ULM receives $2.1 million to expand health sciences offerings

The University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) has been awarded $2.1 million from the state Department of Health (LDH) through the Rural Health Transformation Project to expand programs in its College of Health Sciences, providing a significant investment in the university's efforts to strengthen the rural healthcare workforce in Northeast Louisiana and across the state.

The award will support three major initiatives within ULM's College of Health Sciences: expanding nursing enrollment, adding a Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ultrasound) concentration to the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology program, and establishing a Nurse Residency Hub serving rural hospitals throughout Region 8.

"ULM is committed to leading the way in building the healthcare workforce of the future for this region and the state of Louisiana," said ULM President Dr. Carrie L. Castille. "Coming from a rural community myself, I understand the need for continued commitment in these areas. In addition to broadening our health sciences enrollment capacity, this funding will allow us to assist with the placement and retention of nurses in rural hospitals, where they are desperately needed. Congratulations to Dean Bailes and her team for this exciting accomplishment that will impact Northeast Louisiana for years to come."

"This investment is a critical part of Louisiana's broader Rural Health Transformation strategy to strengthen our workforce pipeline and ensure rural communities have access to health care professionals where they live," said LDH Secretary Bruce D. Greenstein. "By partnering with institutions like ULM, we can train more health care professionals in rural communities, create stronger connections to the places that need them most, and build a workforce that is sustainable for the long term. Ultimately, this is about bringing better care closer to home and improving health outcomes for rural Louisianans."

The funding will allow ULM to increase nursing enrollment by 20 additional students per semester, resulting in an anticipated 40 additional nursing graduates each year once the expanded enrollment moves through the program.

The expansion will support additional faculty, instructional resources, simulation, and clinical education capacity necessary to prepare the increased number of nursing students.

The project will also support the development of a Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) concentration under ULM's Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology degree. The first cohort of 15 students is slated to begin in Spring 2028.

The concentration will prepare students for careers in diagnostic ultrasound, an essential diagnostic service used across hospitals, outpatient clinics, emergency departments, women's health, orthopedic and sports medicine practices, and other healthcare settings.

"This investment represents a transformational opportunity for ULM to expand the healthcare workforce pipeline while directly addressing the needs of rural Louisiana," said Wendy Bailes, Ph.D., RN, Dean of the ULM College of Health Sciences. "We are grateful to the Louisiana Department of Health for recognizing the critical role that ULM can play in preparing healthcare professionals and supporting rural hospitals."

A key component of the project is the creation of a Nurse Residency Hub at ULM serving rural hospitals throughout Healthcare Region 8. The Hub will create a centralized infrastructure through which ULM can partner with rural hospitals to strengthen the transition of newly licensed nurses from academic preparation into professional practice.

The program will provide participating rural hospitals with access to educational resources, professional development, mentorship, evaluation and other components necessary to support effective nurse residency programs.

Executive Director of the Office of Rural Health Transformation and Sustainability Julie Foster Hagan said, "The Rural Health Transformation Program is about more than investing in healthcare today—it is about building the rural healthcare workforce of tomorrow. Through this partnership with ULM, we are expanding opportunities for students to complete rural clinical rotations, gain firsthand experience in rural communities, and develop connections that can lead to careers serving those communities."

Bailes added that ULM is uniquely positioned to serve as a workforce engine for Northeast Louisiana.

"This award allows us to expand the number of healthcare professionals we educate, add a new high-demand allied health pathway, and help rural hospitals retain the nurses they need," Bailes said. "These efforts are interconnected, and together they create a stronger and more sustainable healthcare workforce for our region."

PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

TOWN OF STERLINGTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA

6:30 P.M. **TOWN HALL**
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026 **COUNCIL MEETING CHAMBER**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Mayor Matt Talbert called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Ashton Courson, Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett and Zack Howse. Absent from meeting was Erica Hughes. A quorum was present and acting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Matt Talbert gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Personnel in attendance were Town Clerk, Natalie Penrose, Town Attorney, Devin Jones, and Chief of Police Cobi Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Mayor read the Public Comments Law out loud to the audience, and read each item listed on the agenda for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Tuesday, July 14, 2026
M/S/C (MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED) (Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett) approve the meeting minutes for July 14, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

ROOF QUOTES-STERLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approves the quote from Platinum Level Roofing for the replacement of the roof at the police department. Ashton Courson abstained from voting.

SPD ICE AGREEMENT
M/S/C (Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett) table for more information.

CYBERSECURITY COVERAGE
M/S/C/ (Billy Clarkson. Zack Howse) table to find out what coverage we have with our IT.

BUDGETS & FINANCIALS-JUNE 2026
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve the budgets and financials for June 2026 as presented.

AGED PAYABLES-JUNE 2026
Aged Payables for June 2026 were presented to the council.

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES THRU July 27, 2026
Monthly Expenditures through July 27, 2026 were presented to the council.

ADJOURN

Natalie Wiggins, Town Clerk — Matt Talbert, Mayor

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PARISH OF OUACHITA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on this FRIDAY, JULY 17TH, 2026, pursuant to an order of the Court dated JUNE 24TH, 2026, we the undersigned members of the Jury Commission in and for the said Parish and State, namely, SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY, IV

Duly and legally appointed and sworn to law, a quorum being present, assembled at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, at Monroe, Louisiana, together with Dana Benson, Clerk of Court and a member of said Commission, and did then and there perform the duties prescribed by law in the following manner to-wit: The Court ordered the drawing of 300 jurors to serve as Petit Jurors for the term of Court beginning MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026;

The names having been drawn by a computer indiscriminately and by lot as provided for by C.Cr.P.Art.416.1, are as follows:

Alexander, Derrick Christophe
Alexander, Jacob Kinlow
Allison, Caleb Bradley
Andrews, Ellen W
Austin, Dashanae Zamir
Babb, Alana Lynn
Ballew, Shannon Dozier
Barber, Delanius Lameiche
Benton, James D
Bias II, Fredrick D
Blake, James G
Blakes, Latrice Lee
Blunt, Albert Oliver
Blunt, Penny P
Book, Allie Chance
Bowman, Zachary Heard
Boyles, Wanda Ruple
Braden, Wilma Jean
Bradshaw, John Jason
Branch, Lauren C
Brandl, John R
Breard, Bryan James
Breaux, Kolton
Britton, Cassandra Dejohnett
Brodtman, William Christopher
Brothers, Rookh E
Brown Jr, Billy Ray
Brown, Carolyn Ann
Brown, Tommie Barham
Brownlee, Lindsey Charles
Buffington, Leigh B
Burrell, Demorsha Annie May
Bush, Charteria J
Butler, Randal T
Byrdsong, Donald Hilliard
Cagle, Phyllis B
Cannon, Catherine Diane
Canoy, Nancy Sikes
Cantrell, Joshua Clinton
Ceasar, Latoyia Danchelle Loll
Christiansen, Jan Peter
Clacks, Willie Cathrine P
Clark, Donetta Deshawn
Claxton, Sharon Hightower
Collins, Amesha Reshae
Collins, Paula Sue
Colvin, Porsche L
Cooke, Ann J
Cooper, Larry Edward
Cotton, Richard Glen
Creed, Billie L
Creed, Elizabeth H
Culpepper Jr, Billy T
Daigle, Ann Barraza
Davenport, Jason Christopher
Davidson, Clarissa E
Davis, Amy Collette
Davis, Deborah G
Davis, Katherine Michelle
Davis, Vera W
Dawson, Marsha Louise
Deffes, Steven Joseph
Derry, Georgia Blanche
Dhaliwal, Neel Singh
Doffitt, Cecil Ernest
Donaldson, Shannon B
Dorsey, Armani
Doyle, Alicia D
Drumgo, Tari Sorrell
Duchesne, Catherine A
Duff, Summer
Duke, Graslyn Rayne
Dunham, Gary C
Durham, Julie Brown
Dyer, Maurice P
Edwards, Justin Allen
Edwards, Kevin Nicolas
Elejarde, Madalyn Duncan
Elkin, Cody Lee
Elkin, Raychel Leanne
Elzie, Patricia M
Englade, Fred Norman
Felter, Kade David
Ferguson, Micah Craig
Fisher, Brittany Lynn
Fisher, Brittney Dian
Fisher, Dorothy
Fleming II, Marvin M
Flemister, Vernon
Fletcher, Artravion Rayshawn
Fletcher, Karen K
Flowers, Finnon Allen
Fowler, Adam Lee
Franco, Cuauhtémoc
Freeman, Shakira Lanette
Frost, Ermadeen
Fryer, Tonia Ann
Fulton, Tanner Lee
Futch, Jarrett Michael
Gardner, Brandy Lewis
Gebhardt, Claudia A
Giannobile, Salvador
Gilley, Cheryl Impson
Gipson, Demitrius Dunta
Green, Tassalyn Azoria
Gremillion, Ethan Cole
Griffin Jr, Leonard J
Grimsley, Shahariah Shaneka Sa
Gunter, Jennifer Haffner
Hall, Fabian Michael
Hall, Logronor Henry
Hamby, Craig W
Hamilton, Bertha L
Handcock, Donna S
Harris, Abigail Lawanda
Harris, Shavonne Lashay
Hawkins Jr, Chandler Onassis
Hayes, Michella Marie
Haywood, Vernetta L
Heller, Frederick Louis
Henry, Lauren Alexa
Highshaw, Dorene Bell
Hill, Diane
Hill, Tykeaya Keshun
Hobbs, Marion Nichole
Hochenedel Jr, John Kurt
Holder Jr, Jack Richard
Holly, Thomas
Holmes, James Daniel
Honeycutt, Casey Eric
Howell, Kristl Lynne
Hughes, Judith Lowrey
Hughes, Julia W
Hunt, Grace Taylor
Jackson, Betty Ann
Jackson, Jeffery McNeal
Jackson, Mulaysia Keonyse
Jeffery, Morgan Melissa
Johnson, Jacqueline Felicia
Jones, Carolyn Faye
Jones, Cornelia T
Keifenheim, Amy Lynn
Kellogg, Annette K
Kelly, Dylan Shiloh
Kelly III, James H
Kendall, Amaris Ailezera
Kilpatrick, Dana Leanne
King, Amanda Renae
King, Erica Denise
King, Verlee Fuller
Lamartiniere, Evan Harrell
Lamb, Lisa Denise
Lauhoff, John Alexander
Ledent, Kevin Dewayne
Lee, Brandon R
Lee, Grace Michelle
Leeper, Lindsay Kay
Lefort, Jonas John
Legg, Melinda Sue
Letterman, Jerry L
Lewis, Wanda K
Lindsey, John Robert
Lingefelt, Veronica Wyatt
Little, Richard E
Littleton, Kloie Braelynn
Loflin, John Reed
Lolley, Susan H
Loveridge, Beverly P
Lutrick, Corin Davis
Magee, Jordan Nicole
Marchbank, Johnnie F
Marquette, Clay Joseph
Marsh Jr, Larry Mack
Mathieu, Robert Michael
Mayo, Terri Richards
Mays, Valandria Latrice
McConaughey, Randall S
McGee, Leneequce Nycole
McGough, Christopher R
McMillian, Jacob Daniel
McMorris, Greg R
McQuillin, Amy M
Miller, Bailey
Minor, Latisha Shuntae
Mitchell, Erika Nicole
Modicue, Jeanette Williams
Moomau, Jeff James
Moore, Darren Kyle
Moore, Myrtle
Moore, Patsy Copprue
Moore, Romeia C
Morgan Jr, Lawrence Englerth
Murray, Mitzi Rodgers
Myers, Alyssa Marie
Neathery, Hannah Marie
Nelson, Linda Taylor
Nettles, Vazie P
Newbill, Tracy Rena Starr
Owens, Jesslyn D
Parker, Billy J
Parker, Shantea Latisha
Pepper, Nicolas Bel
Perkins, Cammelle S
Perkins, Jared R
Perkins, Shane Christopher
Pham, Lily Thuy
Pinnix, Mable Oliece
Pitman, Peggy McClanahan
Pleas, Corean Booshea
Pohl, Ronnie Wayne
Polk, Gavin
Poole, Christina Elaine
Prisock, William Lamar
Ragus, Louise Mae
Reed, Amiyah Antoinette
Reese, Donald Ray
Rehus, Chanse Nicholas
Reynolds, Robin Weaver
Rhea, Sarah Elisabeth
Rhymes, Amanda Lynn
Rice, Sarah Jean
Roberson, Doris J
Roberts, Lacy Michelle
Robinson, Terrance Turrell
Robinson, Tremetria Marie
Rodgers, Ernest Lavell
Roe, Donecia Owens
Rose, Shelby Ashlyn
Ross, Evelyn Rochell
Rugg, John David
Ryals, Nicholas Wade
Salas, Kalani Cruz
Sanderson, Michael Lee
Sartor, Trayser Brett
Saulsberry, Bradford Marques
Schleuter, Ronald E
Seals, Tyrone Lyndell
Sellers Jr, Billy Frank
Simmons, Zachary Bernard
Sims, Jammal Akeem
Sledge, Alicia Jordan
Smith, Amber Renee
Smith, Benjamin Todd
Smith, Jesse Maranda
Souther, Anna Kathryn
Sparrow-Stuart, Dorothy Mari
Speech, Roderick
Speegle, Rayne Alexis
Square, Travis Lavell
Stacks, Donde El
Stansbury, Rena C
Staten, Alfred J
Stevens, Barry C
Streetman, Richard Justin
Swor, Nancy T
Thirdkill Jr, Claytis Carnell
Thomas, Earnest L
Thomas, Tierane Labrayla
Thompson, Aaron Everett
Thompson, Logan Bryant
Tilley, Dylan Robert
Titus, Leslie A
Tolar, Donna Y
Tucker, Samantha L
Tullos, Stephen Michael
Vallery, Michael A
Varner, Ebony Samone
Vaughan, Sharon W
Vidrine, Erin Elizabeth
Vige, Mary Barnett
Wade, Brenda C
Walden, Clinton O
Walters, Wayne Paul
Walton, Jarrod Murphy
Warbington, Thomas G
Washington, Brian E
Washington, Crystal Stewart
Washington, Mary J
Watkins, Mollie
Weatherford, Carroll D
Weems, Betty Sue
Weir, Brian Matthew
Wells, Michael L
White, Ashley Odom
Williams, Cayla Deann
Williams, Dorothy Starr
Williams, Dylan Deon
Williams, Natalie Necole
Williams, Rosemary M

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:
Mr. Hudson introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9555

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 18.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO REGULATE CERTAIN EVENTS UTILIZING PARISH ROADS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR REQUIRING EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR TRAIL RIDES, PARADES, WALKS, RUNS, BICYCLE EVENTS, AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that certain organized events may affect public roads, rights-of-way, emergency services, neighboring property owners, public infrastructure, and the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that a permitting process is necessary to ensure that such events are conducted in a manner that protects public safety and public resources while respecting private property rights; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to establish reasonable regulations governing special events conducted within the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 18.5 of the Code of Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, is hereby enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 18.5
SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 18.5-1. Title.
This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Ouachita Parish Special Events Ordinance.

Sec. 18.5-2. Authority.
This Article is adopted pursuant to the constitutional and statutory authority granted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, including but not limited to Article VI of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Louisiana Local Government Code, and other applicable provisions of Louisiana law authorizing parish governments to regulate the use of parish roads, rights-of-way, and other public property, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to preserve the safe and efficient movement of traffic.

Sec. 18.5-3. Purpose.
The purpose of this Article is to establish uniform procedures governing organized special events conducted upon or affecting public roads and rights-of-way within the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish and issuance of permits for the same. This Article is intended to:

(a) Promote safe and orderly movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

(b) Minimize unnecessary disruption to the traveling public, emergency responders, public transportation systems, schools, businesses, and surrounding property owners;

(c) Ensure that adequate provisions are made for traffic control, emergency access, crowd management, public safety, and protection of public infrastructure;

(d) Establish a uniform and efficient process for the review and permitting of regulated special events, including but not limited to, standards for evaluation of permit applications and issuance, standards for revocation of issued permits, and procedures for appeal of denial and/or revocation of permits.

Sec. 18.5-4. Applicability.
This Article applies only to organized special events that:

(1) Utilize or occupy a public road or public right-of-way located within the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish for which a permit is required;

(2) Require or reasonably necessitate traffic control, lane restrictions, road closures, law enforcement assistance, or other governmental coordination to protect the public health, safety, or welfare; or

(3) By virtue of their size, location, duration, or manner of operation, materially interfere with the normal use of a public road or public right-of-way.

Sec. 18.5-5. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings stated below.

(1). Applicant means the person or organization submitting an application for a permit under this Article.

(2). Approved route means the route, including any staging and dispersal areas, authorized in the permit issued under this Article.

(3) Event means a parade, organized walk/run event, trail ride, or off-highway vehicle ride regulated under this Article.

(4) Event organizer means the person or organization responsible for planning, supervising, and conducting an event and for ensuring compliance with this Article and all permit conditions.

(5) Off-Highway Vehicle Ride means a planned and organized event involving all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, dirt bikes, or other off-highway vehicles that uses, crosses, or materially affects a public road or public right-of-way and requires traffic control, law enforcement assistance, or other governmental coordination.

(6) Organized walk/run event means a planned foot race, run, walk, marathon, half-marathon, fun run, charity walk, endurance event, or similar organized pedestrian event conducted upon an approved route that uses or materially affects a public road or public right-of-way and requires traffic control or governmental coordination.

(7) Parade means a planned and organized procession of persons, vehicles, floats, animals, marching groups, or any combination thereof that travels upon an approved route for a civic, charitable, cultural, educational, political, religious, ceremonial, or celebratory purpose and requires traffic control or governmental coordination.

The term does not include an ordinary gathering at a private venue, a wedding or other private ceremony conducted at a fixed location, or the normal arrival or departure of guests from such an event, unless an organized procession uses or materially affects a public road in the manner described in Section 18.5-4.

(8) Participant means a person who takes part in an event as a walker, runner, rider, driver, passenger, marcher, performer, escort, volunteer, or member of an event unit. The term does not include a spectator.

(9) Permit means the written authorization issued by the Parish pursuant to this Article.

(10) Permit conditions means the route, time, operational requirements, safety requirements, traffic controls, staffing requirements, and other reasonable conditions imposed as part of the approval of an event.

(11) Permittee means the applicant to whom a permit has been issued and who is legally responsible for compliance with this Article and all permit conditions.

(12) Traffic control means the temporary direction, restriction, interruption, rerouting, or management of vehicular or pedestrian traffic through law enforcement personnel, traffic control devices, barricades, signs, cones, flaggers, or other approved measures.

(13) Traffic control plan means the written or graphic plan identifying the route, affected intersections, road closures, lane restrictions, detours, traffic control devices, law enforcement posts, emergency access points, and other measures necessary to manage traffic during an event.

(14) Trail ride means a planned and organized group movement of persons riding horses, mules, or similar animals, with or without wagons or other animal-drawn vehicles, that uses, crosses, or travels upon a public road or public right-of-way as part of an approved route and requires traffic control or governmental coordination.

The term does not include an individual or small informal group lawfully riding animals that is not organized as an event and does not require traffic control or governmental coordination.

(15) Vehicle means any device by which a person or property may be transported upon a public road, including a motor vehicle, trailer, wagon, all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or animal-drawn conveyance.

ARTICLE II. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Sec. 18.5-6 Permit Required.
(1). No person shall organize, conduct, sponsor a parade, organized walk/run event, off-highway vehicle ride or trail ride subject to this Article without first obtaining a Special Event Permit from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

(2). A separate permit shall be required for each event unless otherwise approved by the Ouachita Parish Administrator or his/her designee.

(3). The issuance of a permit under this Article shall not relieve the permittee from obtaining any license, permit, or approval otherwise required by federal law, state law, parish ordinance, or another governmental agency having jurisdiction.

(4) Riding lawn mowers, all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, side-by-side vehicles, golf carts, dirt bikes, and other vehicles designed primarily for off-road recreational and/or grounds maintenance shall not be operated as a participant vehicle, float, or other unit in a parade while the parade is conducted upon or travels along any public roadway. This prohibition does not apply to authorized law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, traffic-control, or other governmental vehicles used in an official capacity.

(5) Each person operating a motor vehicle or other motorized unit in a parade upon a public roadway shall:

A. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

B. Possess a valid driver's license authorizing the person to operate the type of vehicle involved;

C. Before operating the vehicle in the parade, submit to a breath-alcohol test administered or approved by the law enforcement agency responsible for parade traffic control.

No person who refuses to submit to the required test or whose test indicates the presence of alcohol shall be permitted to operate a motor vehicle or motorized unit in the parade. The permittee shall be responsible for verifying compliance with this subsection before the parade begins.

(6) Each horse, mule, or other equine participating in a trail ride shall be accompanied by documentation of a current negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia, commonly known as a Coggins test, conducted within the preceding twelve (12) months, unless the animal is exempt

under applicable state law. The permittee shall verify compliance before allowing the animal to participate and shall make the documentation available for inspection upon request.

No animal displaying signs of a contagious or communicable disease or known to have been exposed to such a disease shall be permitted to participate. When reasonably necessary due to a reported disease outbreak or other animal-health risk, the Parish may require additional testing, veterinary certification, or other precautions recommended or required by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the State Veterinarian, or another agency with jurisdiction.

Sec. 18.5-7. Permit Not Required.
A permit shall not be required for:

(1) Activities conducted entirely upon private property that do not otherwise fall within the applicability provisions of Section 18.5-4.

(2) Funeral processions conducted in accordance with Louisiana law.

(3) Emergency response activities conducted by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical service providers, or other governmental agencies acting within the scope of their official duties.

(4) Governmental construction, maintenance, utility, or emergency operations.

(5). Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Parish from requiring traffic control measures when otherwise authorized by law.

Sec. 18.5-8. Application.
(1). Applications shall be submitted upon forms prescribed by the Parish.

(2). An administrative fee of $25.00 shall be paid to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at the time of filing the parade permit.

(3). Applications shall be signed by the event organizer or another person authorized to bind the sponsoring organization. The applicant shall certify that all information provided is true and complete.

(4). Applications shall be submitted upon forms approved by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury not less than sixty (60) days prior to the proposed event unless waived for good cause.

(5). Applications shall contain such information as the Parish reasonably determines necessary to evaluate the proposed event and protect public health, safety, welfare, neighboring property owners, public infrastructure, and public resources.

(6). The Ouachita Parish Police Jury is authorized to revise, amend, and update application forms and submission requirements as reasonably necessary to administer this Chapter.

(7). The Ouachita Parish Police Jury may require such additional information, documentation, plans, studies, certifications, permits, or assurances as reasonably necessary to determine whether the proposed event may be conducted in a manner consistent with public health, safety, welfare, and the purposes of this Chapter.

Sec. 18.5-9. Standards for issuance of permit.
The Ouachita Parish Administrator or his/her designee shall review each completed application along with any recommendations or other information submitted by the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, Ouachita Parish Department of Public Works, or public entity with responsibility related to the event. The Parish Administrator shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, he/she finds that:

(1) The conduct of the event will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route;

(2) The conduct of the event will not require the diversion of so great a number of law enforcement officers, sheriff's deputies to properly police the line of movement and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police protection to the parish;

(3) The conduct of such event will not require the diversion of so great a number of ambulances as to prevent normal ambulance service to portions of the parish other than that to be occupied by the proposed line of march and areas contiguous thereto;

(4) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at the assembly points of event will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas;

(5) The conduct of such event will not interfere with the movement of fire-fighting equipment en route to a fire;

(6) The event is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays en route.

Sec. 18.5-10. Permit Denial.
The Ouachita Parish Administrator or his/her designee is authorized to deny a permit if:

(1) The application is materially incomplete.

(2) The applicant knowingly provided false or misleading information.

(3) The proposed event cannot be conducted safely despite reasonable conditions.

(4) The applicant fails to obtain approvals required by another governmental agency.

(5) Required insurance is not provided.

(6) The proposed event would unreasonably interfere with emergency services or the safe movement of traffic.

(7) The applicant has previously violated this Article or materially violated permit conditions, and those violations demonstrate an inability or unwillingness to conduct the proposed event safely.

(8) A denial shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the denial.

Sec. 18.5-11. Appeal of Permit Denial.
(1). An applicant whose permit application is denied may appeal the decision by filing a written notice of appeal within ten (10) business days after the date of the written denial.

(2). The notice of appeal shall briefly state the basis for the appeal and include any information the applicant believes should be considered by the Police Jury.

(3). The appeal shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for which all applicable notice requirements can be met, unless the applicant agrees to a later date.

(4). The Police Jury may affirm the denial, reverse the denial, or approve the permit subject to reasonable conditions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(5.) The decision of the Police Jury shall be final administrative action of the Parish.

Sec. 18.5-12 Modification of Permit.
(1) The permittee shall promptly notify the Parish Administrator of any material change to the approved event.

(2) No material change in the date, time, route, staging area, dispersal area, or operational plan shall occur without prior written approval.

Sec. 18.5-13 Suspension or Revocation of Permit
(1). The Ouachita Parish Police Jury may suspend or revoke a permit whenever it is determined that:

A. The permit was obtained through fraud or material misrepresentation;

B. The permittee has materially violated this Article or a condition of the permit;

C. The event presents an immediate threat to public health, safety, or property;

D. Emergency conditions require the modification, suspension, or termination of the event; or

E. Continued operation of the event would unreasonably interfere with emergency services or the safe movement of traffic.

(2). Whenever reasonably practicable, the permittee shall be given notice of the violation and an opportunity to correct the violation before suspension or revocation.

(3). Nothing herein shall prevent the immediate suspension or termination of an event when necessary to protect public safety.

Sec. 18.5-14. Liability Insurance.
(1). Except as otherwise provided herein, every applicant shall obtain and maintain commercial general liability insurance for the duration of the permitted event in an amount determined by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to be reasonably necessary to protect the Parish and the public from claims arising out of the event.

(2) Unless otherwise approved by the Parish Administrator, the minimum limits of liability shall be:

A. $1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage; and

B. Such additional coverage as may be reasonably required based upon the nature, size, location, or risk associated with the event.

(3). The policy shall:
A. Name the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as an additional insured with respect to the permitted event;

B. Be issued by an insurer authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana;

C. Remain in effect for the duration of the event, including staging and dispersal activities; and

D. Provide that coverage shall not be canceled or materially modified without notice to the Parish as required by law or the terms of the policy.

(4) A certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverage shall be submitted before issuance of the permit.

(5) The Parish Administrator may waive or reduce the insurance requirements upon finding that:

A. The event presents minimal risk to the public;

B. The event is sponsored by the Parish or another governmental entity;

C. Comparable insurance coverage is otherwise available; or

D. Strict compliance would impose an unreasonable burden that is not justified by the nature of the event.

E. Any waiver shall be in writing.

Sec. 18.5-15 Bond; Indemnification; recovery of cost
A. Except as otherwise provided herein, every applicant shall furnish a bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) as security for damage to parish roads, rights-of-way, bridges, shoulders, drainage facilities, traffic control devices, signs, or other public property arising from or caused by the permitted event.

B. The bond shall:

1. Be issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana and acceptable to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

2. Name the Ouachita Parish Police Jury as obligee;

3. Remain in effect for the duration of the event, including staging and dispersal activities; and

4. Be conditioned upon payment of the reasonable costs incurred by the Parish to repair or restore public property damaged as a result of the permitted event.

C. Proof of the required bond shall be submitted prior to issuance of the permit.

D. Waiver or Reduction. The Parish Administrator may waive or reduce the bond requirement upon a determination that the nature, size, location, and manner of the proposed event present minimal risk of damage to parish property. In making such determination, consideration may be given to the type and number of vehicles, floats, animals, or other equipment participating in the event; the proposed route; anticipated use of road shoulders or rights-of-way; and the applicant's history of compliance with prior permits.

E. The furnishing of a bond shall not limit the permittee's responsibility for damage to public property or preclude the Parish from recovering damages exceeding the amount of the bond to the extent authorized by law.

F. As a condition of receiving a permit, the permittee shall agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from the negligence or wrongful acts

or omissions of the permittee or the permittee's officers, employees, volunteers, contractors, participants, or agents in connection with the permitted event, except to the extent caused by the negligence or fault of the Parish.

G. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity, limitation of liability, or defense available to the Parish under Louisiana law.

Sec. 18.5-17. Liability; violations and penalties
(1). It shall be unlawful for any person to:

A. Conduct an event requiring a permit without first obtaining a permit;

B. Knowingly violate any provision of this Article;

C. Fail to comply with a lawful permit condition;

D. Knowingly provide false or misleading information in an application;

E. Interfere with law enforcement officers or emergency responders performing duties under this Article; or

F. Fail to comply with a lawful order issued pursuant to this Article.

(2). No participant shall intentionally damage or remove any public sign, barricade, traffic control device, roadway, bridge, drainage facility, or other public improvement.

(3). The permittee shall remove litter, temporary signs, equipment, and other event-related materials from public property within the time specified in the permit

(4). The permittee shall be responsible for the reasonable cost of repairing damage to public property caused by the event, to the extent permitted by law.

(5). Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon the conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars and imprisonment of thirty (30) days in the parish jail. A maximum of one hundred hours of community service may be imposed for a violation of any parish ordinance in addition to, or in lieu of, any penalty provided for in this Article.

(6). Failure to complete required cleanup may result in the Parish performing the work and recovering its reasonable costs from the permittee or applying any cleanup deposit or other financial security provided pursuant to this Article.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOBBY MANNING TO THE OUACHITA PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury created the Ouachita Parish Planning Commission on June 1, 2026 by Ordinance No. 9551; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Planning Commission was created to facilitate planning, coordination, infrastructure review, and advisory functions authorized by Louisiana law and is not intended to establish zoning districts, regulate private property through zoning classifications, or exercise zoning authority not otherwise approved as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Bobby Manning be, and hereby is, appointed to the Ouachita Parish Planning Commission, said appointment being made by nomination of the juror representing District F.

The following resolution adopted on the 3rd day of August 2026.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Ms. Hanks. Ms. Hanks stated that she did not have any items.

The president recognized Ms. Cupit. Ms. Cupit requested approval to pay an invoice to McKesson for equipment purchased for the employee health clinic. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve payment of the invoice. Upon a voice vote, motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Cupit presented the request for the FY 2027 OCOG budget contribution. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the budget contribution. Upon a voice vote, motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Cupit presented quotes from Crexendo to upgrade the phone system for JDAC. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the one-time purchase of equipment with a thirty-six month service agreement. Upon a voice vote, motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Chief Moore. Chief Moore requested approval for Hunter Loftin and Scott Grantham to attend the SCBA Tech II class on November 16-21, 2026. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the travel request. Upon a voice vote, motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson stated that she did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray stated that he did not have any items.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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 6:39 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

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The following resolution was offered by Rev. Harold McCoy and seconded by Dabo Graves:

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, of the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. **Definitions**. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Resolution.

"Bond" means any Bonds of the Issuer authorized to be issued by this Resolution, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or *in lieu* of any Bond previously issued.

"Bond Purchase Agreement" means the completed agreement for the purchase of all or a portion of the Bonds by and between the Issuer and the Underwriter with such additions, deletions, or amendments as shall be appropriate to describe the purchase of Bonds, including the principal maturities of the Bonds, the rate or rates of interest to be borne by the Bonds, the optional and/or mandatory redemption provisions and the conditions of the delivery thereof.

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the Paying Agent at its principal corporate trust office in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, authorized by this Resolution in the total aggregate principal amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000), authorized at a special election held on May 3, 2025.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Defeasance Obligations" means cash or Government Securities.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the President and the Secretary of the Governing Authority.

"Governing Authority" means the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means March 1 and September 1 of each year during the period the Bonds are outstanding, commencing March 1, 2027.

"Issuer" means the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Resolution, except:

1. Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds for payment or redemption of which sufficient Defeasance Obligations have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Bonds, provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Resolution or waived;
3. Bonds in exchange for or *in lieu* of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Resolution; and
4. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Resolution or by law.

"Owner" or **"Owners"** when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Argent Trust Company, in the City of Ruston, Louisiana, until a successor Paying Agent shall have been appointed pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Resolution and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Resolution" means this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended.

"Underwriter" shall mean Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the original underwriter of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. **Authorization of Bonds; Maturities**. In compliance with the terms and provisions of Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the Issuer, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, including, to the extent feasible, those specific school projects set forth in the "Capital Improvement Plan" approved by the School Board on January 14, 2025, title to which shall be in the public, and paying the costs of issuance thereof. To represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, of the Issuer, authorized at the said election held on May 3, 2025. The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery, shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 upwards, shall mature on March 1 in each of the years and in the principal amounts as shall be set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement, may be serial bonds or term bonds with mandatory

call provisions, as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement, and shall mature no later than March 1, 2046. The unpaid principal of the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2027.

The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates of interest (not exceeding 6.00% per annum) and shall be sold at such prices, all as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Resolution upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

During any period after the initial delivery of the Bonds in book-entry-only form when the Bonds are delivered in multiple certificates form, upon request of a registered owner of at least $1,000,000 in principal amount of Bonds outstanding, all payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account designated by such registered owner; CUSIP number identification with appropriate dollar amounts for each CUSIP number will accompany all payments of principal and interest, whether by check or by wire transfer.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Resolution, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration

substantially in the form provided in this Resolution, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

SECTION 3. **Book-Entry Registration of Bonds**. The Bonds shall be initially issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), as registered owner of the Bonds, and held in the custody of DTC. The Secretary of the Issuer or any other officer of the Issuer is authorized to execute and deliver a Letter of Representation to DTC on behalf of the Issuer with respect to the issuance of the Bonds in "book-entry only" format. The terms and provisions of said Letter of Representation shall govern in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Resolution and said Letter of Representation. Initially, a single certificate will be issued and delivered to DTC for each maturity of the Bonds. The Beneficial Owners will not receive physical delivery of Bond certificates except as provided herein. Beneficial Owners are expected to receive a written confirmation of their purchase providing details of each Bond acquired. For so long as DTC shall continue to serve as securities depository for the Bonds as provided herein, all transfers of beneficial ownership interest will be made by book-entry only, and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring beneficial ownership of Bonds is to receive, hold or deliver any Bond certificate.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, while the Bonds are issued in book-entry only form, the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds may be payable by the Paying Agent by wire transfer to DTC in accordance with the Letter of Representation.

For every transfer and exchange of the Bonds, the Beneficial Owner may be charged a sum sufficient to cover such Beneficial Owner's allocable share of any tax, fee or other

governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto.

Bond certificates are required to be delivered to and registered in the name of the Beneficial Owner under the following circumstances:

(a) DTC determines to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds. Such a determination may be made at any time by giving 20 days' notice to the Issuer and the Paying Agent and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law; or

(b) The Issuer determines that continuation of the system of book-entry transfer through DTC (or a successor securities depository) is not in the best interests of the Issuer and/or the Beneficial Owners.

The Issuer and the Paying Agent will recognize DTC or its nominee as the Bondholder for all purposes, including notices and voting.

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent are responsible for the performance by DTC of any of its obligations, including, without limitation, the payment of moneys received by DTC, the forwarding of notices received by DTC or the giving of any consent or proxy *in lieu* of consent.

Whenever during the term of the Bonds the beneficial ownership thereof is determined by a book entry at DTC, the requirements of this Resolution of holding, delivering or transferring the Bonds shall be deemed modified to require the appropriate person to meet the requirements of DTC as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

If at any time DTC ceases to hold the Bonds, all references herein to DTC shall be of no further force or effect.

SECTION 4. **Redemption Provisions**. The Bonds shall be subject to optional

and/or mandatory redemption by the Issuer in the manner and pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by first class mail, postage prepaid by notice deposited in the United States mails, or by accepted means of electronic communication, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

SECTION 5. **Registration and Transfer**. The Issuer shall cause the Bond Register to be kept by the Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange (i) any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date, or (ii) any Bond called for redemption prior to maturity during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bond and ending on the date of such redemption.

SECTION 6. **Form of Bonds**. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in substantially the forms, as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to any

changes as may be approved by the Executive Officers.

SECTION 7. **Execution of Bonds**. The Bonds shall be signed by the Executive Officers for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the corporate seal of the Issuer, which signatures and corporate seal may be either manual or facsimile.

SECTION 8. **Pledge of Full Faith and Credit**. The Bonds shall constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby pledged for their payment. This Governing Authority does hereby obligate itself and is bound under the terms and provisions of law and the election authorizing the Bonds to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes a tax on all of the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds falling due each year, said tax to be levied and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

SECTION 9. **Sinking Fund**. For the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds, the Issuer has established a special fund, held by the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Issuer (the "Sinking Fund"), into which the Issuer will deposit the proceeds of the aforesaid special tax and no other moneys whatsoever (other than investment earnings thereon). The depository for the Sinking Fund shall transfer from the Sinking Fund to the Paying Agent at least one (1) day in advance of each Interest Payment Date, funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest falling due on such date.

All moneys deposited with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank or banks of the Issuer or the Paying Agent under the terms of this Resolution shall constitute sacred funds for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, and shall be secured by said fiduciaries at all times to the

full extent thereof in the manner required by law for the securing of deposits of public funds.

All or any part of the moneys in the Sinking Fund shall, at the written request of the Issuer, be invested in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, in which event all income derived from such investments shall be added only to the Sinking Fund.

SECTION 10. **Application of Proceeds**. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Resolution, to cause the necessary Bonds to be printed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds, including any premium derived from the sale thereof, shall be deposited by the Issuer with its fiscal agent bank or banks to be used (i) for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued and/or (ii) for deposit in the Sinking Fund to be used to pay principal and interest coming due on the Bonds.

SECTION 11. **Bonds Legal Obligations**. The Bonds shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer, and shall be the only representations of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

SECTION 12. **Resolution a Contract**. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the Issuer and its successors, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Bonds and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by the Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Bonds.

No material modification or amendment of this Resolution, or of any resolution amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding;

provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity or redemption provisions of the Bonds, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due from the revenues appropriated, pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Resolution, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Resolution, without the consent of the Owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 13. **Severability; Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws**. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds, but this Resolution and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Resolution which validate or make legal any provision of the Resolution and/or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution and to the Bonds.

SECTION 14. **Recital of Regularity**. This Governing Authority having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bonds herein authorized and having determined the same to be regular, the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

"It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of this State."

SECTION 15. **Effect of Registration**. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, and any agent of either of them may treat the Owner in whose name any Bond is registered as the Owner

of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the Issuer, the Paying Agent, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 16. **Notices to Owners**. Wherever this Resolution provides for notice to Owners of Bonds of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Owner of such Bonds, at the address of such Owner as it appears in the Bond Register. In any case where notice to Owners of Bonds is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Owner of Bonds, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Resolution provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Owner or Owners entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Owners shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 17. **Cancellation of Bonds**. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

SECTION 18. **Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds**. If (a) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (b) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or *in lieu* of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section *in lieu* of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Resolution equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Resolution, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

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SECTION 19. **Discharge of Resolution; Defeasance**. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners, the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Resolution, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Resolution and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners of the Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Resolution to the Issuer.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Governing Authority of funds for such payment or otherwise) at the maturity date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section. Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid, prior to their maturity, within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if they have been defeased pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto.

SECTION 20. **Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement**. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Bonds. The designation of the initial Paying Agent in this Resolution is hereby confirmed and approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person then performing such function a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance giving notice of the termination of the Agreement and appointing a successor and (b) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State, authorized under such laws to

exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate Agreement with the Paying Agent for and on behalf of the Issuer in such form as may be satisfactory to said officers, the signatures of said officers on such Agreement to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

SECTION 21. **Arbitrage**. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Code in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds".

SECTION 22. **Post-Issuance Compliance**. The Executive Officers and/or their designees are directed to establish, continue, and/or amend, as applicable, written procedures to assist the Issuer in complying with various State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations applicable to the Bonds and are further authorized to take any and all actions as may be required by said written procedures to ensure continued compliance with such statutes, rules and regulations throughout the term of the Bonds.

SECTION 23. **Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations** . The Bonds are **not** designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 24. **Execution of Documents**. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Issuer such documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, the signatures of such persons on such documents, certificates and instruments to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

SECTION 25. **Appointment of Underwriter**. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana is hereby appointed as underwriter in connection with the issuance and sale of all or any portion of the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer by execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said underwriter unless the Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 26. **Sale of Bonds; Bond Insurance**. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to the Underwriter, and the Executive Officers, or any of them, are hereby authorized to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Issuer, provided that the sale of the Bonds is within the parameters set forth in this Resolution. The Bond Purchase Agreement may provide for the purchase of bond insurance in the event any Executive Officer, on behalf of the Issuer, finds and determines that the purchase of such bond insurance will be of benefit. In such event, the Executive Officers, or any of them, are hereby authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary and appropriate in connection

with obtaining and securing the bond insurance. After their execution and authentication by the Paying Agent, the Bonds shall be delivered to the Underwriter or their agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Issuer of the agreed purchase price.

The Executive Officers are each hereby empowered to deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Issuer or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement this Resolution or to facilitate the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 27. **Publication**. A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer.

SECTION 28. **Continuing Disclosure**. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered and directed to execute an appropriate Continuing Disclosure Certificate (substantially in the form set forth in the Appendix to the official statement issued in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds) pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

SECTION 29. **Official Statement**. The Issuer hereby approves the form and content of the Preliminary Official Statement, pertaining to the Bonds and hereby ratifies its prior use by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 30. **Section Headings**. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 31. **Effective Date**. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

School Board Members	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Tommy Comeaux	X			
Shere May			X	
Mike Batey	X			
Jerry R. Hicks	X			
Rev. Harold McCoy	X			
Dabo Graves	X			
Greg Manley	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Todd Guice
Secretary

/s/ Tommy Comeaux
President

Exhibits to this resolution have not been published. Exhibits are on file with the minutes of the Ouachita Parish School Board and are available for inspection during regular business hours.

8.27 | $470.25

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33, Section 4712, that the proposed Ordinance 5637 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was introduced at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, on the 18th day of August, 2026, and will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 15th day of September, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana. Any opposition to the proposed Ordinance must be in writing, filed with the City Clerk within 15 days of the first publication of this Legal Notice. A public hearing will be held on any such written opposition at the time, date and place set forth above for the consideration of the adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Andrea Pate
City Clerk
City of West Monroe

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5637 MOTION BY: Westerburg

SECONDED BY: Land

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO TRANSFER CERTAIN DESCRIBED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY TO KRALCO, L.L.C. WHICH IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, ALL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE BY AND BETWEEN CITY AND KRALCO, RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2006, IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 2057, PAGE 516, FILE NO. 1470234, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS AMENDED BY THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE RECORDED MAY 15, 2015, IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 2420, PAGE 358, FILE NO. 1675029 ; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in 2006 the City became aware of the opportunity to entice an industrial fabrication and manufacturing company to relocate to the City of West Monroe if the City was able to participate through industrial inducement programs which would allow the company to acquire an existing but unoccupied facility in West Monroe; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently determined that it would be possible for the City to assist the company utilizing grants from various Louisiana programs through a series of actions and activities by the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to initiate the planned industrial inducement program, on February 22, 2006, the City authorized execution of a Commercial Lease with Option To Purchase from Donald E. Plunk, et ux, for property and facilities located at 228 Industrial Street, West Monroe (hereinafter the "facility" or "facilities"); and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2006, the City also began the process to issue up to $1,250,000.00 of Taxable Certificates of Indebtedness in order to fund the acquisition of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006, the City introduced an ordinance authorizing a proposed Lease With Option To Purchase with WPS Industries, Inc. or its affiliated assigns; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006, the City also authorized execution of a Professional Services Agreement with a qualified consultant to assist in the application for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2006, the City authorized the issuance of up to $1,250,000.00 of Taxable Certificates of Indebtedness in order to fund the acquisition of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, the City authorized the proposed Lease With Option To Purchase with WPS Industries, Inc. or its affiliated assigns; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, the City also authorized execution of an Industrial Inducement Agreement and Contract with WPS Industries, Inc.;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, the City also authorized modification of the Commercial Lease With Option To Purchase with Donald E. Plunk, et ux,

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2006, the City authorized execution of an Agreement and Contract with the State of Louisiana regarding a FY 2006 LCDBG Economic Development Grant which would assist in the funding of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2006, the City endorsed WPS Industries and their project, the new facilities, for participating in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, as well as separately enacting new required City policies dealing with voluntary acquisitions, residential antidisplacement, Section 504 grevience procedures, and Section 504 Assurances in order that the City fully complied with the terms and provisions of the FY 2006 LCDBG Economic Development Grant ; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2006, the City also then authorized the purchase of the facilities from Donald Eugene Plunk, et ux. pursuant to the provisions of that previously executed Commercial Lease with Option to Purchase; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2006, the City entered into the Lease With Option To Purchase with KRALCO, L.L.C. (the affiliated assign of WPS Industries, Inc), the original of which is filed of record in Conveyance Book 2057 at page 516 under File Number 1470234, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter simply the "Lease With Option To Purchase"); and

WHEREAS, in October, 2006, the City continued to assist WPS Industries, Inc, by assisting it to acquire cranes and make other building improvements in the facilities; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2015, the City and KRALCO, L.L.C. entered into an Amendment To Lease With Option To Purchase, the original of which is filed of record in Conveyance Book 2420 at page 358 under File Number 1675029, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, which allowed a prepayment of a portion of rentals, and resulted in a reduction of future rentals payable; and

WHEREAS, KRALCO, LLC and WPS Industries, Inc. have continued active operations in the facility, and have timely paid the amounts due each and every month, and otherwise been in full compliance with the Lease With Option To Purchase executed by them on October 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, KRALCO, LLC has fulfilled all of its obligations under the Lease With Option To Purchase, has indicated its intent to exercise the Option To Purchase promptly upon its payment of its last rental payment due in September, 2026, and has requested that the City obtain any and all necessary authority in order for the property and facility to be transferred to KRALCO, LLC pursuant to the option to purchase at a time following such September, 2026 rental payment, all to be as provided in the terms and conditions of that Lease with Option To Purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe, Louisiana ("CITY") is hereby authorized to transfer certain immovable property which is not needed for any public purpose by the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, which property is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That property located at 228 Industrial Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana, 71292, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land being situated in the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 1½" iron pipe found marking the northwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and proceed North 89°40'00" East along the north line of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of said Section 33, a distance of 1336.00 feet to a 3" iron pipe found marking the northwest comer of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 33: thence, proceed South 89°59'21" East along the north line of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 33, a distance of 916.02 feet to a point on the east right-of-way line of Industrial Drive; thence proceed South 00°22'31" East along the said east right-of-way of Industrial Drive, a distance of 75.84 feet to a set 5/8" rebar and THE POINT OF BEGINNING: thence, proceed North 89°40'00" East, a distance of 417.12 feet to a 5/8" rebar set on the east line of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 33: thence, proceed South 00°00'35" along the east line of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 33, a distance of 1108.84 feet to a 1/2" rebar found on the north right-of-way line of Kansas City Southern Railroad (formerly Illinois Central Railroad); thence, proceed North 85°27'19" West along said railroad right-of-way line, a distance of 471.77 feet to a 1½" iron pipe found marking the southeast comer of a certain tract of land conveyed to Plymouth Tube Company in Conveyance Book 1452, page 757, Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; thence, proceed North 00°22'31" West along the south line of said Plymouth Tube Company Tract, a distance of 572.85 feet (Deed Call 573.06') to a 1/4" rebar found on the south right-of-way line of Grantham Street; thence proceed North 89°40'00" East along said south right-of-way line of Grantham Street, a distance of 60.00 feet to a set 5/8" rebar at the intersection of the east right-of-way line of Industrial Drive; thence, proceed North 00°22'3l" West along the east right-of-way line of Industrial Drive, a distance of 495.85 feet to THE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 111.156 acres, more or less, and being subject to all rights-of-way, easements or servitudes of record or of use. This description is based on the boundary survey and plat prepared by Thomas A. Semmes, Jr., Registered Professional Land Surveyor, dated July 10, 1997, a copy of which is attached to the act by which Hanover Compression Limited Partnership acquired the above described property, in Conveyance Book 1709, page 456, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; which property has the municipal address of 228 Industrial Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana.

to KRALCO, L.L.C. ("KRALCO") for and in consideration of the purchase price determined in accordance with that certain Lease with Option to Purchase by and between CITY and KRALCO, recorded on September 29, 2006, in Conveyance Book 2057, Page 516, File No. 1470234, Records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, as amended by that certain Amendment to Lease with Option to Purchase recorded May 15, 2015, in Conveyance Book 2420, Page 358, File No. 1675029 (collectively, the "Lease"), after application of all rental payments and other credits provided thereunder, together with the payment by KRALCO of any remaining balance due under the Lease, and the sum of ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 ($1,000.00) DOLLARS due upon exercise of the Option to Purchase in compliance with KRALCO's exercise of the Option to Purchase contained in the Lease, and pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, she is hereby further authorized to execute a Cash Sale Deed on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, reflecting the amount and terms set forth above, and to take any other action or execute any and all other documents or impose any and all other terms and provisions deemed by her either necessary or appropriate in order to transfer the above described immovable property as set forth above.

The above ordinance was introduced on August 18, 2026, in regular and legal session convened; notice of this ordinance was published three times in fifteen (15) days, one week apart, as required by R.S. 33:4712; no opposition being filed, it is considered by sections, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted in regular and legal session convened this 15th day of September, 2026, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA:_____

NAY:_____

NOT VOTING:_____

ABSENT:_____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $165.00

West Monroe LOUISIANA

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT
Staci Mitchell
Morgan Buxton
Rodney Welch
Ben Westerburg
Trevor Land
Madison Coates

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderman Dr. Rodney Welch and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 3, 2026 Board of Aldermen regular meeting.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

Recognitions/Presentations

City of West Monroe employees were recognized for years of service.

Kris Kelley with the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce presented a check to Stuart Hodnett with Keep West Monroe Beautiful for money raised at the fundraising event, A Night at Restoration.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5635: Ordinance to authorize an agreement with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting to provide actuarial and related services in order to comply with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 75 for the period June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027 ($3,000).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Land.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

Ordinance 5636: Ordinance authorizing agreements with Revize LLC for website design, hosting, support, maintenance and other web services.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Coates.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

LEGAL

(Introduce) Ordinance 5637: Ordinance to declare certain property to be surplus, and pursuant to provisions of a Lease With Option to Purchase, to be sold to KRALCO, L.L.C.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Land.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ordinance 5638: Ordinance to declare certain moveable property (Senior Center van) as surplus, and to be sold by public internet auction.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Ordinance 5639: Jersey Street Improvements - City Project #250004

Ordinance authorizing execution of a geotechnical engineering proposal from Goldman Geotechnical Consulting, LLC.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Land.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

Kiroli Park Walking Trail Improvements - City Project #C24002

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ $45,663.07, + 153 days) with Benchmark Construction Group of LA, LLC.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Coates.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

Ordinance 5640: New Kiroli Park Gatehouse - City Project #260016

Ordinance to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorize a construction contract for the "New Kiroli Park Gatehouse" project.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Land.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

Project Updates: Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager, Director of Building & Development presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, and more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Citizens Larry Daugherty and Jeanette Calloway spoke to the Council about their concerns involving the actions of the residents of 202 Medorah Dr. They were advised to speak to Chief Jason Pleasant and Building & Zoning Director Jonathan Kaufman immediately after the meeting to report the suspected violations.

ADJOURN
Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Buxton, Welch, Westerburg, Land, Coates

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $74.25

West Monroe LOUISIANA

PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:15 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

All members of the public were invited to attend this public meeting including the Board of Aldermen. A quorum was present. The public meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM by Mayor Staci Mitchell and proceeded with the scheduled presentation.

Recognitions/Presentations

1) Downtown Streetscape Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) Demonstration and Infrastructure Improvements Meeting - An overview of upcoming downtown projects planned to help calm traffic flow, improve pedestrian safety, and strengthen downtown's infrastructure

A presentation was given by Mayor Staci Mitchell and with speakers Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager and Director of Building & Development, and Assistant Chief David May. Questions from members the public present were asked, and answered by the presenters.

ADJOURN
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $24.75

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5635 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Land

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FONTENOT BENEFITS & ACTUARIAL CONSULTING FOR THE PROVISION OF ACTUARIAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) STATEMENT NO. 75, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and it is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for the provision of actuarial consulting and related services necessary to comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75. The terms and conditions of the engagement shall be as set forth in the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and is hereby further authorized to take any and all actions and to execute any and all further documents she deems necessary or appropriate to negotiate, finalize, execute, and administer the agreement described above in accordance with its terms and intent, including, but not limited to, approving such modifications as she determines appropriate with respect to the terms and conditions of the agreement, the scope of services to be performed, and the method of calculating compensation for those services.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, this 18th day of August, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Buxton, Coates, Land, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: none

ATTEST: APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $44.00

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5638 MOTION BY: Welch
SECONDED BY: Buxton

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, THROUGH INTERNET COMPUTER AUCTION PURSUANT TO R.S. 33.4711.1; THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA RESERVING THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND/OR REMOVE ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THAT MOVABLE PROPERTY FROM THE SALE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE LPS MUNICIPAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM TO CONDUCT THE AUCTION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE THE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, owns certain tangible non-consumable movable property formerly utilized in conjunction with the various operations and activities of the City of West Monroe, which is no longer needed for public purposes, and

WHEREAS, that movable property still has a potential value if sold, and the receipt of any funds from its sale will be beneficial to the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, hereby declares that the movable property listed below is no longer needed for any public purpose by the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and is therefore declared surplus, and the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to sell that property, individually or together or in such other combinations as determined appropriate, through internet auction pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:4711.1. The items to be sold are titled in the name "CITY OF WEST MONROE" and are described as:

VIN/SERIAL	Year	Make	Model
1FDFE4FSFHDC70750	2018	Ford	E-450

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the use of any method or means allowed by R.S. 33:4711.1 is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, or her designee, may, if determined appropriate, reserve the right on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, to reject any and all bids and/or remove any portion of the movable property from the auction sale prior to its being offered and/or sold, all with or without a minimum price, and that the terms, conditions, and provisions of that sale are to be for cash at the time of sale and, except as otherwise expressly provided in the sales advertising, all items are to be sold in "as is, where is, with all faults" condition.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, or Matthew Wilson, Finance Director of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and each is hereby further authorized, if they determine it to be in the best interest of the City of West Monroe, to assign all or any portion of the items listed above to the LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, to be listed and auctioned/sold online "as is, where is" at https://lamats.net/surplus, to the highest bidder, with the highest bid being subject to acceptance or rejection by the City, said bidding to last a minimum of seven (7) days, commencing fifteen (15) days after publication of an advertisement in the City's municipal journal of record (though any or all of the items listed above may be prelisted online prior to official newspaper publication).

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, or her designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all other action and to execute any and all documentation necessary or desirable to further effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, this 18th day of August, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Buxton, Coates, Land, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: none

ATTEST: APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $63.25

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5639 MOTION BY: Buxton
SECONDED BY: Land

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GOLDMAN GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTING, LLC, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "JERSEY STREET IMPROVEMENTS"; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and it is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Goldman Geotechnical Consulting, LLC, for professional services consisting of a soil and pavement investigation in connection with the project known as "Jersey Street Improvements," substantially in accordance with Proposal No. 26-080, dated August 7, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and is hereby authorized to take any and all actions and to execute any and all further documents she deems necessary or appropriate to negotiate, finalize, execute, and administer the agreement described above in accordance with its terms and intent, including, but not limited to, approving such modifications as she determines appropriate with respect to the terms and conditions of the agreement and the scope of services to be performed.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, this 18th day of August, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Buxton, Coates, Land, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: none
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $35.75

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5640 MOTION BY: Welch
SECONDED BY: Land

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED, WHICH MEETS THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, BEING THE BID OF RYAN WATSON CONSTRUCTION, FOR $195,000.00; AND THEREAFTER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH RYAN WATSON CONSTRUCTION, FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "NEW KIROLI PARK GATEHOUSE"; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe accepts the lowest responsive and responsible bid meeting the plans and specifications for the project known as "New Kiroli Park Gatehouse," being the bid of Ryan Watson Construction, in the amount of $195,000.00.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, be and she is hereby authorized to execute a construction contract with Ryan Watson Construction, for certain construction services in connection with the project known as "New Kiroli Park Gatehouse," in accordance with the bid accepted by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, be and she is hereby further authorized to negotiate and modify the provisions of the construction contract as she determines necessary or appropriate, and thereafter to execute such contract and any documents necessary to carry out its terms.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, this 18th day of August, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Buxton, Coates, Land, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: none
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

Andrea N. Pate — Staci Albritton Mitchell
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK — STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE — CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA — STATE OF LOUISIANA

8.27 | $35.75

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for construction of the following project will be received by the City of Bastrop, (hereinafter referred to as "Owner"). Bids will be received by the Owner, until 10:00 AM (local time) on August 31, 2026 at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office located at 202 East Jefferson, Bastrop, LA 71220.

No bids will be received after the above time and date.

STATE PROJECT NO. H.XXXXXX Morehouse Memorial Airport, Morehouse Parish.

Morehouse Memorial Airport – Drainage Improvements & Utility Relocation $335,000.00

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: Five Percent (5%) of Base Bid Amount.

PROJECT ENGINEER: Volkert, Inc., 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, Telephone (318) 388-1422, Project Manager – Clinton C. Patrick, P.E., P.L.S.

PRE BID CONFERENCE: To be held on August 19,2026 @ 10:00 at City of Bastrop meeting room, 202 East Jefferson, Bastrop, LA 71220. This conference is not mandatory.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Upon deposit of $100.00 for each set or request a link for an electronic set of plans and specs in PDF format.

Bids must be submitted on forms provided, must be prepared in accordance with the "Project Specifications" and must include all information required by the bid form. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the bids. Contract Documents will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for opening bids.

Written requests for plans and bid forms should be sent to Volkert, Inc., 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 to the attention of Chris W. Patrick.

Drawings, specifications and contract documents were prepared by Volkert, Inc., 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203. The bid package may be examined in the office of Volkert, Inc., 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203.

All Prime Bidders MUST obtain copies of Bidding Documents from Volkert, Inc., located at 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana, upon receipt of a $100 deposit for each set of paper documents or request a link for an electronic set of plans and specs in PDF format. Prime Bidder is defined as licensed "Heavy Construction" Contractors bidding this job as such. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders shall be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less the actual cost of reproduction, shall be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Bond, a Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount not less than that specified above and shall be made payable to the City of Bastrop, without conditions. This shall be given as a guarantee that the Bidder will execute the Contract, if it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents.

The bidder must complete the Past Criminal Convictions of Bidders (Attestations) form. The bidder must also provide an affidavit attesting that public contract was not secured through employment or payment of solicitor (see Non Collusion Declaration) form.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

The successful Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond acceptable to the City of Bastrop, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract in conformity with the Contract Documents. The contractor for the contract shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him/board from claims which may arise out of, or result from the contractor's execution of the work, whether such execution be by himself or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone from whose acts any of them may be liable.

Federal Requirements: This project is federally funded and federal provisions and requirements apply. Federal provisions made part of, but not limited to this contract include: Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 USC § 50101, which provides that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel and manufactured goods used in AIP funded projects are produced in the United States, unless the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a waiver for the product; the product is listed as an Excepted Article, Material Or Supply in Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 25.108; or is included in the FAA Nationwide Buy American Waivers Issued list.

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity:

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Timetables

Goals for minority participation for each trade: 6.5%

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of $10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is City of Bastrop, Louisiana, Morehouse Parish.

Title VI Solicitation Notice:

The City of Bastrop, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, [select disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises] will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Successful Bidders are required to submit to the Owner, the following documents within 10 days of bid opening:

Statement of Bidder's Qualifications
Certification of Bidder Regarding EEO
Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts
Letter of Intent - DBD
Bidders Assurance of DBE Participation
DBE Good Faith Effort Documentation
Attestations Affidavit
Non Collusion Declaration

Bidders are notified that the award of the contract shall be by the Owner and that construction administration and inspection will be performed by the Engineer and final acceptance will be made by the Owner upon recommendation of the Engineers and subject to approval by the FAA.

Liquidated damages for delay will be in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per day for delays other than those caused by adverse weather conditions, acts of God, acts of delay caused by scheduling of operation by the Engineer or the Owner adverse to the interest of the contractor.

Bids must be submitted on the Standard Form of Proposal included herein and the successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Contract for Construction, together with the performance bond and payment bond, within ten (10) days after formal award of the contract. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty five (45) days after the time schedule for the opening of bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause.

The contractor shall display his Contractor's License Number prominently on the outside of the envelope.

At the time and place stipulated, all proposals on hand will be opened and read aloud.

Any proposal received after the specified day and hour will be returned unopened.

No bids, after being submitted, may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for opening of bids.

/s/
Honorable Mark Moore, Sr., Mayor
City of Bastrop
PUBLISHED:
Ouachita Citizen – August 6, 2026, August 18, 2026, August 20, 2026 and August 27, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Bastrop
c/o Volkert, Inc.
114 Venable Lane
Monroe, LA 71203

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, BID, BID BOND, AGREEMENT, GENERAL CONDITIONS, Payment Bond, Performance Bond, SPECIFICATIONS, and ADDENDA, may be examined at the following location:

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for just cause per State Public Bid Law.

August 24, 2026 /s/
Date Honorable Mark Moore, Mayor

Ad to Appear:
August 27, 2026
September 3, 2026
September 10, 2026
September 17, 2026

The Village of Mer Rouge is accepting sealed bids for our 2017 Ford F150 extended cab, mileage 90,346.1, with a minimum bid of $11,000.00. Sealed bids can be brought to the city hall at 107 N. 18th. St. Mer Rouge, La. 71261 by 3:00pm October 13, 2026.

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MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION
(LSU Ag Center)

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Bastrop, Louisiana, on these, the 13th day of April, 2026 and 8th day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:/s/ Terry Mathews
President
/s/ Shasidee Phillips
Secretary
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SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS NO. 2026-206
RUBY D. MCDANIEL AKA RUBY DEAN MCDANIEL, LARHONDA FUSILIER, AND KANESHA PAYNE

By virtue of a **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Lot 9 A of Huntington Place per plat in Plat Book 8, page 2, Less & Except that portion of Lot 9 sold to Alice A Witherington Cain in Conveyance Book 490, page 255, records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, Which has an address of, 5874 Huntington Dr, Bastrop, LA 71220.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 7-30-26
2ND AD: 8-27-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

GMFS, LLC
VS NO. 2025-446
CARISSA E. GEIL AKA CARISSA E. GEIL EVANS AND JORDAN R EVANS

By virtue of a **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Plaintiff's mortgage and/or privilege affects the following described property, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of that certain tract of land acquired by Jewell B. Varnado from Mrs. Madie Wooten by deed dated July 30, 1940, recorded in Conveyance Book 98, Page 214 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and sold by Jewel B. Varnado to Claude Thomas Matheny by deed recorded in Conveyance Book 160, Page 523, of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, thence run in a northerly direction with the east right of way line of Bastrop-Crossett Highway to the northwest corner of the lot sold by Claude Thaomas Matheny to Robert Graves by deed dated April 26, 1964, and recorded in Conveyance Book 167, Page 591, of the Records of Morehouse Parish and the POINT OF BEGINNING: thence run east with the north line of said Graves lot 544 feet to the northeast corner of said Graves lot; thence run in a northerly direction parallel with the east line of the Bastrop-Crossett Highway 200 feet; thence run West 544 feet to the east right of way line of Bastrop-Crossett Highway; thence run in a southerly direction with said east right of way line of the Bastrop-Crossett Highway 200 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.5 acres more or less and being the same property acquired by Bruce Wayne Courson from Michael L Brixey and Mrs. Pamela D. Brixey by deed dated August 25, 1977 recorded in Conveyance Book 326, Page 767, #97312, records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana less 0.12 of an acre sold to the State of Louisiana, DOTD in 696/234, being Tract #ab231; subject to restrictions, servitudes, right-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITH benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 7-30-26
2ND AD: 8-27-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, D/B/A MOREHOUSE GENERAL HOSPITAL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026.

The Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, d/b/a Morehouse General Hospital, State of Louisiana, met in regular session for a meeting at its usual meeting place, the W. A. Rogers Board Room, 323 West Walnut Ave, Bastrop, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 pm, under written notice duly given and posted in the manner required by law.

Present: Dr. Catherine Estis, Board of Commissioner Chairman; Dr. Martin Young; Derenda Flowers; Casey Petrus; and Terrance Key.

Absent: None

Also Present: James Barrett, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Ted Topolewski, Chief Financial Officer; Christina Phillips, Chief Nursing Officer; Dr. Curtis Sanders, Chief of Staff; and Barbara Malmay, Recorder.

Absent: None.

Guests: Dorothy Thomas, Morehouse Parish Police Jury; Jay Mitchell, Hospital Board Attorney; Dr. John Sutherlin.

Absent: None.

Call to Order:

The Chairman, Dr. Catherine Estis, duly convened the Louisiana Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana, as the governing authority called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Invocation:

Mr. Charles Bradford gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

The roll call was held with five members present, which met the requirements for a quorum as follows:

Present: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.

Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda:

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Flowers, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the amendment to add #7 Grant Writing Update presented by Dr. John Sutherlin and to add the following New Business items: A. Proposal to amend order of business with new template for agenda; B. Adopt Resolution regarding signing contracts; C. Discussion of employee updates and changes; D. Request for joining the Louisiana Rural Health Association (LRHA) and registration for July meeting in Monroe; E. Nominate and elect Board officers. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Public Comments re: Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board Committee from April 28, 2026, as reviewed and presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Grant Writing Presentation – CAID Group – Dr. John Sutherlin:

Dr. Sutherlin stated that Rachel Cotton has been added to the team along with Caitlyn Slavich. He stated that they are coordinating with North Delta Planning for a Delta Regional Authority Grant. He stated that it is called the Community Infrastructure Fund. Dr. Sutherlin stated that the costs of the system, installation, and grant compliance will be covered in the grant. He stated that three appraisals have been done. He stated that they will need letters of support. Dr. Sutherlin stated that a match in funds will need to be shown. He stated that clarity on the status of the Healthcare Foundation is needed.

Finance Report for April – Dr. Ted Topolewski, Chief Financial Officer:

Dr. Topolewski presented the balance sheet for review. He stated that according to the statistics, May financials will be improved. He stated that June will be better due to the new hospitalist group. Dr. Topolewski stated that April will be the high-water mark of losses. He stated that the hospital lost approximately $270,000. He stated that the gross patient revenue was $7,744,000. Dr. Topolewski stated that expenses are in line. He stated that the clinic loss was $188,000. He stated that the billing department has not been properly supervised and have not been held fully accountable. The Board stated that they received the Financial Report for April.

Administration Report – James Barrett, Chief Executive Officer:

A. Discuss Listed Items (Board Request)
Mr. Barrett stated that these items will be moved to Executive Session. Dr. Estis asked if there were any objections to this, and there were none.

B. Discuss the 340B Program
Mr. Barrett stated that Craneware was on site for four days. He stated that a plan was developed. He stated that there will be three phases, and phase one is complete. Mr. Barrett that this program will be up and running by July generating about $150,000/per month.

C. Discuss and approve the Incentive Program for the Revenue Cycle Department
Mr. Barrett stated that an Incentive Program has been developed for the Revenue Cycle Department. Dr. Topolewski stated that it has been broken down into three sections of Revenue Cycle. Ms. Flowers stated that this program will not recognize all departments' employees for out-performing. Mrs. Petrus stated that she is in favor of programs like these because it motivates the employees. Mr. Topolewski stated that this program has the potential to cost the hospital $2,000/per month if all three departments met their goal.
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to approve the Resolution (Incentive Program for Revenue Cycle Employees). The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Young, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: Estis and Flowers.
Absent: None.

D. Review the Annual Operating Budget FY27
Dr. Topolewski and Mr. Barrett presented the FY27 Annual Budget as provided in the folder.

E. Adoption of Resolution 04282026-1 (Legal Services of Sullivan Stolier Schulze, LLC.)
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution 04282026-1 (Legal Services). The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

F. Adoption of Resolution – Millage Key (8 mills)
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Estis, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution – Millage Key (8 mills). The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

G. Adoption of Resolution – Millage Key (5 mills)
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Estis, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution – Millage Key (5 mills). The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Chief of Staff Report – Dr. Curtis Sanders:

Dr. Sanders stated that the Bylaws/Credentials/Medical Executive Committee (MEC) recommends approving the action requests listing Initial Appointment, Reappointments, and Changes of Staff Status for privileges as provided in the folder.

On a motion made by Ms. Flowers, seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to approve these action requests for the Initial Appointments, Reappointments, and Changes of Staff Status as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

New Business:

A. Proposal to amend order of business with new template for agenda
Dr. Young presented a new agenda template as provided in the folder.

B. Adopt Resolution regarding signing contracts
The Board will be notified when the hospital enters into substantial contracts. The Hospital Director will present by written communication to the Board prior to entering into such contracts: 1) Contracts obligating the District to annual expenditures of more than $100,000; or 2) Contracts having a term of more than twenty-four months.
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution (Signing Significant Transactions). The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

C. Discussion of employee updates and changes
These items will be moved into Executive Session.

D. Joining the Louisiana Rural Health Association
Dr. Estis requested that the hospital join the LRHA. She stated that she would like to attend their July meeting in Monroe.

E. Nominate and Elect Board officers
Nominations for the office of Chairman were called. Dr. Young nominated Dr. Estis for the office of Chairman. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman were called. Mrs. Petrus nominated Dr. Young for the office of Vice-Chairman. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION under "L.A. R.S. 46:1073":

Strategic Plans, Marketing Strategies & Compliance Report:

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Flowers, the Board voted to go into the Executive Session. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:27 pm.

The Board did not reconvene to Open Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Flowers, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, Petrus, and Key.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

The Chairman adjourned the Board meeting at 8:29 pm.

Dr. Catherine Estis
DR. CATHERINE ESTIS, CHAIRMAN

James W. Barrett Jr.
JAMES BARRETT, SECRETARY

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, D/B/A MOREHOUSE GENERAL HOSPITAL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026.

The Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, d/b/a Morehouse General Hospital, State of Louisiana, met in regular session for a meeting at its usual meeting place, the W. A. Rogers Board Room, 323 West Walnut Ave, Bastrop, Louisiana, on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:00 pm, under written notice duly given and posted in the manner required by law.

Present: Dr. Catherine Estis, Board of Commissioner Chairman; Dr. Martin Young; Derenda Flowers; and Casey Petrus.

Absent: Terrance Key.

Also Present: James Barrett, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Ted Topolewski, Chief Financial Officer; Christina Phillips, Chief Nursing Officer; Dr. Curtis Sanders, Chief of Staff; and Barbara Malmay, Recorder.

Absent: None.

Guests: Dorothy Thomas, Morehouse Parish Police Jury; Jay Mitchell, Hospital Board Attorney; and Todd Newton.

Call to Order:

The Chairman, Dr. Catherine Estis, duly convened the Louisiana Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana, as the governing authority called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Invocation:

Mr. Todd Newton gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

The roll call was held with four members present, which met the requirements for a quorum as follows:

Present: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Absent: Key.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board Committee from May 26, 2026, as reviewed and presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Nays: None.
Absent: Key.

Grant Writing Update – CAID Group:

Dr. John Sutherlin provided an update which was provided in the folder. The report was received and filed without objection.

Radiology Report – Mr. Todd Newton:

Mr. Todd Newton presented a Power Point presentation giving an update on the Radiology Department and the Orthopedic Clinic. The report was received and filed without objection.

Finance Report for May – Dr. Ted Topolewski, Chief Financial Officer:

Dr. Topolewski presented the balance sheet for review as provided in the folder. He stated that the hospital is down on cash. He stated that there is an additional $100,000 than is reported on the balance sheet. Dr. Topolewski stated that the balance sheet shows $4,191,473.00 for the cash and cash equivalents. He stated that the hospital has collected $2,711,000 this month as of today's date. He stated that $9,637,724.05 worth of bills have been sent out. Dr. Topolewski stated that over $10,000,000.00 worth of claims have been sent out this month. He presented the income statement for review as provided in the folder. He stated that this month's loss was $296,323.00. Dr. Topolewski stated that the loss is being dramatically reducing the loss. He presented the patient volumes and utilization statistics for review as provided in the folder. He stated that there are 40 to 45 days cash on hand. The report was received and filed without objection.

Administration Report – James Barrett, Chief Executive Officer:

Mr. Barrett presented the administration report. He provided an employee information report. He stated that three employees have resigned and one employee was laid off. Mr. Barrett discussed the addition of Cardiology Services at the hospital. He stated that Dr. Gonzalez has agreed to come eight days per month. He stated that the machine is being leased for about $7,000 per month. Mr. Barrett stated that the 340B program should be active in July. He stated that the USDA did come on site for an evaluation, and said a new hospital is needed. He stated that the necessary paperwork has been filled out and submitted. The report was received and filed without objection.

Nursing Administration Report – Mrs. Christina Phillips, Chief Nursing Officer:

Mrs. Phillips presented the nursing administration report. She stated that the Living Well Foundation has awarded the hospital a $45,000 grant for trauma stabilization. She stated that the hospital was also awarded $10,000 for wound care. Mrs. Phillips stated that the LDA came in and did a survey on the maternal unit. She stated that no deficiencies were reported. The report was received and filed without objection.

Chief of Medical Staff Report – Dr. Curtis Sanders:

Dr. Sanders stated that the Bylaws/Credentials/Medical Executive Committee (MEC) recommends approving the action requests listing Initial Appointment, Reappointments, and Changes of Staff Status for privileges as provided in the folder.

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Estis, the Board voted to approve these action requests for the Initial Appointments, Reappointments, and Changes of Staff Status as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Nays: None.
Absent: Key.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to address.

New Business:

A. Adopt Resolution 06232026 authorizing the sale of property
Mr. Barrett stated that the resolution will be brought back before the Board once the process is complete.

B. Review and approve Patient Transfer Agreement
Mr. Barrett presented the Patient Transfer Agreement with St. Francis.
On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Mrs. Petrus, the Board voted to approve the Patient Transfer Agreement with St. Francis. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:
Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Nays: None.
Absent: Key.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION under "L.A. R.S. 46:1073":

Strategic Plans, Marketing Strategies & Compliance Report:

On a motion made by Dr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Flowers, the Board voted to go into the Executive Session. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Nays: None.
Absent: Key.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

The Board did not reconvene to Open Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Flowers, and seconded by Dr. Young, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Estis, Young, Flowers, and Petrus.
Nays: None.
Absent: Key.

The Chairman adjourned the Board meeting at 7:36 pm.

Dr. Catherine Estis
DR. CATHERINE ESTIS, CHAIRMAN

James W. Barrett Jr.
JAMES BARRETT, SECRETARY

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West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2025
Members Present:Anne Sanders, Jeff Glover
Members Absent:Don Leach
Others Present:Ricky McMullen District Manager
Randy C. Hammons, P.E., Lazenby & Associates, Inc.
Jerry G. Lazenby, P.E., P.L.S., Lazenby & Associates, Inc.

Board Meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.M. by Jeff Glover, Vice-President.

Vice-President Glover asked the Board Members to review the August 11, 2025 and the September 8, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Following a brief review of the meeting minutes, Commissioner Sanders moved that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice-President Glover recognized Ricky McMullen, District Manager and requested that he present the proposed GOWC agreement requested by GOWC. Mr. McMullen stated that GOWC was requesting a modification of the current agreement in order that GOWC could deduct monthly fees for collecting sewer use fees from the monthly payments to the WOSD No. 5 rather than paying 100% of the fees collected and then invoicing WOSD No. 5 for the monthly billing fees. After a short discussion, Commissioner Sanders moved that the WOSD No. 5 accept the agreement change requested by GOWC.

Commissioner Glover seconded the motion.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice-President Glover then recognized Jerry Lazenby, P.E. and requested that he present the proposal for the Cypress Cove Duplexes proposed on Wallace Road. Mr. Lazenby presented the plans for the Cypress Cove Duplexes proposed on Wallace Road and presented his letter of review and recommendations dated September 30, 2025. The proposed development is at 431 Wallace Road and consists of 17 buildings (34 single family residential units) duplexes within the boundaries of the WOSD No. 5.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Sanders moved that the Board grant preliminary approval of the proposed residential development.

Commissioner Glover seconded the motion.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Vice-President Glover then recognized Randy Hammons, P.E. and requested an update on the Lift Station "N" force main on Washington Street.

Mr. Hammons reported that Representative Jack McFarland had the Priority One funding request in House Bill 2 presented to the Louisiana Board Commission and secured approval to sell $1,000,000 in State Bond funds under Capital Outlay for the planning and construction of the Lift Station "N" Force Main Replacement along Washington Street (LA 3033).

Vice-President Glover then requested that Ricky McMullen, Manager provide an update on the Water Sector Commission Rate Study.

Manager McMullen reported that he had not heard back from the Office of Community Development since his last request to cancel the adoption of the rate study.

No action required by the Board at this time.

Vice-President Glover ask if any other business was to be presented to the Board prior to the review of the district's financial reports.

Vice-President Glover requested that Mr. McMullen present the WOSD No. 5 Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025 and the WOSD No. 5 Profit and Loss Budget Performance Sheet for July and August, 2025. These items are informational items only and no formal Board action is required.

Vice-President Glover requested that District Manager McMullen present the WOSD No. 5 Cash Receipts and Distribution Report for September, 2025 and October, 2025.

Following a review and discussion of the various expenditures and receipts, Commissioner Sanders moved that the financial report be accepted and that the receipts and expenses be approved.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Glover.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Glover at 11:40 A.M. by a motion made by Commissioner Sanders and seconded by Commissioner Glover.

Respectfully submitted,
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West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025
Members Present:Don Leach, Anne Sanders, Jeff Glover
Members Absent:None
Others Present:Ricky McMullen District Manager
Randy C. Hammons, P.E., Lazenby & Associates, Inc.
Jerry G. Lazenby, P.E., P.L.S., Lazenby & Associates, Inc.

Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Don Leach, President.

President Leach asked the Board Members to review the July 14, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Following a brief review of the meeting minutes, Commissioner Glover moved that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

President Leach recognized Ricky McMullen, District Manager and asked about the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Amended Budget and the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget. Mr. McMullen advised the President that the Board needed to conduct a Public Hearing on the amended and the proposed budget.

Commissioner Sanders moved that the Board meeting be briefly adjourned in order to conduct the public hearing. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

President Leach then declared the regular monthly Board meeting adjourned in order to conduct the required public hearing.

President Leach requested that Ricky McMullen, Manager present the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year amended budget and the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year proposed budget.

Following Mr. McMullen's presentation, President Leach asked for any public comments concerning the amended and the proposed budgets.

Hearing none, President Leach closed the public hearing and reopened the regular monthly Board meeting.

Commissioner Glover moved that the Board of Commissioners adopt the 2024-2025 fiscal year amended budget and the 2025-2026 fiscal year proposed budget.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.

Motion approved by an unanimous voice vote.

President Leach then recognized Randy Hammons, P.E. and requested an update on the Lift Station "N" force main on Washington Street.

Mr. Hammons reported that he is in the process of developing revised plans to place the force main within private right-of-way paralleling Washington Street and taking steps to start acquiring right-of-way for the project. Mr. Lazenby, P.E. reported that during the last legislative session, Senator Morris had secured $1,000,000 in Priority One of House Bill 2 for this project.

No action required by the Board at this time.

President Leach then requested that Ricky McMullen, Manager provide an update on the Water Sector Commission Rate Study.

Manager McMullen reported that he had talked to Senator Glen Womack and that Mr. Womack is in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve this problem.

No action required by the Board at this time.

President Leach ask if any other business was to be presented to the Board prior to the review of the district's financial reports.

President Leach requested that Mr. McMullen present the WOSD No. 5 Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2025 and the WOSD No. 5 Profit and Loss Budget Performance Sheet for June, 2025. These items are informational items only and no formal Board action is required.

President Leach requested that District Manager McMullen present the WOSD No. 5 Cash Receipts and Distribution Report for July, 2025 and August, 2025.

Following a review and discussion of the various expenditures and receipts, Commissioner Glover moved that the financial report be accepted and that the receipts and expenses be approved.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanders.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned by President Leach at 11:35 A.M. by a motion made by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Commissioner Sanders.

Respectfully submitted,
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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

NOTICE

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, will accept applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) beginning, Monday, September 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. until Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The taking of applications will be taken ONLINE ONLY. You can apply at https://waitlistcheck.com/LA3029 or monroehousing.com.

As per Monroe Housing's Admission and continued Occupancy Plan, no applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section8) will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 4:00 PM until further notice.

William V. Smart,
Executive Director

Anyone who is disabled or requires special services should contact the Monroe Housing Authority at (318) 388-1500, Extension 300. TDD/TTY 1-800-545-1833 ext. 872

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WEEK of August 25, 2026
WEEK of September 01, 2026
WEEK of September 08, 2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
JULY 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, Stat of Louisiana was called to order on July 16, 2026, at 11:33 a.m. at the Wellness Center, 3215 Cypress Street West Monroe, Louisiana, by Mike Mulhearn, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. All references to th "District" refer to the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana. All reference to the "Foundation" refer to the Living Well Foundation.

INVOCATION

Mr. Guillot gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mike Mulhearn, Chairman; Pat Spencer, Vice-Chairman; Wade Bishop, Rick Guillot, Jeri Beth Watson Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Missy Oubre, Executive Director of the Wellness Center; Sarah Griffin, Wellness Center Accounting John Cameron; CPA and Tabitha Reynolds, Recording Secretary.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISRICT

There were no comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Cameron CPA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF JUNE

After review of the minutes of the District's meeting of June 18, 2026, a motion was made by Mr. Guillot an seconded by Mr. Spencer to adopt the minutes as presented and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING, INCLUDING WITI RESPECT TO THE FUTURE OF THE WELLNESS CENTER AND RELATIONS WITH GRMC ANI THE LIVING WELL FOUNDATION

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously approved by the Board o Commissioners to go into executive session for the purposes of strategic planning, including reviewing th Wellness Center monthly financial statements, along with a budget to actual comparison for the general fun showing no deficit spending, and the reconciled bank statement was reviewed, signed, and dated.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 31, 2025

Missy Oubre, Executive Director of the Wellness Center, and Sarah Griffin, Accounting, were in attendance t discuss Wellness Center Operations.

Mr. Spencer proposed, Mrs. Jeri Beth seconded, and the Commissioners present approved the motion to go back into public session.

REVIEW OF CURRENT FINANCIALS OF THE DISTRICT OTHER THAN THE WELLNES CENTER

Sarah Griffin and Mr. Mulhearn presented the monthly financials of the District (other than the Wellness Center ending June 30, 2026.

PUBLICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Upon confirmation of the District's audited financial statements being posted on the Legislative Auditor's wel site, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Guillot, and unanimously approve by the Board of Commissioners:

WHEREAS, the District has approved its Audited Financial Statements for 2025 and such statement have been transmitted to the Legislative Auditor;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor has published the District's audited financial statements on th Legislative Auditor's website;

RESOLVED, that the Chairman shall cause a notice to be published in the Ouachita Citizen, as the officia journal of the District, that the financial statements of the District as of December 31, 2025 and for the annua period then ended, as required by and furnished to the Legislative Auditor, are available for free on the Legislativ Auditor's website at http://app1.lla.state.la.us/PublicReports.nsf, under the "By Parish" link, then the "Ouachita link, and then the "Ouachita Parish Hospital Service District No. 1" link.

TRANSACTION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THI MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting of the District is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center, 3215 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Mulhearn declared the meeting adjourned.

J Mulhearn
Chairman

8/4/2026
Date

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA
JUNE 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana was called to order on June 18, 2026, at 11:42 a.m. at the Wellness Center, 3215 Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, by Mike Mulhearn, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. All references to the "District" refer to the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana. All references to the "Foundation" refer to the Living Well Foundation.

INVOCATION

Mr. Mulhearn gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mike Mulhearn, Chairman, Pat Spencer, Vice-Chairman; Jeri Beth Watson, Secretary/Treasurer; Rick Guillot; and Wade Bishop

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Missy Oubre, Executive Director of the Wellness Center; Sarah Griffin, Wellness Center Accounting; and Tabitha Reynolds, Recording Secretary.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISRICT

Mr. Mulhearn welcomed everyone.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments currently.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF MAY 21, 2026

After review of the minutes of the District's meeting of May 21, 2026, a motion was made by Mr. Mulhearn and seconded by Mr. Spencer to adopt the minutes as presented and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE OF THE WELLNESS CENTER AND RELATIONS WITH GRMC AND THE LIVING WELL FOUNDATION

A motion was made by Mr. Mulhearn seconded by Mr. Guillot and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners to go into executive session for the purposes of strategic planning, including reviewing the Wellness Center monthly financial statements, along with a budget to actual comparison for the general fund showing no deficit spending, and the reconciled bank statement was reviewed, signed, and dated.

Missy Oubre, Executive Director of the Wellness Center, and Sarah Griffin, Accounting, were in attendance to discuss Wellness Center Operations.

Mr. Bishop proposed, Mrs. Watson seconded, and the Commissioners present approved the motion to go back into public session.

REVIEW OF CURRENT FINANCIALS OF THE DISTRICT OTHER THAN THE WELLNESS CENTER

Sarah Griffin and Mr. Mulhearn presented the monthly financials of the District (other than the Wellness Center) ending May 31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Mrs. Watson offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Hospital Service District shall continue to have the proceedings of its Board of Commissioners and notice of the availability of such financial statements as are required by and furnished to the Legislative Auditor published in the Ouachita Citizen.

Mr. Bishop seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF LIVING WELL FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2026

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the Executive Committee minutes of June 3, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2026

TRANSACTION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting of the District was to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center, 3215 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Mulhearn declared the meeting adjourned.

J Mulhearn
Chairman

5/21/2026
Date

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Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau
601 Constitution Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71292
Board of Directors Meeting
June 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors' Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 4:06 PM by Chairperson Don O'Toole, Jr.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

- Kevin Crosby
- Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence
- Jordan Guillot
- Shelly Harrell
- Don O'Toole, Jr.
- Nash Patel

Members Absent: Josh Etheridge, Dr. Valerie Fields, Diane Mulhearn, Ryan Roark, and Roderick Worthy.

Others in Attendance: Alana Cooper (President/CEO), Krystle Ivey (Director of Operations), and Stacy Gibson (Office Coordinator).

Absent: Elmer Noah, Board Attorney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Nash Patel and seconded by Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Don O'Toole, Jr. opened the floor for public comments. No members of the public were present for comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence and seconded by Shelly Harrell to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Directors meeting held on May 18, 2026. The motion was carried by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, including itemized deposits and disbursements. The General Funds balance as of May 31, 2026, was $9,302,358.57.

A motion was made by Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence and seconded by Nash Patel to approve the May 31, 2026, financial reports, including the budget-to-actual comparison. The motion was carried by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

STAFF TRAVEL PLANS

A motion was made by Jordan Guillot and seconded by Shelly Harrell to approve the staff travel plans for June 2026 through October 2026. The motion was carried by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Tourism Development Grant Meeting:

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Jordan Guillot to approve a partial payment of $230,140.12 to the City of Monroe for the Louisiana Purchase Project 2021 at the Zoo. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence to approve final payment of $5,000.00 to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Association for the Crawfish Classic. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Jordan Guillot to approve final payment of $10,000.00 to the Red, White & Blue Airshow. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

Bids:

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Nash Patel to commit $8,000.00 for a bid to host the USDAA Cynosport World Games in November 2027. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Dr. Angela Crumpton-Lawrence to commit $20,000.00 for a bid to host the Intercollegiate Nationals in March 2027. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

Return Bids:

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Jordan Guillot to return $11,000.00 for Red River Athletic Conference to Special Promotions. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Designation of Official Journal:

A motion was made by Kevin Crosby and seconded by Jordan Guillot to designate The Ouachita Citizen as the Official Journal from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Motion carried by a vote of six (6) affirmative votes to zero (0) negative votes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jordan Guillot and seconded by Shelly Harrell to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 PM. The motion was carried by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don O'Toole, Jr.
Don O'Toole, Jr., Chairperson

Shelly Harrell
Shelly Harrell, Treasurer

8.27 | $60.50