

UPSO: Arkansas woman arrested in child sex abuse investigation



Vargas

The Union Parish Sheriff’s Office (UPSO) has arrested an Arkansas woman on multiple felony charges following an investigation into the sexual and physical abuse of a juvenile in Union Parish.

In November 2025, the UPSO received a complaint alleging sexual abuse and physical abuse involving a minor child. UPSO Criminal Investigations Division investigators immediately initiated an investigation.

The investigation revealed that the juvenile was subjected to sexual acts and physical abuse that resulted in both physical injury and emotional trauma. Based on these findings, an arrest warrant was

obtained through the Third Judicial District Court for the suspect, Jessica Mon-dragon Perez Vargas, 30, of Portland, Ark. After the warrant was issued, investigators developed information that Vargas was in Arkansas. Investigators traveled to Chicot County and Ashley County, Ark., where both county sheriff’s offices aided UPSO investigators in tracking Vargas. She was taken into custody without incident, waived extradition and extradited

back to Union Parish. UPSO extends sincere appropriation to the Chicot County Sheriff’s Office and the Ashley County Sheriff’s Office for their professionalism and cooperation. Vargas was booked into the Union Parish Detention Center for first-degree rape, oral sexual battery, second-degree cruelty to a juvenile and aggravated crimes against nature. Her bond was set at \$1.7 million.



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LRTA invites retired teachers to upcoming district meeting

District C of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) will hold its spring district meeting on March 10 at the Lincoln Parish Library in Ruston. The center is located at 910 North Trenton St. District X of LRTA in-

cludes Caldwell, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita and Union parishes. Retired teachers from these parishes are invited to attend. Becky Solley, District X president, will preside over the meeting, which begins at 12:30 p.m.

LRTA Executive Director Dr. Paul Nelson will also discuss the upcoming 2026 regular session and legislation that could impact retired teachers. Additional meeting details can be found online at www.lrta.net.

The LRTA is a nonprofit organization that is devoted to protecting and enhancing benefits for individuals receiving retirement benefits from the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana. For more information about LRTA, visit www.lrta.net.

PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

PARISH OF OUACHITA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BE IT KNOWN that on this TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, pursuant to an order of the Court dated WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025, we the undersigned members of the Jury Commission in and for the said Parish and State, namely, SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLO-
RY, 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, FEBRUARY 23, 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:
Adams, Ann Margaret
Adams, Vonkeshia Drake
Adegbokun, Adedotun Emmanue
Afeman, Brady Don Hardy
Albritton, Cody Wayne
Alexander, Brenda Jean
Alexander, Stephanie Elizabeth
Anderson, Faith Dion
Andrews, Jeremy
Andrews, Kim W
Antley, Ashley Victoria
Arcilla, Aaron Sajonas
Augustine, David Lavell
Auttonberry, Dealva M
Averitte, Debra A
Bailey, Afinju Christian
Baker, Laurie
Bartie Jr, Al
Beaird, Kathleen A
Bednarek, Catherine P
Bell, Author W
Bendily, Hannah Katherine
Benson, Valeria Dunn
Bice, Judy
Biggs, Kayla Nicole Schubert
Bingham, Janelle Renee Scalla
Blakes, Ada M
Blazier, Bradley Wayne
Bobbett, Justin Randal
Bond, Sammie C
Boyd, Delana Jordan
Boyd, James Frank
Boyer, James Michael
Bratton, Justin Brandon
Brewer, Charles R
Britt, Thomas Dylan
Brooks, Ann Colin
Brooks, Colleen Landry
Brooks, Mindy Gaye
Brothers, Kanzadia Zeporia De
Brown, Lillian I
Brown, Tracey Reader
Brunini, William Elliott
Bursey, Joycelyn Ann
Bynum, Cedric D
Calhoun, Justin Lee
Campbell, Sharonda Monique
Carr, Linda A
Chaffin, Jerome Ray
Chambless, Tiffany Dawn
Chatham, James Seth
Chelette, Sydney Claire
Clark, Brayden Bradford
Clark, Jennifer Ebarb
Cleveland, Brenda G
Coker, Alyssa J
Cole, Arron L
Cole I, Steven Joseph
Coleman, Brian Christopher
Coleman, Larry
Copeland, Connor Noble
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Culp, Laura Tolar
Cunningham, Linda T
Daehn, Charlotte Holloway
Davis, Cary Curtis
Davis, Dania
Davis, Stephanie Michelle
Day, Charles W
Denton, Michael Rodney
Diggins, Shanikqua Anquinette
Douglas, Okeefe Dantavious
Dozier, Ronald G
Dunbar, Datavion Korte-
z
Duncan, Mary Melissa
Durham, Rakayla Marshae
Eccles II, George Todd
England, Derrick Tyreal
Farmer, Lawrence Edward
Fleming, Christopher T
Flintroy, Helen Donald
Flowers, Dustin Ray
Fontenot, Jason Eric
Fortenberry, Christy G
Foster II, Christopher Eugene
Francois, Charlotte Ann
Frantom, Kylire Rayne
Freeman, Clint Alan

Freeman, Hannah Denell
Freeman, Shirley E
Frost, Steve Randall
Fuller, Elizabeth P
Fuselier, Willa V
Gardner, Lisa Patraie
Gardner, Noah Micheal
Garrett, Kay K
Gilmore, Sandra Renee
Givens, Christopher John
Goldsmith, Alexandria Simone
Golson, Michael David
Green, Ruth Inez
Greenway Jr, Garry B
Grisham, Shelby Michelle
Guice, Stacy Lynn
Hall, Leon
Harris, Cheryl Dietzler
Harrison, Traevion Antonio
Hatfield, Darla Michelle
Hattaway, Randy Phil
Hawthorne, Laura Orrels
Heacock, Brittnie N
Healy, Debbie L
Heckford, Ernest Drew
Henry, Alyssa Jade
Herron, Rebecca M
Hobbs, Samantha Elizabeth
Hobson, Mervyn Drex
Hodnett, James Wilson
Hollins, Lashawna Breshell
Holloway, Julie Guiterrez
Horne, Marcus Len
Howell, Billy Frank
Hudlow, Roger Larry
Huff, Eddie W
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Jackson, Jerry Lane
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Jarrell, Sarah Coleen
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Johnson, Demetrius Dewayne
Johnson, Whitney
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Jones, Shavelle Lashell
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Joseph, Devon Junious
Karamanis, Andrew Christian
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Keene, Matthew Allen
Keller, Samuel Frederick
Keo, Dara
Keys, Jaanae’ N
King, James Luther
Koh, Jonathan Yung Sern
Kvaternik, Lynzey Dianne
Lamb, Lillian Claire
Lawson, Jiles
Lebrun, Lauren Nicole
Lee, Oliver Larry
Lewis, Beatrice Trenell
Lewis, Mary Joy
Lewis, Nora Caitlin
Lollis, Tyler Martin
Long, Donalvon Rayshon
Long, Sharion D
Magee, Patsy F
Malta, Anthony David
Marshall, Kelvin Kareem
Martin, Jacob Michael
Martin, Paula A
Massey, Bradley Osborne
McCarty, Laruen Alexis
McClellan, Winter Laurel
McDaniel, Linda Ann
McDonald, Lisa Michelle
McDonald, Tiffany E
McGaugh, Amanda Leigh
McGee, Raylin Deora
McGee-Norra, Nolia M
McGrew, Garrett Lee
McGrody, Judith Anne
McGuffee, Timothy L
McKenzie, Mark Godwin
McLemore, Charlotte Rena
McNair-Hudson, Latifah Alice
McNease, Bobby L
McWilliams, Daniel Adam
Middleton, Caden William
Minard IV, Randolph Lawrence
Moody, Michael Jason
Morgan, Austin Keith
Morgan, Edwin Montrell
Morrison, Krystal Shardae R
Morrow, Donna M
Moss, James David
Murataya, Karla Briseyra
Murphy, Makayla Shyann
Murphy, Michael Glay
Myers, Twanda Rivers
Myles, Leroy Earl

Neathery, Connie Suzanne
Netherland, Brenda Kay
Nguyen, Cassandra Jayemoese
Nicholson, Belynda Gail
Niswanger, Wava Jean
Norman Jr, Charles
Norrell, Constance N
Oquinn, Joshua Ladarrius
Osborn, Jessica Colee
Osteen, Ronza L
Pace, Tracey L
Parker, Ladonna Cherie
Patel, Rita
Pham, Jason Pham Quan
Pickens, Jayce Amari
Pipes, Laura Boltz
Platt, Kara Ann
Platt, Keiyanna Leanna
Porter, Wanda Faye Davis
Powell, Meredith E
Prough, Stormy R
Ransom, Carol Ullman
Ray, Mike
Reese, Jarnice C
Reese, Kiera Lashay
Renfrow, Lydia Anne
Rice, Christopher Lee Phillip
Rickman, Charles Douglas
Roberts, Jonthan Terry
Roberts, Joshua Michael
Roberts, Morgan Chowns
Robertson, Richard Thomas
Rose, Dorothy Ann
Ross, Donald
Rufus, Marian Lacraig
Russell, Lana Zeairs
Russell, Verna P
Rutter, Christopher Douglas
Sanford, Amanda Douglas
Sanford, Joshua Lee
Savage Sr, Ronald Wayne
Schwich, Penny D
Segars, Jerry Thomas
Sessions, Sarah Catherine
Siddiqui, Shaista Waqar
Simmermaker, Victor R
Skipper, Kristie Hardy
Smith, Aisha Alma
Smith, James A
Smith Jr, Richard A
Spears, Linda Faye
Spillers Jr, Donald M
Spillers Jr, Harold
Stevenson, Talicia
Strickland, Joanne Cascio
Sumblin, Tiffany Brown
Sumrall, Shirley Ann
Sweat, Kevin L
Talley Sr, Shedrick Harrison
Taylor, Corey Allen
Thomas, Alexis Deshon
Thomas, Evelyn Shellisa
Thomas, Joseph Ratliff
Thompson, Brett Aaron
Thompson, Gerald Wayne
Thurmon, Sherry D
Tilmon, John Banks
Torres, Hailey Nicole
Tubb, Allison Sarah
Tucker, Michael Wayne
Turner, Kori Lynn
Tyson, Caden B
Underwood, James Christopher
Vallery, Joni Gwin
Vallery, Leslie Chilton
Virgues, Sabrina Monique
Walker, Kristin Leigh
Walker, Latoya Nicole
Wall, Whitney Leane
Wallace, Andrea Marie
Washington, April Michelle
Weaver Jr, John L
Webb III, Wilton J
Welch, Kevin R
Wilkins, Joseph Steven
Williams, David John
Williams, Edcail
Williams, Georgia Mae Gorge
Williams, Joshua Demartez
Williams, Laura E
Williams, Madelyn Evon
Williams, Reginald J
Williams, Solomon J
Williams, Stanley A
Williams, Tyrone A
Wilson, Christina Ann
Wilson, Kimberly Deon
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Wright Jr, Michael Glendell
Yisrael, Yhwoshua Ben
Zeigler, Drew Alan
The slips containing the names of persons listed were then placed in a separate envelope, which was sealed and the words “THREE” written thereon and placed in said box labeled “JURY BOX.” The Jury Box and General Venire Box were then locked and sealed and delivered to the custody of the Clerk of said Court, subject to the orders of Court.
In testimony all of which we hereunto subscribe our names on this the TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, at Monroe, Louisiana. SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY IV
I, Dana Benson, Clerk of Court, hereby certify that all of the members of the Jury Commission were duly summoned to attend this meeting as will appear from the Sheriff's returns endorsed on said summons, as on file in my office.
Dana Benson, Clerk of Court
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SHERIFF'S SALE
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2021-HE2
VS.NO. 2022-2430
ALFRED DAVID GALLAGHER, JR. AKA ALFRED D. GALLAGHER, JR. AKA ALFRED GALLAGHER, JR. AKA ALFRED DAVID GALLAGHER AKA ALFRED D. GALLAGHER AKA ALFRED GALLAGHER
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
A lot in Square 42 of the D. A. Breard Jr. Home Addition to the City of Monroe, Louisiana, fronting 75 feet on the north line of Rochelle Avenue and running back north between parallel lines, one of which is the west line of North Fourth Street a distance of 78.53 feet. Property situated in the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.
Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS and all costs.
Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 19, 2026 March 19, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
PEOPLES BANK
VS.NO. 20230780
SARAH MARIE LEE AND BRIAN DWIGHT WOOTEN
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, LAND DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, LAND DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1 A DISTANCE OF 1,248.82 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 773.58 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 88 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 215.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,013.02 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF JACK BONNET ROAD; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 88 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF JACK BONNETT ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 117.93 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF JACK BONNETT ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 97.07 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,013.02 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 215.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF JACK BONNETT ROAD AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND SERVITUDES OF RECORD OF USE.
THIS DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON THE BOUNDARY SURVEY PREPARED BY THOMAS A. SEMMES, JR., REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, IN OCTOBER, 2003.
AND
1996 FLEETWOOD HOMES OF MISS, INC., BEARING THE VIN: MS-FLT25A74580 AND SAID MOBILE HOME BEING ATTACHED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY
Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 19, 2026 March 19, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF DELHI VS.NO. 20254344
GRACE-LYNN, LLC
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Lou-

isiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 2 AND 3, BLOCK 7, SHERROUSE PARK ADDITION, UNIT NO. 1, TO MONROE LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 25, OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.
AND
A LOT IN LOT 4, BLOCK 7, SHERROUSE PARK ADDITION, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 7, SHERROUSE PARK ADDITION, RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 3, A DISTANCE OF 6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 1.5 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY PARALLEL TO THE LINE BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 3, A DISTANCE OF 23 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 1.5 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN LOTS 3 AND 4 A DISTANCE OF 23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
BEARING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 314 COLUMBIA AVE., MONROE, LA 71203
LOT 36, SQUARE 51, UNIT 2, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONROE, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT TRIANGULAR SECTION SOLD IN COB 709, PAGE 17, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH BEARING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 3212 WHITE STREET, MONROE, LA 71203
Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
These properties are being sold separately.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 19, 2026 March 19, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
LOUISIANA NATIONAL BANK VS.NO. 20260035
R & R PROPERTIES OF NELA, LLC AND RODNEY LANE TREADWAY AKA UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF RODNEY LANE TREADWAY
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
LOT SEVENTY-ONE (71), UNIT THREE (3), PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, HAVING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 214 PIERCE DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71203
(TRACT 1)
LOT EIGHTY (80), UNIT THREE (3), PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, HAVING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 227 JEFFERSON DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71203
(TRACT 2)
LOT EIGHTY-ONE (81), UNIT THREE (3), PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, HAVING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 225 JEFFERSON DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71203
(TRACT 3)
Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 19, 2026 March 19, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS.NO. 20260172
MEAGAN ELIZABETH KEEN A/K/A MEAGAN E. KEEN A/K/A MEAGAN KEEN AND NATHAN HEATH KEEN A/K/A NATHAN H. KEEN A/K/A NATHAN KEEN
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT FIFTEEN (15), FLEUR DE LIS, UNIT NO. TWO (2), SITUATED IN FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 49 AND 50, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGE 121, FILE NO. 11606137, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.
Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 19, 2026 March 19, 2026

NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high/low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 5324 Cypress St., Ste #3, West Monroe, LA 71291.
Corporation name: NELA MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC
DBA: The DeJa-Vu
Michael J. Garsee
2/19

NOTICE

We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high/low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 2401 Arkansas Road, West Monroe, LA 71291.
Corporation name: D&H Holdings of Monroe LLC
DBA: Super Save #20
Harvinder Sarai, Member; Dilbagh Singh, Member
2/19

NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high/low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 3095 Arkansas Road, West Monroe, LA 71291.
Corporation name: D&H Holdings of Monroe LLC
DBA: Super Save #19
Harvinder Sarai, Member; Dilbagh Singh, Member
2/19

NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high/low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 2500 Arkansas Road, West Monroe, LA 71291.
Corporation name: D&H Holdings of Monroe LLC
DBA: Super Save #18
Harvinder Sarai, Member; Dilbagh Singh, Member
2/19

NOTICE
Parcel No. 12856
Estate of Bennie Bynum, Jr.
THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN MONROE, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:
Parcel# 12856 / Municipal Address: 721 Miller Road, Monroe, LA 71202
BRIEF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 10, Square 6, Gossetts Addition. Trailer on property assessed to Shanta Coleman ID # 154948, R # 112167.
Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.
Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within six (6) months of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.
Ouachita Parish Tax Collector 300
Saint John Street, Room 102
Monroe, LA 71201
318-329-1280
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PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 55309
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$765.49. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com
Parcel# 55309 / Municipal Address: 0 Richwood Rd. 1
Brief Legal: LOT IN E2 OF SE4 OF NE4 SEC 19 T17N R4E BEG 112 FT SO & 215
FT E OF NW COR, E 100 FT ON SO LINE RICHWOOD RD, DEPTH 150 FT
Legal Description: Lot in East half of SE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 19, T 17 N, R 4 E, beginning 112 ft. South and 215 ft. East of NW corner, East 100 ft. on South line of Richwood Road, depth of 150 ft.
2.19, 3.12

PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 55305
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Parcel# 55305 / Municipal Address: 0 Richwood Rd. 1
Brief Legal: LOT IN E2 OF SE4 OF NE4 SEC 19 T17N R4E BEG 112 FT SO & 315
FT E OF NW COR, E 100 FT ON SOLINE RICHWOOD RD, DEPTH 150 FT
Legal Description: Lot in East half of SE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 19, T 17 N, R 4 E,

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beginning 112 ft. South and 315 ft. East of NW corner, East 100 ft. on South line of
Richwood Road, depth of 150 ft.
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PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 100846
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed properties. These properties have previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. The property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public hearing requirement. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E & P Consulting, LLC: 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com.

Parcel# 100846 / No Municipal Address
Brief Legal: .66 ACS IN SW4 OF NW4 SEC 13 T18N R1E FROM SW CORNER OF SEC 13, N 2662.4 FT, S 89 E 14 FT, N 671.46 FT, S 89 E 659.23 FT S 89 E 654.42 FT OF BEG N 330 FT, W 290 FT SW ALONG MIDDLE OF PRIVATE DRIVE UNTIL LINE INTERSECT WITH A PT WHICH IS 435 FT WEST IN LENGTH FROM E LINE OF SW4 OF NW4 SEC 13, & 330 FT S OF N LINE OF SW4 OF NW4 OF SEC 13, S 23 W 352.22 FT M/L S 89 E 435 FT TO BEG – ERROR IN LEGAL – SOLD 1.08 ACS BK 1713-882 R#105821 – SOLD 1.00 ACS BK 1749-326 R#107202
Legal Description: A certain lot or parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 1 E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an axle found marking the Southwest corner of said Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, and running North 00° 26’34” East along the West side of said Section 13 for a distance of 2662.40 feet to an iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 13; thence running South 89°08’58” East along the South side of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 for a distance of 14 feet to an iron pipe located at a fence; thence running North 00°45’05” West along said fence, more or less, for a distance of 671.46 feet to an iron pipe at said fence and being located on the West side of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence running South 89°09’13” East for a distance of 659.23 feet to an iron pipe; thence continue South 89°09’13” East for a distance of 654.42 feet or to the East side of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence North along said east line a distance of 330 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North along said east line a distance of 330 feet to the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence West along the North line of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 a distance of 290 feet to the middle of a private drive; thence Southwesterly along the middle of said private drive until said centerline intersects with the North boundary, or the extension thereof, of a 3.17 acre parcel described as “Less and Except” from a 10.00 acre tract in Conveyance Book 1537, Page 152, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the “McCarty Parcel”); thence run South 89°09’13” East along the North boundary of said McCarty Parcel to the East line of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the POINT OF BEGINNING. Sold 1.08 ACS BK 1713-882 R#105821 – Sold 1.00 ACS BK 1749-326 R#107202
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PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 58181
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed properties. These properties have previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. The property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public hearing requirement. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E & P Consulting, LLC: 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com.
Parcel# 58181 / Municipal Address: 615 S 16th Street, Monroe, LA 71201
Brief Legal: LOT 8 SQ 2 UNIT 1 LAYTONS YOUNGS BAYOU ADDN
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PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 58882
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,323.16, Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com
Parcel# 58882 / Municipal Address: 188 N Charmingdale Dr. Monroe, LA 71202
Brief Legal: LOT 75 RESUB UNIT 1 CHARMINGDALE ADDN
2.19, 3.12

PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 50625
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$758.76. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com
Parcel# 50625 / Municipal Address: No Municipal Address
Brief Legal: SOUTH 1/3 OF LOTS 1, 2 & 3 SQ 17RENWICKS ADDN
2.19, 3.12

PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 46844
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,333.33. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com
Parcel# 46844 / Municipal Address: 0 N 22nd St. Monroe, LA 71201
Legal Description: Lot 6 of Square One (1) of R.M. Breard Jr.’s Subdivision of Lots 23 and 24 of Stubbs Young Bayou Addition, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
Brief Legal: LOT 6 SQ 1 RESUB SQS 23 & 24 STUBBS YOUNG BAYOU ADDN
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NOTICE
Parcel No. 46844
Julius Mines aka Julius Mimes aka Julius Miles or Estate

Brown & Lee, Inc.
Brown & Lee Realty, LLC
City of Monroe
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Parcel# 46844 / Municipal Address: 0 N 22nd St. Monroe, LA 71201
Legal Description: Lot 6 of Square One (1) of R.M. Breard Jr.’s Subdivision of Lots 23 and 24 of Stubbs Young Bayou Addition, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
Brief Legal: LOT 6 SQ 1 RESUB SQS 23 & 24 STUBBS YOUNG BAYOU ADDN

Tax sale title for the following described property, has been sold for failure to pay
Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.
Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within sixty days (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.
Ouachita Parish Tax Collector 300
Saint John Street, Room 102
Monroe, LA 71201
318-329-1280
2.19, 3.12

PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 28990
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,630.87. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
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Parcel 28990
LOT IN SW4 OF NW4 SEC 21 T18NR2E, BEG 220 FT E OF NW COR SAIDFORTY, E 220 FT, S 167.32 FT, W205 FT, S 450 FT, W 15 FT, N617.32 FT, CONTAINING 1 AC
No Municipal Address
2.19, 3.12

PARISH OF OUACHITA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 93929
Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Ouachita has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026 at the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,465.03. Anyone intending to bid must hand deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by March 16, 2026. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com
Parcel# 93929 / No Municipal Address: 0 4th Street, Sterlington, LA 71280
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 4, 17, 18, AND 19 SQ 6, UNIT 2, DAVIS LOWE SUBD
Legal Description: Lots 4, 17, 18 and 19 of Block 6, Unit No. 2, of Davis Lowe Subdivision, as per plat in Plat Book 8, Page 19, records of Ouachita Parish.
2.19, 3.12

NOTICE
Parcel No. 93929
Estate of Catherine Ronaldson Smith aka Katherine Ronaldson Smith
Estate of Gordon Ronaldson Smith
Nell Smith Powell aka Nell Smith Guerra or Estate
Michael Powell or Estate
Cypress Knee Properties, LLC
Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court
First Tower Loan, LLC dba Tower Loan of West Monroe
THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:
Parcel# 93929 / No Municipal Address: 0 4th Street, Sterlington, LA 71280
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 4, 17, 18, AND 19 SQ 6, UNIT 2, DAVIS LOWE SUBD
Legal Description: Lots 4, 17, 18 and 19 of Block 6, Unit No. 2, of Davis Lowe Subdivision, as per plat in Plat Book 8, Page 19, records of Ouachita Parish.
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Ouachita Parish Tax Collector 300
Saint John Street, Room 102
Monroe, LA 71201
318-329-1280
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Newspaper Legal Notice Publication
I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Tangipahoa at the following address: DG Louisiana, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store # 25406. 4491 Main St., Collinston, LA 71229.
/s/Zachary Brining, CEO
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Louisville Self Storage
3232 Superior Lane
Monroe, LA 71201
318-324-8448
February 24th, 2026 @ 8:30 AM
Unit 113 - twin bed, lamp, bookshelf, wooden chairs, barstool, small tables
Unit 524- Numerous misc boxes
Unit 627 - misc. totes, boxes, shoes
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The Ouachita Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at twelve (12:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board office.
Note: There were no comment cards completed for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting. Additionally, there were no remote requests for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting.
President Tommy Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed visitors and guests. Presence of the following members was verified through roll call: Tommy Comeaux, Shere May, Mike Batey, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves, and Greg Manley, with Jerry Hicks not in attendance; followed by the presen-

tation of colors by West Ouachita High School JROTC, Pledge of Allegiance by Shere May, and the Invocation offered by Mike Batey.
Shere May made the motion, seconded by Mike Batey, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025, regular meeting as written. Motion carried without opposition.
Greg Manley made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Permission to Bid Item #3, Dabo Graves seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition. Harold McCoy then made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried without opposition.
Mr. Guice stated there was nothing for the Personnel Report for this meeting.

Mr. Comeaux introduced the first Item of Business, Election of Officers for the Year 2026. Shere May made a motion for Tommy Comeaux to remain President, seconded by Mike Batey and approved by unanimous vote. Dabo Graves made a motion for Greg Manley to remain as Vice President, seconded by Harold McCoy, motion carried without opposition.
The second Item of Business presented by Aline Smead was the Official Recognition of the Completion of Board Training Hours. An official School Board Member Training Resolution was presented as approved by Superintendent Todd Guice. Individual School Board Members were recognized for hours of training completed, all of which were above the required six hours. Members Harold McCoy, Mike Batey, and Dabo Graves additionally received Certified Board Member Certificates for voluntarily completing over twenty hours of training.
Aline Smead presented Business Item #3, Special Recognitions. The Ouachita Parish High School Lions Football Seniors and Coaches were recognized and congratulated for winning the 2025 Division I Non-Select State Championship along with the Sterlington High School Football Seniors and Coaches for their second win in a row for the 2025 Division III Non-Select State Championship.

Business item four was introduced by Steven Hemphill recommending Lazenby and Associates for the Engineer for parking lot on Riggs Street for WMHS. Mike Batey made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Greg Manley, motion carried unopposed.
Regina Mekus introduced Business Item number four, Financial Report for period ending November 30, 2025. She stated the General Fund Balance was \$20,919,223 and the District #1 M&O Balance was \$26,024,896. She stated the 1968 Sales Tax and 1995 Sales Tax are up from the past. The Board discussed and accepted the report as presented.
Steven Hemphill presented the fifth Business Item, Construction/Renovation Projects Report. The Board discussed and accepted the report as presented.

With Purchasing Agent, Jared Peters, being out Steven Hemphill presented the Evaluation of Bids with beginning with Item #1 18-26 SES Playground Equipment. Greg Manley made a motion to approve with lowest responsive bidder Teachers Pet at \$45,301.10, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion carried unopposed.
Mike Batey made the motion to approved Amazon as the lowest responsive bidder for Item # 2, RFP22-26, online Marketplace, seconded by Shere May, motion carried unopposed.
Greg Manley made the motion to approve the lowest responsive bids of Veritiv, Jackson Paper and Staples for Item # 3, Copy Paper, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried unopposed.
Steven Hemphill presented the three items under Permission to Bid: 26-26 OJHS Track/Athletic Improvements, 27-26 RHS Football Field Replacement, and 28-26 SES and OJHS Marquees. Harold McCoy made a motion to approve these, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried unanimously.
In the President’s Report, Mr. Comeaux announced the next meeting would be on February 10, 2026, at noon.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Guice announced the Policy Review Committee meeting on Thursday, January 15. Additionally, he reminded the Board Members of the MLK Holiday on Monday, January 19.
There being no further business, Greg Manley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.
ATTEST:
Todd Guice, Secretary /sl
OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Tommy Comeaux, President
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BID NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291 until 2:00 P.M., March 19th, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:
BID: 34-26 PROPERTY SALE – OLD BURKS SCHOOL
Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Ouachita Parish School Board, Purchasing Department. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received based on statue.
Bidders also have the option to submit bids electronically. To submit a bid electronically, bidders must register at Central Bidding by visiting either https://www.central-bidding.com or https://www.centralauctionhouse.com For technical questions relating to the electronic bidding process for Central Bidding call Support 833.412.5717, Fees to submit electronically may apply. Payments of fees are the responsibility of the bidder. Submission of an electronic bid requires an electronic bid bond and a digital signature when applicable.
DATE: DATE: DATE:
ATTEST:
Publish Ouachita Citizen
February 19, 2026 February 26, 2026 March 5, 2026
Todd Guice Secretary
OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Tommy Comeaux, President

LEGAL NOTICE
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of current or former residents of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana
Manuel M. Grant ,Ina M. Foreman Grant,
John C. King, Martin L. Navarro, and
Lisa Navarro aka Lisa Patterson
please contact their Court Appointed Curator Ad Hoc
Chester A. Bradley, III
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 2689
Monroe, Louisiana 71207-2689
Telephone/Text: (318) -614-8214
Email Address: chesterbradleylaw@att.net
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 5:35 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Police Jury Administrative Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:35 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mr. Hudson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Members Present	(6)
Toni Bacon	District A
Jimmy Tyson	District B
Larry Bratton	District C
Michael Thompson	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Lonnie Hudson	District F
Members Absent	(0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed without opposition.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
The president asked for public comments concerning any matters on the approved agenda. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on January 6, 2026 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition.
PUBLIC HEARING:
The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9537 – An ordinance to authorize an act of sale by the Parish of Ouachita to sell certain adjudicated properties (Parcels 26010, 58706, 73353 & 8247) by public auction; and, further providing with respect thereto. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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VISITORS:
The president recognized the River Oaks football team. Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Bacon offered the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE RIVER OAKS MUSTANGS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MAIS IA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the River Oaks Mustangs Football Team has achieved a remarkable milestone by earning the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) IA Division I State Championship in November 2025, marking a triumphant return to the pinnacle of high school football excellence; and

WHEREAS, this championship represents the first state title for River Oaks since 2010 and the fourth state football championship in school history, signaling a defining moment of renewal, perseverance, and pride for the program and its supporters; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs' championship season was characterized by unity, discipline, and unwavering commitment, culminating in an undefeated record, a testament to the team's preparation, trust, and collective effort; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Barton and his coaching staff, the River Oaks football program has been intentionally built on strong fundamentals, accountability, and long-term vision, emphasizing character development alongside athletic success; and

WHEREAS, Coach Barton has consistently credited the dedication of his assistant coaches and student-athletes for their adaptability, resilience, and belief in one another, reinforcing that this championship reflects the strength of the entire program rather than a single season; and

WHEREAS, this championship achievement stands as a celebration not only of athletic accomplishment, but also of the collective support of families, educators, alumni, and community members who have championed the Mustangs throughout their journey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate the River Oaks Mustangs Football Team, their coaches, student-athletes, school leadership, and supporters for winning the MAIS IA Division I State Championship, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury extends its sincere appreciation for the pride and unity this achievement has brought to the community and offers its best wishes for continued success for the River Oaks Mustangs, both on and off the field.

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OPPJ MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2026
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The president recognized the Sterlington High School football team. Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson offered the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE STERLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR BACK-TO-BACK LHSA DIVISION III (NON-SELECT) STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Sterlington High School Panthers Football Team has distinguished itself through extraordinary athletic achievement by earning back-to-back Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Division State Championships in December 2024 and December 2025; and

WHEREAS, these consecutive state titles represent a rare and significant accomplishment in Louisiana high school athletics and affirm Sterlington High School's place among the state's elite football programs; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Lee Doty, the Panthers football program has reached unprecedented heights, cultivating a culture defined by discipline, teamwork, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Coach Doty's leadership has not only produced championship seasons, but has also shaped student-athletes into leaders on and off the field, setting a standard of integrity and commitment that extends well beyond Friday nights; and

WHEREAS, these most recent championships contribute to a broader history of sustained success, marking Sterlington's fourth state football title since 2016, a testament to long-term program excellence and community support; and

WHEREAS, this achievement reflects not only athletic dominance, but also the collective efforts of coaches, student-athletes, school administrators, families, and supporters whose dedication and belief made this success possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate the Sterlington High School Panthers Football Team on their back-to-back LHSA Division III State Championships, applauding their excellence, leadership, and lasting impact on our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury expresses its sincere appreciation for the pride and inspiration this team has brought to Ouachita Parish and extends its best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors, both on and off the field.

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DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The president recognized Mr. McConnell, Homeland Security. Mr. McConnell requested to attend the Hurricane Preparedness Seminar on February 8-13, 2026 and the National Hurricane Conference on March 29-April 3, 2026. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the travel requests. Motion passed without opposition.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby requested approval to advertise the 2025 LCDBG project for bids. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve advertising the project for bids. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for the Fire Department burn pad project and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby recommended accepting the substantial completion for the Fire Department burn pad project. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to recess the regular meeting in favor of the finance committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mrs. Bacon, called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

The chair recognized Mr. Long, Treasurer. Mr. Long presented the claim statement for the period of December 12, 2025 through January 15, 2026 and requested approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve payment of the claims for the period stated. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Long presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to ratify and adopt all actions taken in the committee meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mrs. Bacon.

MRS. TONI BACON, DISTRICT A:

Mrs. Bacon spoke regarding a potential trip to Washington D.C. in March. Mrs. Bacon also stated that she and Ms. Hanks would be in Washington D.C. at the end of the month for Washington Mardi Gras and that they would both attend meetings while there.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT BEECH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF OUCHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INC.; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in view of the resignation of the term of service of Todd Perry, a resident of District A of Ouachita Parish, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, Inc. the appointment of a new member to fill that seat is in order; and,

WHEREAS, Scott Beech, a resident of said District A, has expressed a willingness to serve and his background and experience make him well-suited for the position;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Scott Beech be, and hereby is, appointed to the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, Inc., to fill the unexpired term of Todd Perry ending on January 22, 2030, said appointment being made by nomination of the juror representing District A.

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Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9539

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE III, SECTION 13-36.1 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF OUCHITA PARISH GOVERNING "CHARITABLE RAFFLES AND BINGO" AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Acts 2005 No. 373 clarified that electronic or video machines, hereafter termed "electronic video bingo machines" or "EVBM", for public playing of bingo may be made available at any location licensed for charitable bingo, provided that all requirements of state law are met; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinances of Ouachita Parish have long allowed the operation of charitable bingo games in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish, but presently do not allow the use of electronic video bingo machines;

WHEREAS, many neighboring jurisdictions follow the general state law and allow the use of electronic video bingo machines in charitable bingo games; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to allow and regulate the use of electronic video bingo machines in charitable bingo games in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Ordinance No. 8865 adopted April 2, 2007 and presently codified as 13-36.1 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, be, and hereby is, repealed;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 13-36.1 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana governing "Charitable Raffles and Bingo" be, and hereby is, amended, re-stated and re-adopted to henceforth provide as follows:

Sec. 13-36.1 - Electronic video bingo machines.

- (a) *Permitted at licensed locations.* It shall be lawful for any bona fide nonprofit board, association, corporation or other organization domiciled in this state and qualified with the United States Internal Revenue Service for an exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or organizations authorized under R.S. 4:703, possessing a current, valid parish and state bingo permit, to use electronic video bingo machine or machines authorized pursuant to R.S. 4:701 *et seq.* at licensed locations for electronic video bingo; and the leasing or placement of such machines from state approved (as defined below) distributors shall also be lawful. Any state approved distributor of such equipment for use in the conduct of any games of chance authorized under this chapter and under the provisions of R.S. 4:726 shall obtain a

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license from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury before distributing or supply any electronic video bingo machines in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish. "State approved" as used in this chapter shall mean a person or entity specifically licensed or otherwise approved by the State of Louisiana in accordance with state laws governing charitable gaming and electronic video bingo, including but not limited to La. R.S. 4:701 *et seq.* and regulations of the Louisiana Administrative Code promulgated in accordance therewith

- (b) *Application for license.*

- (1) Each state-approved manufacturer or distributor, each organization or private contractor qualified to conduct games as authorized under this chapter, and each commercial lessor leasing a premises to a licensee for conducting such bingo, within the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish shall apply for and obtain, on an annual basis, an electronic video bingo license (EVBL) from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Applications for EVBL shall be made in the form prescribed by the Parish Treasurer.
- (2) Every bona fide veteran's, charitable, educational, religious, or fraternal organization, civic, service club and carnival organization seeking an EVBL that desires to sponsor or conduct fund raising events using an electronic video bingo machine or machines ("EVBLMs") in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish shall apply for and obtain an EVBL from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Such application, shall be in the form prescribed by the Parish Treasurer, duly executed and verified, shall state the name and address of the applicant, together with such information required by R.S. 4:708, including but not limited to the place or places, the date or dates, and time or times when such electronic video bingo machine or machines are intended to be used or operated by the applicant.
- (c) *Term of license or permit.* EVBLs issued by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("Parish") shall be effective each year from the period of January 1 through December 31 of the same year. Fees for a partial calendar year shall not be prorated.
- (d) *License processing fee.*
- (1) An annual nonrefundable fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be paid to the Parish to defray the costs of reviewing and processing an application for the issuance or renewal of an EVBL to a manufacturer, distributor, operator, or commercial lessor. This fee shall be in addition to the annual occupational license fee due from said entity.
- (2) Charitable organizations that seek the issuance or renewal of an EVBL shall pay the Parish a nonrefundable application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). This fee shall be in addition to the annual occupational license fee due from said entity, if any.
- (e) *Machine permit fee.* An annual permit fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each electronic video bingo machine to be permitted shall be paid to the Parish by the owner or Distributor of the machine and be included with the EVBL application or renewal application.

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- (f) *Quarterly statement.* Not later than twenty (20) days after January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, of each year, the owner or distributor of every EVBL used in the unincorporated area of Ouachita Parish shall furnish the Ouachita Parish Police Jury a sworn (notarized) and verified statement indicating total payment, cash or coins in, credits played, credits won and credits paid.
- (g) *Maximum number of machines permitted.* No one site used by an EVBL licensee under this chapter shall have more than thirty-five (35) electronic video bingo machines in such licensed location.
- (h) *Locations.* No EVBL shall be issued to allow the operation of electronic video bingo machines on any premises that would be ineligible for an alcoholic beverage permit under Section 2-24 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, due to its proximity to one of the institutions or facilities identified in said Section. This prohibition shall not apply if the EVBL applicant provides an Act in authentic form executed by the owner or governing authority of every institution or facility whose proximity would otherwise prevent the issuance of an EVBL at the subject premises, affirming that said institution or facility has no objection to the operation of EVBLMs at the subject premises.
- (i) *[Reserved]*
- (j) *Sessions.* A session represents electronic video bingo games played within a time limit not to exceed six (6) hours within a minimum of twelve (12) Parish sessions. Sessions are limited to not more than one session per day per EVBL. No EVBL shall be permitted to operate electronic video bingo games for more days in any calendar month than allowed by the laws or regulations of the State of Louisiana.
- (k) *Regulatory Fee.* For purpose of this provision, the term "net win" shall mean the sum obtained by subtracting total coins in minus the total amount paid out on ticket vouchers tendered for cash money from the electronic video bingo machines. Forty-five percent (45%) of the net win from the machine must be paid to the charitable organization(s) who owns or leases it. Twenty percent (20%) of the net win from each electronic video bingo machine remaining after payment of the forty-five percent paid to the charitable organization(s) shall be paid by the owner or distributor of the EVBLM as a regulatory fee to the Parish. The regulatory fee shall be determined on a monthly basis and becomes due on the fifth day of the month that follows the previous month of operations. Taxes or assessments that are not paid to the Parish, through the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, by the tenth day of the month in which they become due shall incur a penalty of two (2) per cent per month until paid.
- (l) *General.* Except as specifically provided with respect to electronic video bingo, other requirements and penalties relating to bingo, keno, and raffles shall apply to the operation of electronic video bingo machines. To the extent that any of this section is in conflict with any other section(s) of this chapter, the provisions of the section shall control.
- (m) *Louisiana statutory provisions.* Where any provisions hereof conflict with the provisions of R.S. 4:701 *et seq.*, the applicable provisions of such state law (including provisions contained

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in the Louisiana Administrative Code promulgated pursuant thereto) shall govern. Each EVBL shall meet all requirements of state law regarding the state licensure of such EVBL, the operation of electronic bingo games, and the use of electronic video bingo machines.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective the 1st day of February 2026.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (6) Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B; Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.

NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 20th day of January, 2026.

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The president recognized Mr. Tyson.

MR. JIMMY TYSON, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Tyson stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Bratton.

MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Bratton stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Mr. Thompson.

MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to open the parish treasurer position. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bratton offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAY INCREASE FOR OUCHITA PARISH JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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WHEREAS, the compensation to be paid to Justices of the Peaces and Constables is governed and controlled by La R.S. 13:5802, which requires, inter alia, that the police jury in all parishes having a population of over five thousand shall fix and pay the salaries for these positions;

WHEREAS, the compensation paid to Justices of the Peace and Constables was last adjusted in December, 2023;

WHEREAS, when finances allow, the OPPJ desires that the effective pay of OPPJ employees continues to at least keep pace with inflation;

WHEREAS, the past two years have brought rates of inflation not seen in decades; and,

WHEREAS, while the OPPJ cannot provide a pay increase to match the present rate of inflation it nonetheless recognizes the benefit of providing a general pay increase to help off-set the increasing cost-of-living;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the OPPJ in legal and regular session that the Justices of the Peace and the Constables' pay as is determined by the OPPJ be increased by twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month, effective at the commencement of the pay period beginning January 5, 2026.

The above resolution was adopted on the 20th day of January, 2026.

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MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley recognized Bill Land, Land 3 Architect. Mr. Land presented the proposals for the main branch library sign and recommended accepting the proposal from Watson Legacy Holdings DBA Ryan Watson Construction for \$113,500.00. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to accept the proposal and award the project to Watson Legacy Holdings DBA Ryan Watson Construction. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Land requested approval to seek proposals for the Fire Department garage addition. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to authorize Mr. Land to obtain proposals for the garage addition. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Bacon offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9537

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUCHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 26010, 58706, 73353, & 82472) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the Parish of Ouachita, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

1. **PARCEL# 26010:** LOT IN LOT 25 HAYNES RESUB OF SE4 OF NE4, W2 OF NE4 OF SE4 OF SW4 SEC 16 T17N R3E BEG AT NE COR LOT 25, E 217.88 FT, DEPTH SO 116.91 FT- LESS TRIANGLE BK 1342-102-SOLD 0.247 AC BK 1777-370 R108485; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 321 MARTIN STREET, WEST MONROE, LA. ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/06/2022

Purchaser: BSN Properties, LLC Bid: \$2,772.71 Auction Date: January 8, 2026

2. **PARCEL# 58706:** LOT 9 UNIT 2 JESSICA DARE SUB ;MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 125 REGINA DRIVE, WEST MONROE, LA ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/06/2022

Purchaser: BSN Properties, LLC Bid: \$7,500.00 Auction Date: January 8, 2026

3. **PARCEL# 73353:** LOT IN NW4 OF SW4 SEC 4 T17N R3E FROM SE COR OF 40 RUN N 430 FOR POB, N 50 FT, W TO E/L OF PINK ST, S 50 FT, E TO THE POB; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 231 PINK STREET, WEST MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/06/2022

Purchaser: BSN Properties, LLC Bid: \$774.74 Auction Date: January 8, 2026

4. **PARCEL# 82472:** LOT IN NW4 OF SW4 SEC 4 T17N R3E BEG 530 FT NO OF SE COR SAID 40, NO 50FT, DEPTH W TO E SIDE PINK ST-MOBILE HOME AT 227 PINK ST ASSESSED TO RP# 125809; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 227 PINK STREET, WEST MONROE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/06/2022

Purchaser: BSN Properties, LLC Bid: \$652.84 Auction Date: January 8, 2026

WHEREAS, the redemption period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 9016 and 9037 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has declared the property described above surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Ouachita has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property and

WHEREAS, the Parish offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale and

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WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the above described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
- a. E&P Consulting, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgages, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
- b. E&P LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of bids mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above-described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 6th day of January 2026.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (6) Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B; Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.

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NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 20th day of January 2026.

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Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9538

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ouachita has an interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, ACT 819 was enacted by the 2008 Legislative Session, revising La. R.S. 47:2121, *et seq.* to establish procedures for the sale of adjudicated properties, and the Parish of Ouachita has operated an adjudicated property program and desires to re-establish and adopt such procedures in order to place such adjudicated properties back into the economic stream of commerce for the benefit of its communities

WHEREAS, ACT 774 and ACT 411 were enacted by the 2024 and 2025 Legislative Sessions, respectively, to expand such opportunities, and R.S.47:2201, authorizes a political subdivision to adopt general ordinances governing the public sales and donations of adjudicated property and/or the issuance of a tax lien certificate for adjudicated property held by the political subdivision

NOW THEREFORE:

I. ADMINISTRATION

Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby re-establishes the Ouachita Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (hereinafter "OPPJ" or "Parish"). The Parish shall either handle the process internally or shall contract with a third party administrator or management company (hereinafter "Management Company") to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

This ordinance applies to "adjudicated property" defined in statute as "property of which tax sale title is acquired by a political subdivision pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2196 prior to January 1, 2026." La. R.S. 47:2122 ACT 774 (2024)

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II. PRE-AUCTION PROCESS

A. Initiation of the Sale of Adjudicated Property or of a Converted Tax Lien Certificate

The Parish shall make best efforts to acquire a list of names and addresses of adjudicated properties from the tax roll records and make such list available to the public. The list shall be forwarded to the Management Company.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2203 and 47:2204, the sale of adjudicated property or of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate may be prompted by individual interest (whether it be a natural person or juridical person) or at the request of the Parish, at any time.

An individual or entity submitting a request for the sale of specific property shall submit an application with a certified check or money order for a determined amount for each piece of property. This fee will be considered a portion of the administrative fee for the work performed to prepare and sell the identified adjudicated property or to prepare and sell tax lien certificate for the converted adjudicated property. It shall be fully refundable to the interested purchaser until a **Written Offer to Bid** containing the minimum bid has been accepted and signed.

Upon receipt of application and administrative fee, a preliminary investigation shall be conducted to confirm that the property has been adjudicated, has not been redeemed and has not been determined to be needed for a public purpose. The Parish or Management Company shall communicate, as necessary, with the office of the tax collector and tax assessor for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Bid (set forth below) and shall prepare and provide the interested purchaser with a **Written Offer to Bid** containing the minimum bid figure.

Ouachita Parish hereby establishes that there is no minimum bid at the public sale of an adjudicated property or of a converted tax lien certificate; however, unless circumstances demand otherwise, recommended bidding should not be less than the lesser of the total amount of statutory impositions or two-thirds of the assessed value based on the tax assessor's valuation.

The decision to sell adjudicated property or adjudicated property converted to a tax lien certificate will be made at the time that the **Written Offer to Bid** is made. If adjudicated property is donated, the decision to donate either adjudicated property or to convert the property to a tax lien certificate prior to donation will be made as a part of the Parish's decision to agree to the donation. The Parish or Management Company will provide information regarding the difference between the two processes; however, the interested purchaser will be advised to seek legal counsel regarding the decision between the options.

After a written minimum bid offer is signed and returned or a decision to donate is made, the Parish or Management Company shall prepare the property or tax lien certificate for sale or donation as follows:

1. **Notice to Interest Holders** - Title research shall include a review of documents from the public record for purpose of determining the identity and current address of each owner or

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owners of the property, each tax notice party, the owner or owners of the property at the time of an initial tax sale, a lessee of the property whose lease or notice thereof has been recorded, and any other person or entity holding an interest in the property including any mortgage, privilege or other encumbrance.

Adjudicated Property - If the decision to sell adjudicated property is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall send notice to these individuals that they have until the filing of the act transferring the property to redeem the property or otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale. Additionally, the notice will advise the recipient that the act will not be filed until six months from the date of notice for properties adjudicated less than five (5) years or sixty (60) days from the date of the notice for properties adjudicated for more than five years. No properties will be sold or donated or converted to tax lien certificates for sale or donation until three (3) years have passed from the time that the tax sale deed has been filed in the conveyance records. The Parish or Management Company shall also cause this notice to be published in the official journal of the Parish of Ouachita.

Tax Lien Certificate – If the decision to convert adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall prepare the conversion document, file the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records; send a notice confirming with La. RS 47:2156(C) to all identified tax lien auction parties; and prepare and submit an affidavit of costs to the tax collector.

2. **Public Notice of Auction** – A public sale of the adjudicated property or tax lien certificate by auction shall be advertised at least twice in the official journal for the Parish of Ouachita, once at least thirty days prior to the date of the public sale, and once no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale. The notice shall provide for the minimum bid, the time and date of in-person bidding, as well as other terms of bidding or sale.

III. BIDDING AND PUBLIC SALE

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, the auction shall be governed by R.S. 9:3151 *et seq*. Following notice of sale being published in the official journal of the Parish of Ouachita, the following shall occur:

A. Public Auction

Public auction of adjudicated property shall be held at the Ouachita Parish office located at 100 Bry Street, Monroe, LA 71201, and shall be handled by the office of Parish Secretary/Treasurer. All bid amounts are subject to final approval by the Parish Police Jury. The Parish is hereby authorized to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to execute any and all documents necessary to finalize the sale of properties sold pursuant to these procedures. If in any event a property is not sold at such public auction, the property shall remain adjudicated to the Parish.

B. Terms for Sale of Adjudicated Property or Sale of Tax Lien Certificates

All Acts of Sale of adjudicated property shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all such sales shall be for cash and shall be without warranty of title and without any warranty of merchantability or fitness; shall be "as is, where is";

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that it shall be the obligation of the purchaser to obtain title insurance, if it is desired; that all such sales shall be subject to such encumbrances, liens, mortgages, real charges or other burdens reflected in the public records; and that the Act of Sale for such adjudicated property shall contain a condition which shall require the purchaser of such property to improve/renovate/make use of the tract, to the satisfaction of the administration, within 365 days of the passage of the Act of Sale and that, if the purchaser fails to timely comply with this provision, the Parish Police Jury shall have the right to rescind, dissolve or cancel the sale.

All acts of sale of tax lien certificates shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all sales are for cash and without further obligation by the Parish or Management Company to perform any enforcement or foreclosure activities on behalf of the purchaser of the lien as a part of the conversion of the adjudicated property to the tax lien certificate and subsequent sale of the lien. Risks associated with the purchase of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property shall be borne entirely by the purchaser of the lien.

C. Closing Transaction for Non-Warranty Adjudicated Deed

Within 10 business days of the auction or as reasonable a time period thereafter, closing a sale of adjudicated property should occur. Such date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parish or Management Company and the potential purchaser or based on the Parish or Management Company's determination that the closing should occur at a later date in the best interest of the Parish. Management Company with confirm that the property has not been redeemed prior to the closing and in communication with the tax collector's office. Closings shall be overseen or arranged by the Management Company to be held at the offices of Management Company or in Ouachita Parish. However, purchaser may agree to execute the documents at a more agreeable location, at purchaser's expense. At closing, the purchaser shall pay the net purchase price for the property as well as all fees to be charged by the Clerk of Court and the balance of any administrative fees still owed. All sales of adjudicated property are made without warranties whatsoever, except for warranty against eviction based on prior alienation by the political subdivision. Purchaser has the right to obtain title insurance, if available, at its sole cost and expense. All minerals and mineral rights shall be reserved by the Parish if allowed by law. Cash Sales may contain additional reservations, requirements, restrictions, rights of way, and servitudes imposed by the Parish.

Within 10 business days of the auction of a tax lien certificate or as reasonable a time period thereafter, the payment for the certificate should be made by the buyer along with the fee for the filing of the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records. The Parish shall authenticate the assignment of the tax lien certificate and the Management Company shall file the assignment of the tax lien certificate with the recorder of mortgages.

All proceeds shall be paid pro rata to holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, unless otherwise agreed. Disbursement of funds to the City/Parish Tax Collector with instructions from the City/Parish Tax Collector will be made by the Parish or Management Company. Any excess amount shall be retained by the Parish or shall be dispersed as determined appropriate by the mutual agreement of the governmental entities.

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D. Purchaser's Affidavit

Contemporaneously with or subsequent to the filing of the sale or donation of adjudicated property, an affidavit conforming to La. R.S. 47:2208 shall be filed by the Purchaser or Management Company on behalf of the purchaser. The filing of the affidavit shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit. Upon filing of the affidavit, the recorder of mortgages or the recorder of conveyances shall treat and mark as canceled, terminated, released, or erased, all those liens, privileges, mortgages or other encumbrances canceled, terminated, released or erased insofar as they affect the property. Purchaser shall be responsible for recording and paying any other recording fees, including, without limitation, fees for recording any affidavits.

IV. LOT NEXT DOOR PROGRAM

Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish to sell any eligible adjudicated property or converted lien to an adjoining landowner for the price set by the Parish without public bidding provided that the landowner can establish that he or she has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. In the event that more than one adjoining land owner has maintained the property for a period of more than one year, the property will be auctioned to the adjoining landowners. Additionally, in situations involving a property having owners in indivision with percentages of the tax bill being taxed to different individual(s)/entity(ies) because of past tax sale(s) can be considered a Lot Next Door Owner if the sale will result in a larger percentage of the property being taxed to one owner in the future.

V. DONATION OF PROPERTY

The Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish, to the extent allowed by the Louisiana Constitution, to donate any eligible adjudicated property to be used only for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution.

VI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions established herein are declared severable.

This ordinance becomes effective in accordance with dates set forth herein and five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	(6)	Mrs. Toni Bacon, District A; Mr. Jimmy Tyson, District B; Mr. Larry Bratton, District C; Mr. Michael Thompson, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E; and Mr. Lonnie Hudson, District F.
NAYS:	(0)	

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ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The above ordinance was adopted on the 20th day of January 2026.

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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the updated memorandum of understanding with E & P Consulting to provide administrative services for the sale of adjudicated properties. Motion passed without opposition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO 26-05 AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE OUCHITA PARISH POLICE JURY IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION OF THE MATTER STYLED “LARRY D. JEFFERSON, CHIEF JUDGE OF FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF STATE OF LOUISIANA AND FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF STATE OF LOUISIANA VERSUS OUCHITA PARISH POLICE JURY AND PARISH OF OUCHITA.” BEARING NUMBER 24-0120 ON THE DOCKET OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, OUCHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (*hereinafter OPPJ*) is the governing body of said Parish; and

WHEREAS, OPPJ has been named as a defendant in civil litigation in the matter styled, “Larry D. Jefferson, Chief Judge of Fourth Judicial District Court of State of Louisiana and Fourth Judicial District Court versus Ouachita Parish Police Jury, bearing Docket No. 24-0120, in the Fourth Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute, a political subdivision may employ outside counsel to represent it in any matter in which such employment is deemed advisable for the protection of the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims;

WHEREAS, this legal representation would be for the term of February 3, 2026 through February 2, 2027;

WHEREAS, considering the complex nature and potential exposure of this litigation, it is in the best interest of the Parish to retain outside counsel experienced in the defense of this sort of litigation and it is recognized that Attorneys James L. Bradford III and Lauren A. Williams and the firm Daigle, Fisse, & Kessenich, PLC have such experience in these matters and therefore the

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request of employment, by the OPPJ, as special counsel is hereby approved, subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in accordance with La. R.S. 42:263 et. seq, with compensation established by the maximum hourly fee schedule approved by the Attorney General;

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the OPPJ as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita in a duly called open meeting, does hereby authorize the OPPJ to engage Attorneys James L. Bradford III and Lauren A. Williams and the Daigle, Fisse, & Kessenich, PLC law firm, as legal counsel for its benefit with fees not to exceed the maximum hourly fee schedule approved by the Attorney General on or about February 16, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the OPPJ as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, be and are hereby authorized to pay said legal fees to the legal counsel contracted by the OPPJ to provide legal services in the above referenced matters. James L. Bradford, III to be compensated at the rate of \$350.00 per hour, Lauren A. Williams at the rate of \$275.00 per hour, other attorneys at the rate set forth in the maximum hourly fee scheduled approved on or about February 16, 2024, with a total compensation for the term of not more than one hundred forty-five thousand, three hundred and seventy dollars (\$145,370). Said amount to be the projected budget for all litigation through trial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the OPPJ as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, that this Resolution and the proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval.

The above resolution was adopted on the 20th day of January 2026.

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT F:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEE WESLEY TO THE PRAIRIE ROAD WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 20, 2026 AND ENDING JANUARY 20, 2029; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Prairie Road Water District Board of Commissioners; and

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NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that Lee Wesley be and hereby is appointed to the Prairie Road Water District Board of Commissioners, said term to be for a period of three years beginning January 20, 2026 and ending on January 20, 2029.

The above resolution was adopted on the 20th day of January 2026.

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Mr. Hudson introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9540

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE SECTION 19-4 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUCHITA PARISH POLICE JURY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO;

WHEREAS, Section 19-4 of the Ouachita Parish Roads and Drainage Regulations codified in Chapter 19 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish were enacted by Ouachita Parish Police Jury Ordinance No. 7942 adopted on January 14, 1985; and,

WHEREAS, the knowledge and experience gained in administration of the Ouachita Parish Roads and Drainage Regulations since their adoption demonstrate that the revisions of Chapter 19-4 set forth below further the goals and objectives of said regulations, and are in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and Regular Session that the following provisions of Chapter 19-4 of the Compiled Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, governing “Cuttings, Excavations, crossings, and construction in public roads; and crossing over ditches,” be supplemented and amended to provide as follows (*changes shown in bold print*):

Section 19-4 Cuttings, excavations, crossings and construction in public roads; and crossings over ditches.

(a) *Damaging streets prohibited.* The cutting, digging, or otherwise damaging public roads, streets and rights-of-way maintained by Ouachita Parish is prohibited.

(b) *Permit required.* No person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof shall make any cuttings across any parish street or road, or erect, construct, and install any facility in, on, or about the right-of-way of any parish street or road without having first obtained a permit thereof from the director of public works, or his designee. No person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof, shall engage in any activity in connection with any construction in, or upon the rights-of-way of the parish roads, or

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streets without first obtaining a permit from Ouachita Parish, even though a franchise has been previously granted.

(c) *Permission required for bridges, crossings and placement of facilities in traveled surface or shoulder of roads.* Any person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof is prohibited from providing a crossing or crossings, bridges, or culverts across ditches, and canals of any nature or kind maintained by Ouachita Parish, and from placing any facility within the traveled surface and shoulder portion of a parish street or road, except in accord with a special permit granted by the director of public works, or his designee, and in full accord with the rules, regulations and specifications of the director of public works, or his designee.

(d) *Deposit or bond and fees.* Every applicant for a permit to cut parish streets or roads or install facilities within parish rights-of-way shall be accompanied by an application fee of fifty dollars (\$50) which must be deposited with the secretary-treasurer of the Ouachita Parish police jury. Additional fees for particular permit classifications are set forth below in the following amounts, to wit:

(1) **Fees: A permit shall not be valid until the fees prescribed by law have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid, in accordance with the following schedule:**

(a) **Road Bores- fifty dollars (\$50.00) for lines six inches and smaller and two hundred dollars (\$200) for lines greater than six inches.**
(b) **Parallel to the roadway- fifty dollars (\$50.00) per one thousand feet or portion of one thousand feet.**
(c) **Overhead lines- fifty dollars (\$50) per road crossing and fifty dollars (\$50) per one thousand feet or portion of one thousand feet parallel to the roadway**
(d) **Open cut roadway- this construction method shall only be used as a last resort, ten dollars (\$10) per square foot.**

(2) **Deposits or Bonds: Companies working within the parish right of way shall post a cash deposit or bond, in accordance with the following schedule:**

(a) **Standing annual bond of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year. The deposit or bond shall be posted in cash, by cashier's check, by a surety bond with a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana as a surety, or a performance bond, and shall be held as such by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.**
(b) **In lieu of a standing annual bond or deposit, a single bond for each permit may be obtained subject to the following schedule:**

(i) **Road Bores- one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per bore for service or communication lines or five thousand (\$5,000) per bore for pipeline transmission lines**
(ii) **Parallel to the roadway- one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per mile or portion of mile**

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(iii) **Overhead lines- one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per road crossing and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per one thousand feet or portion of one thousand feet (parallel to roadway)**
(iv) **Open cut roadway- this construction method is to be used only as a last resort- one hundred dollars (\$100) per square foot.**

(c) **Said deposit may be posted in cash, by cashier's check or certified check, by a surety bond with a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana as a surety, or a performance bond, and shall be held as such by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Upon satisfactory completion of the restoration work for which the permit is issued, and approval thereof by the director of public works, or his designee, the deposit shall be returned to the applicant, except as provided in subsection (i).**

(e) *Application for permit.* Any person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof, seeking to or desiring to affect any crossing or construct any facility in, on, or about the right-of-way of the parish roads or streets shall make application therefore in writing to the director of public works, or his designee. The application shall set forth the nature of the work to be done, the reasons therefore, and the estimated required time for the work. The application shall be accompanied by sufficient plans, specifications and other data from which can be determined the quantity in cubic feet, yards, or otherwise the amount of resurfacing material necessary and proper to be required or needed in repaving and resurfacing the street or road in the area of the cut or crossing, or the linear feet of facility constructed within the parish rights-of-way. **A permit shall not be valid until the fees prescribed by law have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid, in accordance with the schedule set forth in subsection (d).**

(f) *Permit approval form and issuance.* Upon the receipt of an application to make cuttings or crossings or effect any construction facility within the right-of-way of parish roads or streets, the parish will issue permits in accordance with the application. The permit shall contain the terms, conditions and specifications to which the work shall be done and the time in calendar days in which work shall be performed. The director of public works, or his designee may make such terms and conditions in connection with the issuance of such permits as may be deemed expedient. Any application that may require cutting or placement of a facility within the traveled surface, and shoulder portion of a parish street or road, must be submitted to the director of public works, or his designee, and when authorized to do so by the director of public works, the parish may issue permits in accordance with the application.

(g) *Approval of work.* All work performed or to be performed pursuant to such permits shall be subject to the approval of the director of public works, or his designee. All work performed shall be in accordance with the State of Louisiana, department of transportation and development specifications, where applicable. Jetting or the use of water for excavation purposes shall not be permitted.

(h) *Restoration of surface.* Every person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof performing work upon, or in parish road, or street rights-of-way pursuant to permits issued herein shall restore the roads, streets, or rights-of-way affected by his operations to the same conditions as they were prior

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to the execution of the work for which the permit was granted, and within the time limit specified in the permit; provided, however, that the holder of any permit issued shall not be responsible for delays in the work authorized, caused or occasioned by facts and circumstances beyond his control, such as but not limited to strikes, and what is commonly referred to as "acts of God." The failure of the permittee to complete the prescribed restoration work shall constitute a violation of this section, and is punishable as hereinafter provided.

(i) *Authority of parish for restoration.* Ouachita Parish shall have the authority to backfill and restore road surfaces, or other portions of the rights-of-way excavated, or trenched by any person, firm, or corporation, or agent thereof during the installation of facilities, and shall be further authorized to render invoices to the appropriate person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof for reimbursement by said person, firm, or corporation, or agent thereof for all costs incurred in the restoration of the road surfaces, or rights-of-way so damaged or excavated, or trenched.

(j) *Affording ingress and egress for adjacent property.* All holders of a permit pursuant to this section shall make every effort to permit ingress and egress to the property adjacent to the right-of-way in which the work is being performed.

(k) *Installation of nonferrous or nonconductive pipe or material.* Any person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof which, while working in the parish rights-of-way pursuant to any permit, installs any nonferrous or nonconductive pipe or material into the parish rights-of-way, shall be required to install an insulated locator wire connected to said nonferrous or nonconductive pipe or material. The locator wire shall have approved above-ground access, and shall be maintained by said person, firm or corporation.

(l) *Self-bonding of public utilities.* Upon presentation by a public utility to the Ouachita Parish police jury of a proposed written performance bond, the Ouachita Parish police jury may, after consideration of said proposed bond, grant unto public utilities the authority to bond themselves, their successors or assigns as required herein, thereby allowing said public utility to execute the bond without utilizing the services of a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, as otherwise required herein. For the purpose of this subsection, "public utility" shall be defined as any person, public or private, subject to the general jurisdiction and regulations of the Louisiana public service commission, or the Ouachita Parish police jury, which in the course of its business regularly, and without discrimination, supplies the general public with some commodity or service, including but not limited to electricity, gas, water, transportation, telephone, telegraph service, or cable television service.

(m) *Overhead construction of aerial facilities.* The provisions of subsection (b) or (d) shall not apply to overhead construction of aerial facility crossings of parish streets and roads or to the construction of facilities along the rights-of-way of parish roads, or streets provided that, to wit:

- (1) Supporting structures of the aerial facilities, guy wires, or other similar devices and appurtenances are installed outside the limits of the parish right-of-way.
- (2) **Revoked February 2, 2026**
- (3) No part of the facility will impede drainage along and about the rights-of-way.

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(n) *Contingencies related to overhead construction of aerial facilities.* Every effort should be made to install supporting structures of aerial facilities, guy wires, other similar devices, and appurtenances as prescribed in subsection (m) above. **In the event any aerial facility or part thereof does not conform to subsection (m) above, the provisions of subsections (b) and (d) above shall apply.** The bond hereinabove referred to shall be either cash, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Ouachita Parish police jury, or surety bond executed by a casualty insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana, or a performance bond. When all poles, and other structures have been installed, and completed to the satisfaction of the director of public works, or his designee, the bond posted in connection therewith shall be returned to the applicant.

(o) *Clearances for aerial facilities.* All aerial lines crossing Ouachita Parish streets and roads shall be erected so that the lines shall be in accordance with the current National Electrical Safety Code.

(p) *Penalty for violation.* Any person, firm or corporation, or agent thereof, violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

The president recognized Mr. Long, Treasurer. Mr. Long stated that he did not have any items.

The president recognized Chief Moore, Fire Department. Chief Moore requested to purchase one Ford F-150 PPV on state contract from Courtesy Ford and one Ford F-350 and two Ford F-150's from Claude DeBreaux Ford. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the vehicle purchases. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Moore requested approval to advertise the purchase of turnout gear for bids. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Batton to approve advertising the purchase for bids. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Moore requested approval for Jessica Gregory to attend the 2026 Be the Difference Conference and Expo on January 25-28, 2026 and for Artice Dowdey and Nicholas Aucoin to attend the IWCE Expo on March 15-20, 2026. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the travel requests. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mrs. Johnson, Assistant District Attorney. Mrs. Johnson stated that she did not have any items.

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The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray presented the request for a fire hydrant variance for TLCS Rentals. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Hudson to deny the request for variance. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray asked to defer the matter concerning sketch plan approval for Deer Bend at Oliver Plantation.

Mr. Murray requested preliminary subdivision approval for Nor Anna Subdivision subject to comments from the Public Works department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to grant preliminary subdivision approval subject to comments being adequately answered. Motion passed without opposition.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The president recognized Wayne Allen, 133 Trace West Road, West Monroe. Mr. Allen requested a copy of the proposed construction fee schedule change from Ordinance No. 9540 which was introduced earlier in the meeting. Mr. Murray stated that he would meet with him after the meeting and give him a copy of the proposed changes.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President	Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary
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