

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date of Notice: March 28, 2024

A public meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will be held as follows:

DATE: April 1, 2024

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Police Jury Administrative Building
Police Jury Meeting Room
100 Bry Street
Monroe, Louisiana

AGENDA: See Detailed Agenda Posted With This Notice

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AGENDA

OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
POLICE JURY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Shane Smiley, President

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Ms. Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on March 18, 2024

SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

PUBLIC WORKS
Mike Adams – 30 years

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 9482 – An Ordinance to authorize an Act of Sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 53202, 57899, 61956 & 65762) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto.

VISITORS:

1)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL:	Ms. Stephanie Mullins
FEDERAL PROGRAMS:	Ms. Doretha Bennett
Discussion/Action: LWDA 81 PY23 FY22 Amendment No. 2	
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	Chief Patrick Hemphill
GREEN OAKS:	Mr. Tarquin Smart
Discussion/Action: Bid results – 2 nd quarter food & food products	
HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:	Mr. Rodger McConnell
IT DEPARTMENT:	Mr. Robert Gaines
LIBRARY:	Ms. Nancy Green
LSU AG CENTER:	Mr. Kerry Heafner
MOSQUITO CONTROL:	Ms. Shannon Rider
PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES:	Ms. Julia Kirby
911 OFFICE:	Mr. Jade Gabb

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Bratton, Chair

- 1) Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department**
Discussion/Action: Personnel actions
- 2) Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer**
Discussion/Action: Request to reclassify employee to permanent part-time
- 3) Ms. Stephanie Mullins, Animal Control**
Discussion/Action: Request to hire animal control officer

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hudson, Chair

- 1) Mr. John Tom Murray, Director**
Discussion/Action:
- 2) Mr. Kevin Crosby, Engineer**
Discussion/Action:
 - Bid results/award of project – Canyon Road cul-de-sac replacement
 - Bid results/award of project – Magnolia Drive/Woodale Drive
 - Parish project updates

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

MRS. TONI BACON, DISTRICT A:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Atlas Community Studios – Alex Holland
- 2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-26

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the “best practices” recommended by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds it is appropriate to adopt accounting policies and procedures that align with Louisiana law and generally accepted government accounting standards;

WHEREAS, for ease of reference, the Ouachita Parish Treasurer has assembled such accounting policies and procedures into a compilation identified as the “Ouachita Parish Police Jury Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual” and has recommended said accounting policies and procedures for formal adoption;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby formally adopt the accounting policies and procedures compiled by the Parish Treasurer in “The Ouachita Parish Police Jury Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual” as the generally applicable accounting policies and procedures of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

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MR. JIMMY TYSON, DISTRICT B:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9484
(INTRODUCTION)**

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE NORTHERNMOST PORTION OF WRIGHT ROAD; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

- 1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of assistant parish attorney job description
2) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

**ORDINANCE NO. 9482
(FINAL)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 53202, 57899, 61956 & 65762) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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- 3) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the week of **April 1 – April 5, 2024** has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Ouachita Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong of relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that during National *Community Development Week* 2024, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

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4) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-24

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN OUACHITA PARISH; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as Fair Housing Month in the Parish of Ouachita.

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5) DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2024 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR A GRANT IN ORDER TO MAKE WATER IMPROVEMENTS (SOUTHERN MONROE WATER SYSTEM); AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

1) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Mary Street

2) DISCUSSION/ACTION: Great Minds Communication update and contract

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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| A. FISCAL: | Mr. Brad Cammack
Discussion/Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative reception• Great Minds Communication invoices |
| B. FIRE: | Chief Pat Hemphill
Discussion/Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| C. LEGAL: | Mr. Jay Mitchell
Discussion/Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| D. PUBLIC WORKS: | Mr. John Tom Murray
Discussion/Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |

BEER & WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

1) AULAKH, LADDIE

USA TRAVEL PLAZA 15, LLC, 2655 ARKANSAS ROAD,
WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B",
RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2024 NEW

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action:

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