

November 3, 2003

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003 AT SIX THIRTY-FOUR (6:34) 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, November 3, 2003 at 6:34 p.m. and was duly convened by the Honorable Daryll Berry, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

Invocation was given by Mr. Roger Elkin. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Roger Elkin.

**Members present: (5)**

Mr. Paul Hargrove	District A
Mr. Mack Calhoun	District B
Mr. Roger Elkin	District C
Mr. Daryll F. Berry	District D
Ms. Kim Golden	District E

**Members absent: (1)**

Mr. King S. Dawson	District F
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Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Hargrove to approve the Minutes of the last meeting as published in the Official Journal.

Motion adopted.

The President recognized Mr. Bill Roark, Tri-State Properties, Inc., who spoke to the Police Jury regarding an offer to purchase the former Regional Lab Building and an offer to purchase the former West Ouachita Health Unit. Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney discussed contingencies contained in the offer for the former West Ouachita Health Unit.

Mr. Joe Seward and Ms. Virginia Burton spoke regarding the proposed offers to purchase.

After discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant authority to the President to enter into a purchase agreement on behalf of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury regarding the offer to purchase the former Regional Lab Building.

Motion adopted, Mr. Elkin abstaining.

Motion was offered by Ms. Golden, seconded by Mr. Hargrove to decline the proposed offer to purchase the former West Ouachita Health Unit Building in light of the contingencies noted by Mr. Mitchell.

Motion adopted, Mr. Elkin abstaining.

Mr. Roark requested that the Police Jury communicate to him in writing the wishes of the Police Jury regarding the former West Ouachita Health Unit Building and the adjacent property.

The President recognized Mr. Willie Smith, Chairman of Southwest Ouachita Waterworks, who spoke to the Police Jury regarding Security Monitoring Devices for Southwest Ouachita Waterworks.

**PURSUANT TO PUBLIC NOTICE** bids were received at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2003 in the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for Security Monitoring Devices for Southwest Ouachita Waterworks. Those present at the bid opening were Brad Cammack, Treasurer, Frances Hunter, Purchasing Officer, and all interested parties. The bids were as follows, to-wit:

**ITEM: SECURITY MONITORING DEVICES**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
Premiere Security	No Bid
Ouachita Security Systems	No Bid
Thorn's Communications	No Bid
Odessey Security	No Bid
Superior Protection Systems, Inc.	No Bid
Barfoot Communications	No Bid
Wireless Communications	\$20,250.00(Complete System)
Access Security Systems, Inc.	No Bid
Centurytel Security Systems	\$49,890.00
Electronic Based Monitoring, Inc.	No Bid
Home Electronics, Inc.	No Bid
McKee Electronics	No Bid
O'Rions Computer Services	No Bid
Total Protection Systems, Inc.	No Bid
Odessey Security USA Corporation	No Bid
PSX Camera Systems	No Bid
Simplex Grinnell	No Bid
Monroe Communications, Inc.	No Bid
ADT Securities	No Bid
Argus	No Bid
Automated Alarm Company	\$19,475.00(Did Not Include Radio System)
Diamond Security and Communications, Inc.	No Bid

**RECOMMENDATION:** Wireless Communications. (Per the Board of Commissioners of Southwest Ouachita Water Works)

After discussion, motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Elkin to approve the bid of Wireless Communications in the amount of \$20,250.00 as recommended by the Board of Commissioners of Southwest Ouachita Water Works, and to approve the release of funds from the Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Southwest Ouachita Waterworks for the purpose of purchasing the proposed security equipment.

Motion adopted.

Ms. Dian Archer spoke regarding culverts at Lenwil Elementary School.

Motion was offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve negotiations between the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and the Ouachita Parish School Board and to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the installation of culverts at Lenwil Elementary School.

Motion adopted.

The President recognized Ms. Sue Edmunds, Chairperson, West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, who requested assistance from the Police Jury in the Chamber's attempt to retain the State Farm Insurance Company in Ouachita Parish.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Calhoun 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 the State Farm Insurance Company remaining in Ouachita Parish be added to the Agenda.

Motion adopted.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded unanimously:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-68**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANY TO OUACHITA PARISH AND THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO RETAIN THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF STATE FARM INSURANCE IN MONROE, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, State Farm Insurance Company has maintained a Regional Office in Monroe, Louisiana for many years and is a vital part of the Ouachita Parish community, and

**WHEREAS**, the direct and indirect impact of State Farm's Regional Office accounts for approximately five percent (5%) of wage and salary income in Ouachita Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the operations of State Farm's Regional Office directly and indirectly account for more than 2,700 jobs in Ouachita Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the employees of State Farm's Regional Office make valuable contributions to the community by, *inter alia*, volunteering more than 5,300 hours of time in 2003 to the service of non-profit organizations in Northeast Louisiana,

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby publicly expresses its appreciation to State Farm Insurance Company for the vital role its Regional Office plays in the life of Ouachita Parish; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury endorses and supports the efforts of the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, and state and local government to retain the Regional Office of State Farm Insurance in Monroe, Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate officials of the State Farm Insurance Company.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 3rd day of November, 2003.

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The President recognized Mr. Charles Marchbanks, CPA, Little & Associates, who presented the procurement card audit.

Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Ms. Golden that the Police Jury accept the audit as presented by Little & Associates and submit a plan of corrective action to the Legislative Auditor's Office.

Motion adopted.

The following Department Heads reported to the Police Jury, to-wit:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Patrick Hemphill, Chief

MOSQUITO CONTROL: Dr. Cole Church, Director

Chief Hemphill and Dr. Church were commended by Jurors Paul Hargrove and Kim Golden on their job performance.

Motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Elkin to adopt the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on October 20, 2003.

Motion adopted.

The matter as to selection of Operator for the operation of West Ouachita Sewer District No. 16, the matter as to Cheniere Lake Commission, and the matter as to space needs of the Fourth Judicial District Court were referred to the November 17, 2003 Regular Police Jury Meeting.

Mr. Berry stated the office previously occupied by Mr. Tom Janway would temporarily be occupied by the Fourth Judicial District Court system pending a final agreement on the utilization of space needs.

Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Elkin that **CLAIMS** from the period of October 16, 2003 to October 30, 2003 totaling \$1,513,008.99 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, Mr. Hargrove, District A and Ms. Golden, District E voting against.

Ms. Golden spoke regarding reimbursement of certain construction costs related to Canaan Drive. Mr. Don Harrison, Parish Engineer, presented the findings of road borings and his calculations regarding the costs of the construction of Canaan Road.

After discussion, motion was offered by Ms. Golden, seconded by Mr. Berry to request reimbursement from the developer for the construction of Canaan Road in the amount of \$19,120.76 and that Preliminary Approval of Canaan Subdivision, Unit No. 1 be granted subject to the above-stated reimbursement of costs related to Canaan Road and the comments of the Public Works Department.

Motion adopted.

Ms. Golden spoke regarding a proposed revision of the alignment of the right-of-way of Finks Hideaway Road near its intersection with Raymond Drive-East and a revision of the location of a future bridge over Bayou DeSiard.

Mr. John Maroney, 1704 McKeen Place, spoke in opposition to a proposed revision of the present alignment.

Mr. John Shamblin, 415 Raymond Drive, spoke in opposition to a proposed revision of the present alignment and presented a petition with twenty-five signatures also opposing any revision of the present alignment.

Ms. Golden stated that a public meeting had been tentatively scheduled on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the Osterland Recreation Center for all interested persons.

Mr. Joe Slavant, 1151 Finks Hideaway Road, spoke in support of a revision.

Mr. Ray Osterland, 205 Raymond Drive, spoke in opposition to a proposed revision of the present alignment.

After discussion, Ms. Golden informed the Jury that she would be offering Resolution No. 03-66, a Resolution endorsing and supporting a revision of the alignment of the right-of-way of Finks Hideaway Road near its intersection with Raymond Drive-East and a revision of the location of a future bridge over Bayou DeSiard for adoption at the November 17, 2003 Regular Police Jury meeting.

Mr. Don Harrison spoke regarding the status of the Southside Golf Course Project and stated that he was currently working on a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Corrections. Mr. Harrison also stated that he would then move forward with a marketing analysis.

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

1. **SMITH, JAMES A.** **DBA CLASSIC FOODS**, 610 Smith Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (610 Smith Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292) Ward 5, Class "B" Beer, Class "D" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
2. **SOOKHAM, DHILLON** **DBA NOW SAVE #4**, 101 New Natchitoches Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (2800 Cuba Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 5, Class "B" Beer, Class "D" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
3. **DUCHESNE, GARY** **DBA DUCHESNE'S PRAIRIE ROAD GROCERY**, 1527 Prairie Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202, (1527 Prairie Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202) Ward 4, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
4. **CORDELL, J. HARDEMAN** **DBA HARDE' MART #115**, 104 Hwy 34, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292 (4500 DeSiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 8, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
5. **CORDELL, J. HARDEMAN** **DBA HARDE' MART #139**, 514 Lincoln Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (4500 DeSiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 2, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.

6. **CORDELL, J. HARDEMAN** **DBA HARDE' MART #217**, 151 Well Road, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (4500 DeSiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 5, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
  
7. **CORDELL, J. HARDEMAN** **DBA HARDE' MART #103**, 331 Hwy 546, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 (4500 DeSiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 5, Class "B" Beer, Class "D" Whiskey, **RENEWAL**.
  
8. **BLAKELY, MYRA** **DBA B & B GROCERY**, 2217 Highway 151 North, Downsville, Louisiana 71234 (960 Highway 144, Calhoun, Louisiana 71225) Ward 6, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.
  
9. **ELKIN, GAIL** **DBA BOUNTIFUL FOODS CATERING, INC.** **DBA THE BEND**, 1484 Frenchman's Bend Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (562 Keystone Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 2, Class "A" Beer, Class "R" Restaurant, Class "C" Whiskey, **NEW**.
  
10. **TAYLOR, KATHY** **DBA MKKS**, Sterlington Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 **"DENIED"** (4308 Sterlington Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203) Ward 1 OR Ward 2, Class "B" Beer, **NEW**.
  
11. **HILL, CHARLES E.** **DBA MANN'S GROCERY**, 1964 Harmon Johnson Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202 (265 Riser Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71202) Ward 4, Class "B" Beer, **RENEWAL**.

Motion was offered by Mr. Elkin, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve Application Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11, and to deny Application No. 10 for the reason that the establishment was in Ward 1, all as recommended by Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

Motion adopted, Ms. Golden voting no on the approval of Application Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11, and voting yes on the denial of Application No. 10.

Motion adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hargrove to approve Application No. 9 as recommended by Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

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. Mack Calhoun, District B; and  
Mr. Daryll F. Berry, District D.  
NAYS: (1) Ms. Kim Golden, District E.  
ABSTAIN: (1) Mr. Roger Elkin, District C.  
ABSENT: (1) Mr. King S. Dawson, District F.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Brad Cammack spoke regarding health insurance coverage.

Motion was offered by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Berry to move forward with the enrollment process on the HMO.

Motion adopted.

The matter as to PHO/PPO insurance was referred to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

Mr. Brad Cammack informed the Jury that a meeting would be arranged with Mr. Durrett and the Sparta Aquifer Commission to discuss any proposed payments due from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Brad Cammack spoke regarding invoices from the City of Monroe for Green Acres Sewer District #13.

After discussion, no action was taken.

Mr. Jay Mitchell requested that the hearing on the derelict structure at 1400 Bennie Breece, West Monroe be referred to the November 17, 2003 Regular Police Jury Meeting.

Ms. Kim Golden, nominated the following persons from District E to serve on a three-person hearing panel regarding abatement of vehicles and/or junk located at 100 Belle Mead only, to-wit:

Ben Johnson, 17 Elmwood Drive West, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
Elizabeth Sharp, 4209 Sterlington Road, Monroe, Louisiana 71203  
W. B. Tyler, 58 Holiday Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Mr. Calhoun was requested to nominate three persons to serve on a hearing panel regarding abatement of vehicles and/or junk located at 121 Rosewood.

Mr. John Tom Murray referred the request for a Preliminary Subdivision Approval and Variance for Thatcher Pointe, Unit 3 (off Lonewa) to the November 17, 2003 Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Don Harrison, Consulting Engineer, spoke regarding the possible addition of Keystone Road and Harmon Johnson Road to the Federal Aid Urban System Fund.

Mr. Calhoun requested that Richardson Road and Collie Road be added.

Mr. Harrison stated that Richardson Road nor Collie Road qualified to be added to the Urban Road System.

Mr. Calhoun stated that the Police Jury should repair Richardson Road and Collie Road.

The President opened the meeting for public participation.

No one appeared to speak.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Sherry White  
Recording Secretary  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury

Daryll F. Berry  
P R E S I D E N T.  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury