hargrove spoke on behalf of Mr. Richard Haneline. No one else appeared to speak on behalf of or against the proposed application.

Motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Dawson to close the Public Hearing.

Motion adopted.

The President **CLOSED** the Public Hearing.

Motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Berry that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that Mr. Dave Taraba be allowed to speak be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Berry to allow Mr. Taraba to speak to the Police Jury.

Mr. Dave Taraba, General Manager, Holiday Inn Hotel spoke regarding matters pertaining to the procedure set by the Police Jury regarding term limits for individuals to serve on various Boards and Commissions, excluding members of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Bayou DeSiard-Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board. Mr. Taraba urged the Jury to consider rescinding and reinstating term limits for the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Bayou DeSiard-Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board.

Motion was offered by Ms. Daily, seconded by Mr. Berry to reinstate the two (2) term limits for all Boards and Commissions including Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Bayou DeSiard-Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding an exception to the motion.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
DISTRICT

Mr. Patrick Sutton, Director

G. B. COOLEY HOSPITAL
SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

Ms. Gloria Barfield, Interim CEO

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Motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on December 16, 2002.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding Cheniere Lake Grants.

After discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the submission of applications for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau, and a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Governor's Office of Rural Development for funding of canoe trails in Cheniere Lake.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Dawson that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that discussion of election of officers for an annual term to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Calhoun nominated Mr. Daryll Berry for the Office of President for the year 2003.

Mr. Elkin nominated Mr. Paul Hargrove for the Office of President for the year 2003.

After discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to close the nominations.

Motion adopted.

The vote for President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2003 was submitted to a rollcall vote and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

Mr. Paul Hargrove	Abstain and object to process
Mr. Mack Calhoun	Mr. Daryll Berry
Mr. Roger Elkin	Mr. Paul Hargrove
Mr. Daryll Berry	Mr. Daryll Berry
Ms. Ashley Daily	Mr. Daryll Berry
Mr. King Dawson	Mr. Daryll Berry

Mr. Daryll Berry was elected President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2003.

Mr. Dawson nominated Mr. Mack Calhoun for the Office of Vice President for the year 2003.

Mr. Elkin nominated Mr. Paul Hargrove for the Office of Vice President for the year 2003.

Motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Elkin that the nominations be closed.

Motion adopted.

The vote for Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2003 was submitted to a rollcall vote and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

Mr. Paul Hargrove	Abstain and object to process
Mr. Mack Calhoun	Abstain
Mr. Roger Elkin	Mr. Paul Hargrove
Mr. Daryll Berry	Mr. Mack Calhoun
Ms. Ashley Daily	Mr. Mack Calhoun
Mr. King Dawson	Mr. Mack Calhoun

Mr. Mack Calhoun was elected Vice President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the year 2003.

Discussion again ensued as to the procedure utilized by the Police Jury to elect officers.

Mr. Berry thanked the Jurors for voting for him.

Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Elkin that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that the reappointment of Gwen Wilhite to the Board of Commissioners of Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau for a three (3) year term beginning January 6, 2003 and ending January 6, 2006 be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun to reappoint Gwen Wilhite to the Board of Commissioners of Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau for a three (3) year term beginning January 6, 2003 and ending January 6, 2006.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Elkin congratulated Mr. Berry and Mr. Calhoun upon being elected as President and Vice President for the year 2003.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Dawson that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that discussion of an appointment to the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital replacing Ellen Johnson, resigned, be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Dawson to appoint Virginia Burton to the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital, replacing Ellen Johnson, resigned, said term to be for a period of six (6) years, beginning January 6, 2003 and ending January 6, 2009.

The motion was submitted to a rollcall vote, and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS:	(3) Mr. Paul Hargrove, District A; Mr. Roger Elkin, District C; and Mr. Daryll Berry, District D.
NAYS:	(2) Mr. Mack Calhoun, District C and Mr. King Dawson, District F.
ABSTAIN:	(1) Ms. Ashley Daily, District E.

ABSENT: (0)

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Hargrove to engage the firm of Luffey, Huffman & Monroe to perform a compilation for Sterlington Sewer District No. 10 at a cost of \$950.00, and to perform an audit for Sterlington Sewer District No. 1 at a cost of \$2,950.00.

Motion adopted.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Hargrove:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-66

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR RICHARD HANELINE REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF A HISTORIC STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 111 COTTON STREET, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, under LSA-R.S. 47:4314, a renewal application for a limited ad valorem tax exemption is required to be reviewed by the local governing authority prior to approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, the renewal application for a limited ad valorem tax exemption of the building known as the Strand Antique Mall LLC, will greatly enhance the economic development of downtown West Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that that certain renewal application under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program by Richard Haneline, dated September 20, 2002 regarding the contract renewal application under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program for the building known as the Strand Antique Mall LLC, be and hereby is approved.

The above Resolution adopted on the 6th day of January, 2003.

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Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Elkin that **CLAIMS** from the period of December 17, 2002 to January 6, 2003 totaling \$1,838,892.21, as per Exhibit "A" attached hereto, be approved for payment and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue the necessary checks in payment therefor.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Elkin that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:7, which provides that upon approval of two-thirds of the members present, that at a meeting of a public body, the public body may take up a matter NOT on the Agenda, that reappointment of Gwen Wilhite to the Board of Commissioners of Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau for a three (3) year term beginning January 6, 2003 and ending January 6, 2006 be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to reappoint Gwen Wilhite to the Board of Commissioners of Monroe-West Monroe Convention & Visitors Bureau for a three (3) year term beginning January 6, 2003 and ending January 6, 2006.

The motion was submitted to a rollcall vote, and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: (6) Mr. Paul Hargrove, District A; Mr. Mack Calhoun, District B; Mr. Roger Elkin, District C; Mr. Daryll Berry, District D; Ms. Ashley Daily, District E; and Mr. King Dawson, District F.
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Motion adopted.

The following applications for Beer and Whiskey license had been received, to-wit:

- 1) **MERCER, PAUL J.** **DBA JARRELL'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**, 600 Hwy. 139, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (505 Orion Drive, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220) Ward 2, Class "A" Beer, **RENEWAL**.

- 2) **SIMMONS, CHARLIE** **DBA CHARLIE'S LOG CABIN, INC.**, 4309 Jonesboro Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (367 Charlie Griggs Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 8, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
- 3) **MALONE, JAMES E.** **DBA MALONE'S CAFÉ**, 104 North Tippit Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (1210 Bennie Breece, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291) Ward 5, Class "A" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
- 4) **NEITZ, JOEL** **DBA JOEY'S**, 231 Moon Lake Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, (412 Stevenson Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 5, Class "A" Beer, Class "C" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 5) **MCINTOSH, CAROLYN C.** **DBA CORRAL LOUNGE**, 1612 Thomas Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (566 Jack Bonnet Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 5, Class "A" Beer, Class "C" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 6) **MOORE, JAMES W., JR.** **DBA STOP-N-SAVE FOOD MARTS #806**, 1602 Thomas Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (3006 River Oaks Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201) Ward 5, Class "B" Beer, Class "D" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 7) **SAVANNA, RONALD STEPHEN** **DBA HOBNOB STEAK & SEAFOOD**, 5076 Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (301 Stan Wall, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291) Ward 5, Class "A" Beer, Class "C" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 8) **SPILLERS, SANDY** **DBA SANDY'S CLUB**, 7772 Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (128 Euraka School Road, Downsville, Louisiana 71234) Ward 5, Class "A" Beer, Class "C" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 9) **FRICHTER, MARK** **DBA KMF ENTERPRISES, LLC DBA THE TOBACCO SHOP**, 200 Old Bastrop Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (258 Timber Ridge Drive, Ruston, Louisiana 71270) Ward 10, Class "B" Beer, Class "D" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
- 10) **SARAI, BALJIT S.** **DBA CONN'S GROCERY**, 2655 Arkansas Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (111 Lake Powell

Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 5 Class
“B” Beer, Class “D” Whiskey, **RENEWAL.**

- 11) **MANUEL, DAVID** **DBA CALVERT CROSSING GOLF CLUB, LLC**, 515 Hodge Watson Road, Calhoun, Louisiana 71225 (515 Hodge Watson Road, Calhoun, Louisiana 71225) Ward 6, Class “A” Beer, Class “R” Restaurant, **RENEWAL.**
- 12) **WHITTINGTON, ERIC** **DBA WHITTINGTON ENTERPRISES, LLC, DBA HWY 15 U-PAK-IT**, 4566 Winnsboro Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202 (1959 Prairie Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202) Ward 5, Class “B” Beer, Class “D” Whiskey, **RENEWAL.**
- 13) **MCMILLON, JOHNNY** **DBA MCMILLONS GROCERY**, 629 Hwy 3033, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292(176 Pate Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 8, Class “B” Beer, Class, **RENEWAL.**
- 14) **MOORE, JAMES W., JR.** **DBA STOP-N-SAVE FOOD MARTS #812**, 170 Well Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (3006 River Oaks Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71201) Ward 5, Class “B” Beer, Class “D” Whiskey, **RENEWAL.**
- 15) **SARAI, BALJIT S.** **DBA SINGH’S GROCERY**, 801 New Natchitoches Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (111 Lake Powell Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 5 Class “B” Beer, Class “D” Whiskey, **RENEWAL.**

Motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the applications submitted as recommended by the Legal Counsel.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Lynn Tubb, Parish Attorney, discussed the current lease with the Department of Health and Hospitals for a portion of the second floor of the Ouachita Parish Health Unit, being leased for the regional offices of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the requirement of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to lay the communication lines.

After discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Dawson to accept the quotation from Black Box Network under the Louisiana Procurement Code in the amount of \$57,509.46 and authorize the installation of the communication lines in the leased space by the Office of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals at the Ouachita Parish Health Unit, as required by the terms of the lease.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Elkin to authorize Mr. Don Harrison, Mr. John Tom Murray, Mr. Tom Janway, Mr. Lynn Tubb, and Mr. Woodson McGuffee to proceed with the necessary filing of applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency by February 1, 2003.

Motion adopted.

The President offered an invitation for public participation.

Mr. Kenny Scott spoke regarding vicious dogs and cat infestation on his property.

Mr. Steve Wells spoke regarding public participation during meetings.

Mr. Byrd Minter spoke regarding various matters.

Ms. Rena Stansbury requested a status report from Don Harrison regarding Pleasant Valley.

Ms. Virginia Burton thanked the Police Jury members for their vote of her as a member of the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District No. 1. Ms. Burton also spoke regarding stray cats and dogs, amended agendas, and public participation.

Mr. John Sewell requested a status report from Don Harrison regarding the Racoon Bayou Project.

Mr. Joe Seward spoke regarding the fee charged him for copies obtained from administrative staff in the Police Jury office.

Mr. Elkin recommended the elimination of set up fees.

Mr. Bob Lemoine spoke regarding various matters involving public participation.

Ms. Sue McDonald spoke regarding hunting within Charmingdale Subdivision.

Mr. Walt Caldwell stated that the Police Jury meetings seemed sometimes out of control.

Mr. Steve Wells commended the news media.

Ms. Virginia Burton requested that the Police Jury conduct town meetings.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Sherry White
Recording Secretary
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Daryll Berry
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