

La. 4th graders lead nation in reading growth

Louisiana students have achieved some of the most significant academic progress in the nation, according to data released as part of The Nation's Report Card. Widely regarded as the gold standard of assessments, these latest results measure math and reading proficiency among 4th and 8th grade students in the U.S. Louisiana's students earned the state's highest national rankings across both grade levels and subjects.

Gov. Jeff Landry joined state Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley for a news conference announcing the results last week at Magnolia Woods Elementary in Baton Rouge.

"This is a historic achievement for our state and underscores the dedication of teachers and a laser focus on fundamental academic skills," Brumley said. "While we are obviously pleased, we are not completely satisfied as there is more work to accomplish."

The Nation's Report Card measures 4th grade math, 4th grade reading, 8th grade math and 8th grade reading. Louisiana saw its national rankings continue to rise in each subject and grade level.

Louisiana 4th graders led the nation in reading growth for the second consecutive cycle of The Nation's Report Card in 2022 and 2024. Louisiana 4th graders were top five in the nation for math growth.

Louisiana is one of only two states where 4th graders exceeded 2019 scores in reading and math. Louisiana is one of 14 states to post gains in 8th grade math. Louisiana students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students outperformed the national average in both achievement and growth.

"These results demonstrate the power of a strong academic foundation and a relentless focus on academic excellence," said Stacey Melerine, vice president of the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. "I'm especially encouraged to see students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students outpacing their national peers for

growth and achievement."

Literacy instruction aligned to the science of reading: Louisiana implemented a comprehensive literacy plan rooted in phonics, transforming how reading is taught statewide and equipping educators with the training to help students thrive.

Foundation math instruction: The state's math plan emphasized mastery of basic math skills, providing students with the time and tools necessary for long-term success in advanced math.

Special education guidance: Louisiana's Special Education Playbook for System Leaders received national recognition and offered educators practical tools to create high-quality learning environments for students with disabilities.

Empowering educators: Louisiana has invested in professional learning to equip teachers and leaders with the skills to effectively leverage high-quality instructional materials while reducing bureaucracy, excessive trainings and classroom disruptions.

"Our intentional focus on equipping teachers and leaders is one of the main factors that has translated into academic growth for Louisiana children," said Deputy Superintendent of Education Jenna Chiasson. "By providing educators with meaningful professional learning, coaching and collaboration opportunities, we have supported them in using

high-quality instructional materials in service of students."

Louisiana has implemented a number of programs and initiatives to build on recent progress. Thanks to a substantial investment by the state Legislature, Louisiana has expanded its high-dosage tutoring program to reach more schools and students.

Louisiana also adopted a revised accountability system that will raise the bar for academic success, enhance the value of career education and make it easier for the public to understand how schools are performing. Set to go into effect next school year, it has been called the strongest accountability system in the country by national education experts.

The Nation's Report Card, also known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, is the only nationally representative assessment of student achievement over time for the nation, states and selected large urban districts. A representative sample of students across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense schools take the assessment. The math and reading assessments in 4th and 8th grades had been conducted every two years since 2003 until it was suspended due to the pandemic. The 2022 assessment was the first administered since the pandemic.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DRIVES LOUISIANA'S ECONOMY



Two-thirds of Louisiana children under 5 years old have all available parents in the workforce.

FEBRUARY IS EARLY ED MONTH



Early Ed Month is an opportunity to learn more about critical issues surrounding early childhood education that impact children and families in the state of Louisiana.

SCAN QR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EARLY ED MONTH 2025.





Three-fourths of working parents reported having to take at least one day off from work in the prior three months because of a child care disruption.

\$1.3 BILLION

Without reliable child care, parents miss work, leave or change jobs, come in late, or leave early. These child care breakdowns cost our Louisiana economy \$1.3 billion annually.

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on this 3rd day of JANUARY, 2024, pursuant to an order of the Court dated DECEMBER 9, 2024, we the undersigned members of the Jury Commission in and for the said Parish and State, namely, SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY, IV

Duly and legally appointed and sworn to law, a quorum being present, assembled at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, at Monroe, Louisiana, together with Dana Benson, Clerk of Court and a member of said Commission, and did then and there perform the duties prescribed by law in the following manner to-wit: The Court ordered the drawing of 200 jurors to serve as Petit Jurors for the term of Court beginning MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025;

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, Albert Detran
Anding, Alexis Gene Makia Jera
Andrews, Roger Ensley
Antley, Acacia Lea
Arant, Wilma Ann
Bagwell, Dylan Michael
Banks, Kelly Hendrix
Barham, Dustin Lee
Barker, Consuelo Michelle
Basey, Phillip Wayne
Bedgood, Kala Troye
Benson, Mary Pearl W
Blanson, Youtaina Michelle
Boone, Jayna S
Borowski, Richard Paul
Bostick, Morgan Bivens
Bowie, Jessie Gibson
Bratton, Linda H
Brodnax, John T
Brown, Alisha Lasha
Brown, Beverly A
Brown, Cathy C
Brown Jr, Howard Roy
Buchanan, Cindy Elizabeth
Buggs, Tameka Lakia
Cagle, Bryan Lane
Cahill, Crystal Lashea
Caldwell, Julie C
Calhoun, Jennifer Cockburn
Calhoun, Robert William
Canal, Edna D
Carden, Varda Mitchell
Carl, Wendy Leigh
Carr, Ronald Jackson
Chaney, Michael Paul
Chase, Nikki R
Clark, James M
Clayton, Crystal Ann
Conley, Lashunda Lynn
Conrad, Tammy Duerr
Coon Jr, Samuel Glen
Cooper, Clint W
Copeland, Jay Darren
Coplen, Anne Elizabeth
Craft, Markquites Yvette
Creekmore, Bryan Joseph
Dallalio, Daniel Talmage
Darby, Deontae Quashawn
Daron, Louise F
Davis, Jan Doyelle Moore
Davis, Katherine B
Debruhl, Seth Randall
Dial, Cole
Dockens, Ashley Marie
Dolecheck, Mark R
Elliott Jr, Michael
Ethridge, Betty Ann Heath
Evans, Zoe Ophelia
Fewell, Doris Bethard
Field, Amanda Michelle
Ford, Sharon Elizabeth
Foy, Sandra Kaye Gonzales
Freeman, Michael Joseph
Fulton, Lee R
Gates, Marcia Lynn Mitchell

Gipson, Mario Andrae
Givens, Brenda Joyce
Goins, Giovanni
Goins, Madison W
Grant, Jerry R
Green, Toni L
Green, Vicki L
Griffin, Carolyn Jo
Grissom, Reuben
Haisty, Barbara E
Hales, Maranda Barnettte
Hall, Alisha Nicole
Hancock, Candace Michelle
Hardy, Kashundra Demetria
Harris, Donrae Dywuun
Harris, Dora L
Hart, Jerry Delando
Harvey, Gigi Ladon
Haynes, Cynthia Lynn
Hearne, Christopher Ryan
Herrock, John E
Hibbets, Ronald E
Hill, Shelton Ray
Ho, Ninh
Howington, Eddie E
Hughes, Marjorie Smith
Hughes, Reagan Leigh
Hymel, Michael Anthony
Jackson Jr, Horace
Jacobson, Maryann Angela
Jason, Julia Nicole
Jenkins, Serena M
Jester, Mary Louise
Johnson, Bernice Scott
Johnson, Ernest Finbarr
Johnson, Nancy Lynn
Johnson, Robert Michael
Johnston, Tabatha Roxane
Jones, Richard E
Joseph, Germaine D
Jowers, Kaylan Allena
Justice, Eva D
King, Jessica L
Laborde, Darren R
Laffoon, Elizabeth Nola
Lawrence, Misty Irene
Lee, Clarence Allen
Malmay, Barbara Ree
Marshall, Willie Mae
Martin, Joey Franklin
McCaa, Karen Watson
McCleery, Carmen Janet
McClellan, Eric Mitchell
McFarland, Raquel Denise
McMorris, Rhonda Sue
McNew, Vonnell G
Menzie, Barbara Jane
Middleton, Mary G
Mims, Colby Jackson
Minor, Cheryl Denise
Moffett, Shantonia Janee
Monk, Shirley S
Moore, Morgan Leigh
Moses, Jessica Dawn
Murphy, Vera M
Muscgrove, Fond Siltan
Nelson, Debra R
Newton, Sheila Carter
Ott, April W
Pearson, Akeia Breann
Perodeau, Clinton Tucker
Pickens, Rickey
Pineda-Mendoza, Yovanny V
Poole, Charla Nicole
Pyle, Jesse Duaine
Ramirez, Brittany Christain
Read, Jerry L
Reed, Rosie Lee
Riley Jr, William Clarence
Ritter, Meredith Awtrey
Robinson, Elizabeth Rayetta
Robinson, Nobie Lynn

Rose, Alexis
Safadel, Parviz
Santiago, Noah Lavina
Sayegh, Melanie Creel
Schmidt, Gordon Bruce
Schwab, Heath Daniel
Sears, Steven Slade
Sharplin, Terrell Thomas
Shields, Shelby Payton
Sims, Michael D
Skinner, James Allen
Smalling, William Buford
Smith, Clara Bell
Smith, Kemarea Makida
Spearman, Bennie Mae
Spillers, William Anderson
Stewart, John Hays
Stewart, Stefanie Church
Sturgis, Jason Randolph
Sullivan, Adrianna Monyrea
Sumler, Betty L
Sweat, Susan Ebey Morehead
Taylor, John Raymond
Taylor, Johnathan Wade
Taylor, Terrance Lee
Thomas, Shelva Latayia
Tolbert, Debra Lou
Tolliver, Kyra Yolandra
Treadway, Terry Denise
Tucker, Candace Marie
Underwood, Marquissa Onay
Walker, Lasandra
Wall, Brooke Blackman
Wallace, Victoria Johnson
Ward, Milton E
Washington, Verberlyn Clay
Watkins, Patrick T
Watley, Jimmy W
Webster, Cameron Dejuan
Weeks, Tabitha Faye
Wheat, Emily Lynne Grable
White, Skyler McKenna
Wiggins, Dani Marie
Wiggins, Wendy Charmaine
Wilkerson, Theresa D
Williams, Hettie B
Williams, James E
Williams, Johnny Lee
Williams, Lisa Lashonce
Willis, Kimberly Ann
Wilson, David W
Woods, Kevin Dewayne
Worley III, Emery Edward
Wright, James Pierre
Zuber, Matthew Daniel

The slips containing the names of persons listed were then placed in a separate envelope, which was sealed and the words "ONE" 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 3rd day of JANUARY, 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
2.6 | COST: \$165

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 and low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 120 Walnut Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

Corporation name: Hotel Monroe Operations LLC
DBA: The Hotel Monroe
Michael and Christie Echols, Owners
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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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SHERIFF'S SALE
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION EBO TRUST
VS.NO. 2024-1957
KEVIN D MCLAIN AKA KEVIN DEWAYNE MCLAIN
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 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
Tract 11 of Ashton Park Subdivision, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, situated in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, as per plat of record in Plat Book 24, Page 85, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property,
That certain manufactured home/mobile situated on the above described property, being a 2013 Southern Energy, Model PRF28684, 28 x 68, Serial No. SA4062319ALAB, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Declaration of Immobilization dated July 23, 2013 and filed for record as Instrument No. 1637305 of the records of Ouachita Parish, 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 WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
February 6, 2025 March 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES LLC
VS.NO. 20243524
ROWSHELL DENISE HEGGENS, ROWSHELL D HEGGENS, ROWSHELL HEGGENS
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 12, 2025, 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 82 OF UNIT NO. 2 OF EASTWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, AS PER PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 139 OF THE 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 6, 2025 March 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
VS.NO. 20243968
CHARLES K. TURNAGE AND DEBRA S. TURNAGE
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 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
THE SOUTHERN THREE (3) ACRES OF PARCEL NUMBER TEN (10), AS PER PLAT ATTACHED TO THAT CERTAIN DEED FROM MICHAEL J. WORLEY TO GERALD WAYNE LOWERY, DATED AND FILED APRIL 14, 1977 IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1099, PAGE 316, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING THREE (3) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 21; THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 21, A DISTANCE OF 1260.48 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 88 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 24 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, RUN NORTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 944.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE TURNING AT A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, RUN EASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 600.0 FEET; THENCE TURNING AT A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, RUN SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 217 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 10 AS PER PLAT ATTACHED TO THAT CERTAIN DEED FROM MICHAEL J. WORLEY TO GERALD WAYNE LOWERY, RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1099, PAGE 316 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; THENCE TURNING AT A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, AND RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL 10 A DISTANCE OF 600.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 88 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 24 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, RUN NORTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 217 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH ALL INGRESS AND EGRESS REFERENCE IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1001, PAGE 533 AND CONVEYANCE BOOK 1015, PAGE 480, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS TRANSFERRED UNTO G.W. LOWERY, AND ALSO BY ACT OF CORRECTION DATED JULY 29, 1977, RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1109, DATE REGISTER NO. 750133, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND ANY AND ALL ACCESS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY THROUGH AN ATTEMPTED DEDICATION OF PUBLIC ROAD, RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1007, PAGE 167, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.
WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 437 MURRAY CIRCLE, WEST MONROE, LA 71292
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 6, 2025 March 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
CENTRIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
VS.NO. 20244440
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF ROGER D BALSAMO AKA ROGER BALSAMO
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, February 19, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
2021 TRAILSTAR PT175 BOAT TRAILER, VIN #7J511EH12MB001224

2021 TRACKER MARINE BOAT, HIN#BUJ33617G021
2021 MERCURY ELPT 4S EFI BOAT MOTOR, SERIAL # 1C606141
Seized as the property of the defendant 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 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR AEGIS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2004-5
VS.NO. 20242042
THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF REGSNAL LOUIS CARROLL AKA, REGSNAL CARROLL, THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF WILLIEMENA BECKWITH CARROLL AKA, WILLIEMENA BECKWITH, WILLIEMENA CARROLL, SHARONDA CARROLL HIGHSHAW AKA, SHARONDA C. HIGHSHAW, SHARONDA CARROLL, SHARONDA HIGHSHAW, AVIUS SHONTERA CARROLL
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, February 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
LOT "D" OF SUPERIOR SUBDIVISION, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 172, LESS AND EXCEPT LOTS 1 THRU 6 OF OUACHITA COTTON MILL COMPANY'S SECOND ADDITION TO MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT OF SAID RESUBDIVISION ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 9, OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA. WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 1713 SOUTH 6TH STREET, MONROE, LA 71202.
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
January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
MOVEMENT MORTGAGE LLC
VS.NO. 20244173
BILL EDWIN BREWSTER JR A/K/A, BILL E BREWSTER JR A/K/A, BILL BREWSTER JR
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, February 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55), UNIT ONE (1), BELLE MEADE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 90, 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
January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
VS.NO. 20244236
THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF RILEY EDWARD AND LATER-RANCE DANSHEA PERRY
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, February 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
LOT THREE (3) AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 23 OF THE FENNEL ESTATE SITUATED SOUTH OF DESIARD ROAD, AND BEING A PORTION OF INGLESIDE PLANTATION IN SECTION 37, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT FILED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 44, 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 WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
VS.NO. 20244290
CARMEN MARIE CARAWAY
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, February 12, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN OUACHITA PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10, UNIT 1 HILL CREST SUBDIVISION, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 23. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FORM DEAN ROY BUILDERS, INC AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 1894 PAGE 558 DATED 06/04/2003 AND RECORDED 06/05/2003, OUACHITA PARISH RECORDS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE 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
January 9, 2025 February 6, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Kevin D. McClain aka Kevin DeWayne McClain, former residence address, 137 Baby Bee Lane, Monroe, Louisiana 71203; please contact the following Court Appointed Curator Ad Hoc for Kevin DeWayne McClain :
Chester A. Bradley, III
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 2689
Monroe, Louisiana 71207-2689
Telephone# (318) 388-3401
Cell Telephone (318)-614-8214
Email Address: chesterbradleylaw@att.net
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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Storage Depot - Monroe located at 3128 Armand

St Monroe LA 71201 intends to hold an Auction to enforce its privilege against the following parties at the facility for default of payment of Rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 2/20/2025 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Ashley Rynolds unit #055; Victor Anderson unit #096; Zerada Knox unit #159. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Cypress Mini Storage located at 4601 Cypress St. West Monroe, LA 71291 intends to hold an Auction to enforce its privilege against the following parties at the facility for default of payment of Rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.lockerfox.com on 2/19/2025 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Jada Landrum unit #21A; Erika R Dollar unit #3D; Margaret Dean unit #6A. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed Bids will be received by the Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 until 2 P.M., March 10, 2025 For: West Monroe High School Football Turf Replacement Project 201 Riggs St. West Monroe, LA 71291 Ouachita Parish School System
BID NUMBER: 19-25 - WMHS Football Field Renovations
Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form.
and without deposit from www.centralbidding.com. Printed copies are not available from the Engineer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Engineer at
Simpson Sports Engineering, LLC
4241 Little Farms Drive
Zachary, LA 70791
Telephone: (225) 235-9638
E-mail: dsimpson@simpsonsportseng.com
All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this state. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. Contractors have the option of submitting bids electronically at www.centralauctionhouse.com or www.centralbidding.com in lieu of sealed bids.
Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under L.A. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B) (5). No bid may be withdrawn except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.
The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to the 100% of the contract amount.
A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held February 20 at 11:00 A.M., beginning at the football field at West Monroe High School, West Monroe, LA 71291 campus. Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who attend the Pre-bid Conference in its entirety.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.
ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY ARCHITECT OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.
ATTEST: _____ OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Mr. Todd Guice
Tommy Comeaux, President
They may be obtained without charge
Publications Dates: 02-06-2025, 02-13-2025, 02-20-2025 | \$40

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS will be received by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Administration Building, 100 Bry St., Monroe, Louisiana 71201, on or before two-thirty (2:30) PM, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at two-thirty (2:30) PM, February 25, 2025, and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting for the purpose of furnishing the following:
FIREFIGHTER HELMETS
Complete specifications on the above item(s) are on file with and may be obtained from Lushonnoh Matthews, Purchasing Manager, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Purchasing Department, 100 Bry St., Monroe, LA. Bidders must note on the sealed envelope containing the bid: "SEALED BID" and the APPROPRIATE BID NUMBER.
Bids are accepted electronically on BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/ouachitaparishpolicejury.
THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025 | \$16.25

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS will be received by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Administration Building, 100 Bry St., Monroe, Louisiana 71201, on or before two (2:00) PM, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at two o'clock (2:00) PM, February 25, 2025, and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting for the purpose of furnishing the following:
2025 MODEL YEAR OR NEWER TRI-AXLE DUMP TRUCK
Complete specifications on the above item(s) are on file with and may be obtained from Lushonnoh Matthews, Purchasing Manager, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Purchasing Department, 100 Bry St., Monroe, LA. Bidders must note on the sealed envelope containing the bid: "SEALED BID" and the APPROPRIATE BID NUMBER.
Bids are accepted electronically on BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/ouachitaparishpolicejury.
THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY
Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025 | \$17.50

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS will be received by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Administration Building, 100 Bry St., Monroe, Louisiana 71201, on or before two (2:00) PM, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at two o'clock (2:00) PM, February 25, 2025, and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting for the purpose of furnishing the following:
2025 MODEL YEAR OR NEWER TANDEM AXLE DUMP TURCK
Complete specifications on the above item(s) are on file with and may be obtained from Lushonnoh Matthews, Purchasing Manager, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Purchasing Department, 100 Bry St., Monroe, LA. Bidders must note on the sealed envelope containing the bid: "SEALED BID" and the APPROPRIATE BID NUMBER.
Bids are accepted electronically on BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/ouachitaparishpolicejury.
THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
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OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY

Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025 | \$17.50

2021 Chongqing Huansond Indust Motorcycle, vinLWGPMCMLC-8MA2A3510 (B6668) is being stored at Bears Towing of Ouachita Inc. 2601 US 165 Byp Monroe, La 71202. If all charges are not paid and vehicle is not claimed within 15 days from this date. a Permit to Sell/Dismantle will be obtained.
2.6, 2.13

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with Section 13, Article III of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming regular session of the Legislature of Louisiana to be convened on Monday, April 14, 2025, an act to amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.45, to increase the maximum allowable millage rate in any ward of Morehouse Parish for special cemetery taxes to three mills; to allow the proceeds of such taxes to be used for the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and upkeep of public cemeteries located in such wards; to allow any unexpended proceeds from previous years' taxes to be expended for the aforesaid purposes; and to provide for related matters.
2.6, 2.13 | \$10

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration and shall be directed to the Office of Facility Planning and Control, 1201 North Third Street, Claiborne Office Building, Suite 7-160, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802 or P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The deadline for receipt of bids is 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 06, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in a public meeting in the Claiborne Office Building, Conference Room 1-145.
FOR:Building Repairs and Renovation
Southern Oaks Addiction Recovery (SOAR)
Northeast Delta Human Services Authority
Monroe, Louisiana
PROJECT NUMBER:01-107-18-02, F.01004523
Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from E. Woodrow Whittington, Jr., Architect. Inc.. Printed copies are not available from the Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs.

Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at: E. Woodrow Whittington, Jr., Architect, Inc.
8525 Highway 80 West
Ruston, LA 71270
Telephone: 318-255-2271
E-mail: woodywhitt@aol.com
All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD
at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 24, 2025 at Southern Oaks Addiction Recovery (SOAR),
RISE, Community Room, 4781 South Grand Street, Monroe, LA 71202.
Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B) (5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds or financed in whole or in part by federal or other funds which are not readily available at the time bids are received, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds by the Bond Commission or the availability of federal or other funds. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned (LaVet) Small Entrepreneurships Program. Bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility Planning and Control or on its website at https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/fpc/.

If you have a disability and would like to request an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Christina Cardona at Christina.Cardona@la.gov or (225) 342-6060 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL
ROGER E. HUSSER, JR., DIRECTOR
1.23, 1.30, 2.6 | \$47.50

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on November 12, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), levy a special tax of 4.50 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the City for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$820,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for the purpose of paying capital expenditures related to the Fire and Police Departments of the City?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS
27(PART)
28
30(PART)
33(PART)
34
35(PART)
37(PART)
42(PART)
43(PART)
44A(PART)
46(PART)
47(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$40,100.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be

selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the West Monroe Council Chambers, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.
1.23, 1.30, 2.6 | \$41.25

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of West Monroe for the construction of the project described as follows:

PROJECT: North 7th Shared-Use Trail

TYPE: Highway, Street, and Bridge OR Municipal and Public Works Construction

CONTRACT TIME: 90 Calendar Days

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: \$200 (Two hundred) per Working Day
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$355,000

Proposals shall be addressed to the City of West Monroe and delivered here to the office of the City Clerk, located in the City Hall not later than 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 2025 .

Proposals shall be designated as "Sealed Bid – North 7th Shared-Use Trail". All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. The contractor shall display his active contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Bids may also be submitted electronically through Civcast (www.civcastusa.com). Instructions for electronic submittal are provided on the site. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 2025 in the Council Chambers at the West Monroe City Hall located at 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at www.civcastusa.com, or at the office of S.E. Huey Co., 1111 N. 19th Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained through Civcast (www.civcastusa.com) , or via a link found at www.sehuey.com. Contract documents may be viewed and downloaded at no cost; free registration is required. A fee will be charged for printing and shipping contract documents. See website for details. Alternatively, copies of the contract documents may be obtained from the office of S.E. Huey Co., located at 1111 N. 19th Street, Monroe, LA 71201, upon payment of a \$50.00 deposit for each set. Bona fide prime contractors who submit a valid bid for the project will receive a full refund for their first set of Contract Documents obtained from S.E. Huey Co. upon returning them in good condition to the office of S.E. Huey Co. within ten calendar days of the bid opening. The deposit for all other plans will be non-refundable.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within 45 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of certification regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Past Criminal Convictions of Bidders, and the Affidavit of Non-Collusion.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all required contract provisions for Federal-Aid construction contracts (located on form FHWA 1273).

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within then (10) working days after normal award of contract.

Minority owned firms and small businesses are encouraged to participate.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of West Monroe no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell
Publication Dates
1/16/2025
1/23/2025
1/30/2025
2/6/2025 | \$46.25

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291 until 10:00 A.M., February 25, 2025 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

BID: RFP14-25 KITCHEN CAMERAS

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.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauction-house.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:
ATTEST:
Publish Ouachita Citizen
January 23, 2025 January 30, 2025 February 6, 2025
Todd Guice Secretary | \$16.25

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., February 10th, 2025 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

BID: 18-25 COPY PAPER

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.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauction-house.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:
ATTEST:
Publish Ouachita Citizen
1.30, 2.6 | \$16.25

The Coalition for Safe Affordable Housing (COSAH) is taking applications from parties interested in potential funding for the provision of rental assistance, and/or for the development of affordable housing in North / Central Louisiana. Interested applicants must submit a resume demonstrating experience, financial capacity, and a business plan for use of the funding. For affordable housing requests, they must provide a 15-year pro forma and sources and uses for the proposed development; provide project site information, including proposed site plan and unit counts. Sites must be located in a low-income census tract or federal equivalent. Interested parties may not participate if they have had any state or federal compliance violations. The application deadline is February 28, 2025. Mail 3 hard copies to COSAH 2916 Cypress Street, Suite 2 Mail Stop 153, West Monroe LA 71291

1.30, 2.6, 2.13 | \$11.25

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sandra Covington, Laura Covington, or Shekeisha Covington, please contact SCOTTY W. LOWERY at The Lowery Law Firm, 608 South Washington Street, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220, (318) 281-9880.
1.30, 2.6

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on November 18, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION
(JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of two and nine-tenths (2.90) mills on all the property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of improving, maintaining, operating and equipping the Ouachita Parish Juvenile Detention Center, this being a renewal of an existing tax presently authorized through 2025 that is reasonably expected to generate \$3,864,044 in the first year.

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
01	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
01A	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
02	Sterlington Recreation Center, 709 Frances Ave
03	Jack Hayes Elementary School, 3631 Old Sterlington Rd
04	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
05	Osterland Recreation Center, 710 Holland Dr
06	Swartz Recreation Center, 701 Lincoln Hill Dr
07	Swartz Recreation Center, 701 Lincoln Hill Dr
08	Louise Williams Library, 140 Bayou Oaks Dr
09	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy 594
09A	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy 594

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
10	Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John St
11	Jefferson Upper Elementary School, 1001 Pecan St
12	Barkdull Faulk Elementary School, 2110 Jackson St
13	Benoit Recreation Center, 1700 Oaklawn Dr
14	Benoit Recreation Center, 1700 Oaklawn Dr
15	Henrietta Johnson Recreation Center, 2800 Burg Jones Ln
16	Emily P. Robinson Recreation Center, 3504 Jackson St
17	Emily P. Robinson Recreation Center, 3504 Jackson St
18	Richwood Middle School, 5901 US Hwy 165 Bypass
19	Robinson Elementary School, 5101 Burg Jones Ln
20	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Rd
21	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Rd
22	Jefferson Upper Elementary School, 1001 Pecan St
23	Henrietta Johnson Recreation Center, 2800 Burg Jones Ln
24	MW Prince Hall Grand Masonic Lodge, 5500 Hwy 165 Bypass
25	Prairie Road Water District Office, 2176 Prairie Road
26	Prairie Road Water District Office, 2176 Prairie Road
27	Agriculture Building, 704 Cypress St
28	Cypress Street Library, 315 Cypress St
29	[consolidated into Precinct 30]
30	Riverbend Elementary School, 700 Austin St
31	Ouachita Parish Academy of Learning, 910 Thomas Rd
32	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Rd
33	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Rd
34	West Ouachita Senior Center (7 th Square), 1800 N 7 th St
35	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 th St
36	Kirolu Elementary School, 700 Kirolu Rd

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
37	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 th St
38	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Road
39	Riser Junior High School, 100 Price Dr
40	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Rd
41	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
42	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Rd
43	Kirolu Elementary School, 700 Kirolu Rd
44	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Rd
44A	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Rd
45	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
46	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Rd
47	West Ouachita Senior Center (7 th Square), 1800 N 7 th St
48	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Rd
49	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
50	Kirolu Elementary School, 700 Kirolu Rd
51	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
51A	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
52	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
52A	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
53	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
54	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy 151 S
55	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy 151 S
56	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd
56A	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd
57	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd
58	Pinecrest Elementary School, 3604 Hwy 557
59	Neville Junior High School, 1600 N 19 th St

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
60	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
61	American Legion Hall, 401 Forsythe Ave
62	Neville Junior High School, 1600 N 19 th St
63	J S Clark Magnet School, 1202 Breadst St
64	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
65	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
65A	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
66	Sherrouse School, 300 Sherrouse Ave
67	Cypress Point Elementary School, 6701 Mosswood Drive
68	Ouachita Parish Junior High School, 5500 Blanks Ave
69	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
70	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St
71	St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1901 Lexington Ave
72	Lakeshore Elementary School, 550 Balboa Dr
73	Cypress Point Elementary School, 6701 Mosswood Drive
74	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St
75	St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 2816 Deborah Dr
76	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
77	Lexington Elementary School, 1900 Lexington Ave
78	Neville High School, 600 Forsythe Ave
79	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election affects *ad valorem* taxation and a portion of monies collected as a result thereof shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

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The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$84,000. If additional ballot items appear in the precincts where this proposition is on the ballot, the Parish's share of the cost might be less.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Ouachita Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, at FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 18th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Shane Smiley
President

/s/ Karen Cupit
Recording Secretary

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Run Date: 1.16, 1.23, 1.30, 2.6 | \$155.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on November 18, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION (LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of seven and sixty-four hundredths (7.64) mills on all the property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction, acquisition, improvement, renovation and support of the Ouachita Parish Library and its branches, this being a renewal of an existing tax presently authorized through 2025 that is reasonably expected to generate \$10,179,669 in its first year?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
01	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
01A	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
02	Sterlington Recreation Center, 709 Frances Ave
03	Jack Hayes Elementary School, 3631 Old Sterlington Rd
04	Ouachita Christian School, 7065 Hwy 165 N
05	Osterland Recreation Center, 710 Holland Dr
06	Swartz Recreation Center, 701 Lincoln Hill Dr
07	Swartz Recreation Center, 701 Lincoln Hill Dr

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
08	Louise Williams Library, 140 Bayou Oaks Dr
09	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy 594
09A	Ouachita High School, 681 Hwy 594
10	Ouachita Parish Courthouse, 300 St. John St
11	Jefferson Upper Elementary School, 1001 Pecan St
12	Barkdull Faulk Elementary School, 2110 Jackson St
13	Benoit Recreation Center, 1700 Oaklawn Dr
14	Benoit Recreation Center, 1700 Oaklawn Dr
15	Henrietta Johnson Recreation Center, 2800 Burg Jones Ln
16	Emily P. Robinson Recreation Center, 3504 Jackson St
17	Emily P. Robinson Recreation Center, 3504 Jackson St
18	Richwood Middle School, 5901 US Hwy 165 Bypass
19	Robinson Elementary School, 5101 Burg Jones Ln
20	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Rd
21	Shady Grove Elementary School, 2204 Ticheli Rd
22	Jefferson Upper Elementary School, 1001 Pecan St
23	Henrietta Johnson Recreation Center, 2800 Burg Jones Ln
24	MW Prince Hall Grand Masonic Lodge, 5500 Hwy 165 Bypass
25	Prairie Road Water District Office, 2176 Prairie Road
26	Prairie Road Water District Office, 2176 Prairie Road
27	Agriculture Building, 704 Cypress St
28	Cypress Street Library, 315 Cypress St
29	[consolidated into Precinct 30]
30	Riverbend Elementary School, 700 Austin St
31	Ouachita Parish Academy of Learning, 910 Thomas Rd
32	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Rd
33	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Rd

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
34	West Ouachita Senior Center (7 th Square), 1800 N 7 th St
35	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 th St
36	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Rd
37	West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N 7 th St
38	Claiborne Elementary School, 1011 Wallace Dean Road
39	Riser Junior High School, 100 Price Dr
40	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Rd
41	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
42	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Rd
43	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Rd
44	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Rd
44A	George Welch School, 199 Caldwell Rd
45	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
46	Highland Elementary School, 1501 Wellerman Rd
47	West Ouachita Senior Center (7 th Square), 1800 N 7 th St
48	Lenwil Elementary School, 112 Arrant Rd
49	Drew Elementary School, 1132 Hwy 15
50	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli Rd
51	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
51A	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
52	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
52A	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
53	Calhoun Middle School, 191 Hwy 80 E
54	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy 151 S
55	Central Elementary School, 1163 Hwy 151 S
56	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd
56A	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
57	Woodlawn Elementary School, 5946 Jonesboro Rd
58	Pinecrest Elementary School, 3604 Hwy 557
59	Neville Junior High School, 1600 N 19 th St
60	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
61	American Legion Hall, 401 Forsythe Ave
62	Neville Junior High School, 1600 N 19 th St
63	J S Clark Magnet School, 1202 Breard St
64	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
65	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
65A	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
66	Sherrouse School, 300 Sherrouse Ave
67	Cypress Point Elementary School, 6701 Mosswood Drive
68	Ouachita Parish Junior High School, 5500 Blanks Ave
69	Carroll High School, 2939 Renwick St
70	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St
71	St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1901 Lexington Ave
72	Lakeshore Elementary School, 550 Balboa Dr
73	Cypress Point Elementary School, 6701 Mosswood Drive
74	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St
75	St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 2816 Deborah Dr
76	Saul Adler Recreation Center, 3900 Westminster Ave
77	Lexington Elementary School, 1900 Lexington Ave
78	Neville High School, 600 Forsythe Ave
79	Roy Neal Shelling Elementary School, 4200 Elm St

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election affects *ad valorem* taxation and a portion of monies collected as a result thereof shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$84,000. If additional ballot items appear in the precincts where this proposition is on the ballot, the Parish's share of the cost might be less.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Ouachita Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, at FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 18th day of November , 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Shane Smiley
President

/s/ Karen Cupit
Recording Secretary

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Run Date: 1.16, 1.23, 1.30, 2.6 | \$113.73

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Monroe Housing Authority will receive sealed bids for the 901 Standifer Burn Unit. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 27th, 2025, at the office of the Monroe Housing Authority in the Boardroom, located at 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION SHALL NOTIFY MONROE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

Complete bidding documents for this project are available in electronic form to bonafide prime bidders. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from Monroe Housing Authority; e-mail request to frugeh@monroeha.com. Printed copies are not available, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids. Monroe Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause per State Public Bid Law or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Date: January 24, 2025 Monroe Housing Authority By: William V. Smart, Executive Director
Run: 1/30 2/6 2/13 | \$16.25

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Monroe Housing Authority will receive sealed bids for the VARIOUS LAWN CONTRACTS. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the office of the Monroe Housing Authority in the Boardroom, located at 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

There will be a PRE-BID AT 1:00 pm, Wednesday February 5, 2025, at the office of the Monroe Housing Authority in the Boardroom, located at 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201.

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Date: January 24, 2025 Monroe Housing Authority By: William V. Smart, Executive Director
Run:
1/30
2/6
2/13
2/20 | \$21.25

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Police Jury Meeting Room at 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, on or before two (2:00) PM, Thursday, February 27, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at two (2:00) o'clock PM, Thursday, February 27, 2025 and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a scheduled meeting for the purpose of furnishing the following:

Ouachita Parish Health Clinic Renovation

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are being distributed in electronic form on behalf of the Owner by Centerline BidConnect. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from the Public Plan Room at www.centerlinebidconnect.com. Printed copies are not available from the Owner or Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to: Centerline - Phone: 504-291-5738, Email: bidconnect@centerline.co. LAND 3 ARCHITECT INCPh: 318 - 348-9753
1900 Stubbs Avenue, Suite ABill@Land3.com
Monroe, Louisiana 71201-5752

Electronic bids can be submitted at to www.bidnetdirect.com//ouachitaparishpolicejury prior to bid closing time. Contractors/Vendors do not pay to register, receive notifications, or submit solicitation responses. Please contact me if you have any questions.

There will be a MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 AM on Friday February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the project site at 701 St. John Street, Monroe LA, 71201. Bids shall only be accepted from Contractors who attend this meeting.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract

with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this State. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY

Publication Dates:

January 30, 2025

Feb. 6, 2025

Feb. 13, 2025 | \$38.75

WEST MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION

2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

West Monroe Planning Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of West Monroe will meet in legal session on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, to review the following:

SUB-24-55000003 by Thomas J. Smith III for property located 3617 & 3619 Cypress Street (Parcel #35123). Requesting Subdivision Review for Resub Division of Lot 1 and a portion of Lot 3 of McCoy's Subdivision per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-2001. This application was TABLED at the January 22, 2025 meeting and will be heard at the February 17, 2025.

If you need special assistance, please contact Jonathan Kaufman, Building & Development Director, at 318-396-2600, and describe the assistance that is necessary.

The public is invited to attend.

Run Date: 1-30-2025, 2-6-2025, & 2-13-2025 | \$13.75

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Child Nutrition Director, Ouachita Parish School Board, 920 Thomas Road, West Monroe, LA 71292, or P.O. Box 2957, West Monroe, LA 71294 until 10:00 A.M. C.S.T. Friday February 21, 2025. Beginning at 10:00 A.M. bids will be will be publicly opened: RFP FS1-26 CNPC USDA Commodity Processing Proposal

Bid information can be obtained from Ouachita Parish System, Child Nutrition Program Director, Jo Lynne Corroero, 920 Thomas Road, West Monroe, LA 71292, phone 318-398-1990; email: corroero@opsb.net. This is a Request for Proposal. Award will be based on the highest overall score to the most qualified responsive bidder. The OPSB Child Nutrition Services reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids as prescribed by Statute.

Ouachita Parish School Board is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauction-house.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.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Tommy Comeaux, President

ATTEST: Todd Guice

Secretary

Publish Ouachita Citizen

Date: January 30, 2025

February 6, 2025

February 13, 2025 | \$22.50

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SEALED BIDS will be received in the office of Lazenby & Associates, Inc., 2000 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, on or before 2:30 PM, February 25, 2025 and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Lazenby & Associates, Inc., at 2:30 PM, February 25, 2025 and submitted to the Greater Ouachita Port Commission at its next scheduled meeting, for the purpose of furnishing the following:

Loaded Container Handler Equipment Procurement
Greater Ouachita Port Commission

L&A, Inc. Project No. 03E089.23

Estimated Probable Construction Cost: \$950,000

Each bid shall be signed by an officer or member of the bidding vendor who is authorized to legally bind the bidder to the terms of this public bid. Bidding Documents including this advertisement will be published electronically via www.QuestCDN.com. Electronic bids may be received via www.QuestCDN.com prior to bid closing time. Quest Number: 9515187.

It is understood and agreed that the Bidder, if awarded the subject contract, will protect, defend and hold harmless the Greater Ouachita Port Commission, its members, agents, and employees, from any claims, suits, or demands. This includes demand for payment for the use of any trade secret that may enter into the design, manufacture, or use of the item or services contracted for. Including any material, device, article or process the use or which is substantially important to the proper and most effective use of the items or services contracted for. Bidder further agrees to indemnify in full the Greater Ouachita Port Commission, its members, employees and agents for any amounts which they may be required to expend in the defense of such claims, suits of demands, or in settlement thereof, or in satisfaction of any judgement, award or decree resulting therefrom.

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Bidder, by submitting a proposal in response to this invitation, agrees to be bound by each of the terms and conditions hereof. Also, bidder agrees that said terms and conditions constitute the terms of the contract between the Greater Ouachita Port Commission and Bidder, effective upon award of the contract by the Greater Ouachita Port Commission.

The Greater Ouachita Port Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214 (B).

No bonds are required for this bid (Bid, Performance & Payment, etc.).

Purchases for this project shall be exempt from state sales and use tax according to LA R.S. 47:301 (8)(c)(i). The successful bidder shall be granted the tax-exempt status of the Greater Ouachita Port Commission via Form R-1020, Designation of Construction Contractor as Agent of a Government Entity Sales Tax Exemption Certificate.

December 1, 2024

OWNER: Greater Ouachita Port Commission

Date

BY: /s/ Ricky Guillot

Ricky Guillot, President

Publication Dates:

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Date
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Ricky Guillot, President
Publication Dates:
February 6, 2025, & February 13, 2025 | \$38.75

TOWN OF STERLINGTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA

6:30 P.M. TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CHAMBER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Aldersperson Erica Hughes gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Personnel in attendance were Town Clerk Natalie Penrose and Assistant Chief Cobi Brown.

GUESTS: Guest in attendance were Officer Brad Kindrix and Cheryl Kindrix, Jason Kozlow with Black & Veach and Eryn Kozlow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Tuesday, December 17, 2024
M/S/C (MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED) (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve the meeting minutes for December 17, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

EDD PRINCIPAL REDUCTION
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the EDD Principal Reduction by \$300,000.

JAMES HALE PROPERTY DONATION REVOCATION
M/S/C (Charles Hodnett, Zack Howse) approve the Property Donation Revocation as presented.

TRASH SERVICE-ERICA HUGHES
Discussion only.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE APPLICATION-SERENDIPITY
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approves the Occupational License Application for Serendipity Coffee Shop.

T-MOBILE QUOTES
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve the lowest quote.

SPD OFFICER NEW HIRE
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve hiring of new officer Brad Kindrix.

DRA PROJECTS DISCUSSION
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson)

ADONAI ROAD EXTENSION DONATION
Table

ADJOURN
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) to adjourn, given there was no further business to discuss.

Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk

Matt Talbert, Mayor

2.6 | \$36.25

STATE OF LOUISIANA
TOWN OF STERLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01-28 (OTG) MOTION BY : ZACK HOWSE
SECONDED BY: BILLY CLARKSON

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA R.S. 33:180, BY ANNEXING TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, LOUISIANA, SAID PROPERTY BEING WHOLLY OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 33, Section 171 et seq., as amended, provides for the procedure for annexation of territory into the corporate limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, there has been compliance with the procedure required by L.R.S. 33:180 et seq., as amended, for wholly public owned property to be annexed into a municipality including but not limited to the following:

A petition to annex wholly municipal owned property has been presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington by Town of Sterlington, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, via its Chief Executive Officer the Mayor property to be included in the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington , requesting that aforesaid wholly municipal owned property, and being more particularly known to be identified by the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor as Parcel Number 133008 and more particularly described:

43.669 ACS M/L IN SEC 26 T20N R4E, FROM NE COR OF SEC 35 T20N R4E, S89-53-49W 420.69, N26-11-58E171.31 TO POB, N63-14-46W 1678.92, N26-11-58E 666.52, N41-56-53E 1149.06, S19-24-35E 1912.96, S26-11-58W 450.49 TO POB

be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the property wholly municipal owned property by TOWN OF STERLINGTON known to be identified by the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor as Parcel Number 133008 and more particularly described:

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be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana;

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of

the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the Mayor of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, or his designee, be and they shall hereby be authorized to take all further actions and execute all further documents, resolutions and/or certifications as are required under L.R.S. 33:171, et seq. but recognizing the applicable exemption from prescribed formalities as articulated in La. R.S. 33:180 or other applicable law, as are necessary, proper or desirable, particularly including but not limited to the filing of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed in order that the annexation of property set forth above be effected at the earliest possible date.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed, but that this repeal shall be only insofar as such Ordinances conflict and/or are inconsistent with this Ordinance; and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the articles, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are deemed to be severable, and if any article, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional and/or invalid, such unconstitutionality and/or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining articles, sentences, paragraphs, clauses, or phrases which can be given effect without the unconstitutional and/or invalid provision(s).

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this 28th day of January 2025, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Billy Clarkson; Ashton Courson; Zack Howse; Charles Hodnett

NAY: None

ABSENT: Erica Hughes

APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF

Natalie Penrose
CITY CLERK
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

JANUARY, 2025.
Matt Talbert
MAYOR
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

2.6 | \$67.50

The Ouachita
CITIZEN

NEW DEADLINE:
Public Notices may be submitted to
news@ouachitacitizen.com
Deadline is 12 p.m. Monday
preceding publication.

For more information, call 396-0602
Receipt of e-mailed public notices will be
confirmed via e-mail.

PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, January14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson – Vice President, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin and Adrin Williams - President. Also, present Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.

President Adrin Williams called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.

Next was a moment of silence for – Arthur Rucker- Bus Driver, Linda Skains- Retired Bus Driver, Selina Jones- Retired Paraprofessional, Barbara Harrison- Retired Teacher, Jean Cockerll- Retired Teacher, and Renetta Pegross- Child Nutrition Worker.

Ms. Adrin Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

Next was a Roll call to Establish a Quorum: Present –Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin. and Adrin Williams.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was recognitions - Employee of the month (Morehouse Elementary). Mr. Jordan McCaa was recognized as employee of the month. Mr. Jordan McCaa was presented with a plaque and a gift card.

The following students were recognized:

- 5th grade students of the year for Elementary-Saralyn Sepulvado–Delta Elementary School, Michaela Blocker- Morehouse Elementary School, Jade Robinson-Morehouse Magnet School, and Emma Andrews- Beekman Charter School.
- Morehouse Parish School District 5th grade student of the year is Jade Robinson-Morehouse Magnet School.
- 8th grade students of the year for Middle School- Ari’Anna DeBose-Morehouse Magnet School, Ny’aisha Carson- Bastrop High School, Grady Alred-Beekman Charter School.
- Morehouse Parish School District 8th grade student of the year is Ari’Anna DeBose- Morehouse Magnet School.
- 12th grade students of the year for High School-Dylan Downs-Bastrop High School, Garrison Barton-Morehouse Magnet School, Naziah Edmonds-Beekman Charter School.
- Morehouse Parish School District 12th grade High School student of the year is Naziah Edmonds-Beekman Charter School.
- Naziah Edmonds-Beekman Charter School won Zone and is in competition for Regional.

Ms. Katie Henderson recognized Early Childhood teacher of the year Mrs. Lisa Thompson.

January is School Board Recognition Month- Superintendent Jesse Winston, Jr. presented all school board members with certificates for their dedication to Morehouse Parish School District. Dinner was provided for all school board members.

Superintendent Jesse Winston, Jr. Presented the outgoing School Board President Louis Melton with a plaque for his service during the 2024 year.

Next on the agenda Superintendent Jesse Winston, Jr. presented the 2024 Louisiana School Board Association Certified School Board Member- Mrs. Veronica Tappin with a certificate for her dedication and service.

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements – (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) In recognition of January 2025 School Board Recognition Month Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. read a proclamation and signed it on January 14, 2025. During the announcements Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. presented a powerpoint with his vision for Morehouse Parish School District. Also, Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. announced on March 11, 2025 ACT testing will be conducted. 7th and 8th graders will attend school as normal. 9th and 10th graders will stay at home with possibly virtual lessons. It is mandatory for 11th graders to attend. Some selected 12th graders will need to attend ACT testing. Principals will send out more information.

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on December 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm. On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to amend the minutes from The Regular School Board Meeting held on December 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm to include Ms. Adrin Williams was elected as Morehouse Parish School Board President for 2025 with a unanimous vote, and Mr. Robert Johnson was nominated as Morehouse Parish School Board Vice-President for 2025 with a unanimous vote, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the minutes from December 5, 2024 as amended, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on December 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Travel Requests - (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the monthly travel request, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the monthly bus request, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to accept the bid of \$1,180,590.00 from Industrial Roofing and Construction for the Re-Roofing project. (Presented by Volkert- Mr. Lyn Kenley) On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to accept the bid of \$1,180,590.00 from Industrial Roofing and Construction for the Re-Roofing project, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lyn Kenley reported the next step was a Pre-con meeting with the contractor.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds report for November 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for November 2024, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for November 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for November 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for November 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the School Lunch Fund report for November 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for November 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for November 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the ESSER Fund report for November 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the ESSER Fund report for November 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to declare an emergency to accept the quote to replace the two lift stations at Delta Elementary School. (Presented by Mr. Tony Roberts) Ms. Ersula Downs presented the information on behalf of Mr. Tony Roberts being absent. On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to declare an emergency and to accept the quote of \$28,783.21 from Don M. Barron Contractor Inc. to replace the two lift stations at Delta Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt new policies to replace all previous policies in Section F of the policy manual: GAAA, GAAA-E,

GAAAB,GAD, GAE,GAEAA,GAEAC,GAEAB-E, GAEC,GAG,GAH-B,GAI,GAJ,GAK,GAMA,GAMB,GAMC,GAMD,GAMEA,GAMEB,GAM-F,GAMFA,GAMFB,GAMFC,GAMFD,GAMG,GAMI,GAMIA,GAM-J,G B A , G B A A , G B B , G B B A , G G B C , G B C A , G B D , G B D A , G B E .

GBG,GBI,GBJ,GBK,GBL,GBM,GBN,GBNA,GBNA-P
GBO,GBRA,GBRAA,GBRB,GBRBA,GBRC,GBRD,GBRE,GBRF,G-BRG,GBRHGBRHA,GBRHA-E,GBRI,GBRIA,GBRIB,GBRIB-E,G-BRIB-A,GBRIBB,GBRIBB-E, GBRIC,GBRICA,GBRID,GBRIF,GBRIG,GBRIH,GBRII,GBRIJ,GBRIK,GBRJ,GBRK,GBRL, AND IFCD, as a “First Reading”. A copy is provided in your Board packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to adopt new policies to replace all previous policies in Section F of the policy manual:GAAA,GAAA-E,GAAAB,GAD, GAE,GAEAA,GAEAC,GAEAB-E, GAEC,GAG,GAH-B,GAI,GAJ,GAK,GAMA,GAMB,GAMC,GAM-D,GAMEA,GAMEB,GAMF,GAMFA,GAMFB,GAMFC,GAMF-D,GAMG,GAMI,GAMIA,GAMJ,GBA,GBAA,GBB,GBBA,GGBC,G-BCA,GBD,GBDA,GBE,GBG,GBI,GBJ,GBK,GBL,GBM,GBN, GBNA,GBNA-P

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The next item on the agenda was to amend the following policies to conform with 2024 legislative session: BCBB, CBD and DJEG as a “Second Reading.” A copy is provided in your Board packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to amend the following policies to conform with 2024 legislative session: BCBB, CBD and DJEG as a “Second Reading”, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to amend or adopt as new policies the following policies with an addendum for each (except BCBJ) to conform with 2024 legislative session: BCBJ, GAK, GAMK, GBC, IDBA, IDDF and JGC as a “Second Reading.” A copy is provided in your Board packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to amend or adopt as new policies the following policies with an addendum for each (except BCBJ) to conform with 2024 legislative session: BCBJ, GAK, GAMK, GBC, IDBA, IDDF and JGC as a “Second Reading”, seconded with Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline report for December 2024. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) This was a presentation only.

The next item on the agenda was Requesting the board to change February 25, 2025 Finance and Advisory meeting to March 4, 2025 combining with the monthly board meeting. The Louisiana School Board Association annual convention is during this time. (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to change the February 25, 2025 Finance and Advisory meeting to March 4, 2025 combining with the monthly board meeting. The Louisiana School Board Association annual convention is during this time, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to update and take action recommendations on the Delta Initiative Plan from the East Morehouse Committee. (Presented by Mrs. Carla Martin) Mr. Thaxton and Ms. Seay presented information on behalf of Mrs. Carla Martin absence. Mrs. Teresa Merritt explained the Dean of Students (Academic Leader) job description. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the recommendations for the newly presented items of the Delta Initiative Plan from the East Morehouse Committee, with the changed job description for the Dean of Students to Academic Leader, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and consider distributing

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the incentive money for all students scoring basic, mastery and advanced on the LEAP assessment who attended Delta during the 2023-2024 academic school year.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) All of this information was approved by East Morehouse District Committee. This was discussion only and East Morehouse District would fund this.

The next item on the agenda was to adopt revised policy BE, School Board Ethics, and to adopt the exhibit, BE-E, School Board Code of Conduct as a “First Reading”. A copy is provided in your Board packet. (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to adopt revised policy BE, School Board Ethics, and to adopt the exhibit, BE-E, School Board Code of Conduct as a “First Reading”, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary action to amend the 2020-2021 policy regarding school board members attending meetings in only Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi to also include one national meeting that may be held in states other than the ones listed.” (Requested and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to table this item until Mr. Katz presents an amended policy for the board to review, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: None for this meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the Personnel Report (See Attachment) ADJOURNMENT
Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent
Adrin Williams, Board President
2.6 | \$153.75

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 Morehouse at the following address: DG Louisiana, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #31267. 2017 East Madison Ave., Bastrop, Louisiana 71220.
/s/Steven R. Deckard, CEO
2.6, 2.13

NOTICE OF FILING OF 1803 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FORMULA RATE PLAN ANNUAL REPORT
This notice is given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21, Paragraph (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 that 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“1803”), who is made up of six (6) member cooperatives, namely Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc., Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, and Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation (collectively, the “1803 Cooperatives” or the “Member Cooperatives”), who collectively provide electric service to their respective members in thirty two (32) parishes in Louisiana: Allen, Assumption, Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Claiborne, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Richland, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge and West Carroll. 1803 has filed a formula rate plan (“FRP”) annual report pursuant to LPSC Docket No. U-36268, which could result in a change in rates. Any comments or questions concerning this filing may be directed to the Louisiana Public Service Commission at (225) 342-4999.
2.6 | \$16.25

The Morehouse Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, McMeans Annex, 125 E. Madison, Bastrop, LA. Terry Matthews opened the floor for nominations for Police Jury President. Norwood Harrison nominated Terry Matthews. This was made in the form of a motion and seconded by Jim Ellingburg, with the jury voting unanimously. Terry Matthews was elected to serve as the 2025 Police Jury President. President Matthews then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Jimmy Laing nominated Norwood Harrison. This was made in the form of a motion and seconded by Jim Ellingburg, with the jury voting unanimously. Norwood Harrison was elected to serve as the 2025 Police Jury Vice-President. President Matthews then advised the jurors that the 2025 Committee Members list was included in their meeting packets. On a motion made by Dorothy Thomas, seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Shasidee Phillips as Parish Secretary-Treasurer for another two (2) year term. On a motion made by Norwood Harrison and seconded by Jim Ellingburg the jury voted unanimously for the approval to appoint Mr. Chris Andrews to fill the position left by Doyle Murphy’s resignation on the Consolidated Water District No.2 Board of Commission, effective immediately. On a motion made by Lucas Crockett and seconded by Dorothy Thomas, the jury voted unanimously to approve the December minutes and bills. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg and seconded by Dorothy Thomas, the jury voted unanimously to approve the following items. Those highlighted yellow are contingent upon receiving their clear permit from the Health Department: On a motion made by Norwood Harrison and seconded by Jim Ellingburg, the jury voted unanimously to remove the parish road located at the address of Mr. Randy Stewart, 4495 Rocky Road, Collinston, LA 71229, from the parish road system and convert it to private ownership under Mr. Stewart. Assistant District Attorney Jay Mitchell stated that since there are no other landowners involved, he would coordinate with Secretary-Treasurer Shasidee Phillips to file an ordinance declaring the road revoked. On a motion made by Lucas Crockett, duly seconded by Jimmy Laing, the following ordinance was offered to wit on January 13, 2025: On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg and seconded by Dorothy Thomas, the jury voted unanimously to approve the Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District May 3, 2025, Election call. On a motion made by Lucas Crockett, and seconded by Jim Ellingburg, the meeting was adjourned. {This is a summary of the Draft minutes taken during the month of January 2025. A complete copy of the minutes can be received Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30. p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Office. 125 East Madison Avenue, Bastrop La }.
2.6 | \$30

Advertisement for Bids
Project No. 2404-60-EN (LCDBG NO. 2000889612)
Owner:
Morehouse Parish Police Jury
Owner
125 E. Madison Avenue
Address
Bastrop, LA 71220
Sealed bids marked “Sealed Bid –Morehouse Parish Police Jury Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2023 to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program” will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows: FY 2023 LCDBG STREET IMPROVEMENTS.
Proposals shall be addressed to the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, and delivered to the Office of Police Jury located at (address) 125 E. Madison Avenue, Bastrop, LA 71220 not later than 10:00AM (local time), on the 25th day of February, 2025. Sealed bids to be marked “Sealed Bid –Morehouse Parish Police Jury Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2023 to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program” Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. (local time) on the 25th day of February, 2025, at Morehouse Parish Police Jury, located at 125 E. Madison Avenue, Bastrop, LA 71220. The information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:
Morehouse Parish Police JuryService Group Unlimited, LLC
125 E. Madison Avenue116 Smelser Road
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220Monroe, Louisiana 71202
(318) 281-4132(318) 331-1171
Copies may be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of \$ 150. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. A CD of the Plans and Specifications may also be obtained upon payment of \$25.00 which will be nonrefundable. The Contractor must pay shipping costs.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.
Each bidder must have must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as registered and verified on www.sam.gov, prior to the beginning of construction.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U. S. Department of Treasury Circular 570. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
The Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.
Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.
Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Morehouse Parish Police Jury of no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.
IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.
Owner encourages Section 3 and minority owned businesses to submit bid proposals.
The Contractor shall be licensed with the Louisiana State Licensing Board in:
HIGHWAY, STREET AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
Project No. 2404-60-EN
Estimated Cost: \$ 330,210 (LA R.S. 38:2212(H))
January 15, 2025
Date Terry Matthews, President
Run in the Legal Notices of the Ouachita Citizen
On January 23, January 30, and February 6, 2025 | \$57.50

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Per L.R.S. 38.2212, the contractor has the option to submit the proposal and the bid bond electronically. Complete Bid Documents for this project are available from Central Bidding in electronic form. The contractor can register with Central Bidding if willing to do so. If the contractor has any questions regarding this process they can contact Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Plan holders will be responsible for their own reproduction costs.
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Administrator

Morehouse Sales & Use Tax Commission

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*******IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

SALES & USE TAX RATE CHANGE FOR VILLAGE OF MER ROUGE

Effective April 1, 2025

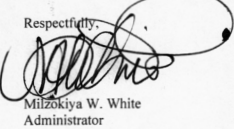
TO ALL DEALERS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN MOREHOUSE PARISH:

In an special election held on December 7, 2024 the citizens of the Village of Mer Rouge in Morehouse Parish voted to pass (2.5%) sales & use tax.

Effective April 1, 2025 the Sales & Use Tax Rate on the Morehouse Parish Sales & Use Tax Return will change to **six percent (6.0%) in Column C** for the Village of Mer Rouge.

The Morehouse Sales & Use Tax Commission is the central collecting and administering agency for the above taxing body as well as Bastrop (col. A), Bonita (col. D), Collinston (col. E), Rural (col. F) and Oak Ridge (col. G).

If you have any questions concerning this tax increase, please contact the Morehouse Sales & Use Tax Commission at (318) 283-5957 or by email: mwilson@morehousesalestax.com.

Respectfully,

Milzokiya W. White
Administrator

cc: Mayor Johnny McAdams – Village of Mer Rouge

FYI: A local tax can only be instituted at the beginning of a calendar quarter. If necessary steps are not completed at least 30 days prior to the quarter then the tax is in jeopardy. LRS: 47:337.5 and 337.23.
Run Date: 1.23, 1.30, 2.6, 2.13, 2.20| COST: \$25.00



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January 13, 2025

ATTENTION DEALERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Re: Village of Mer Rouge (2.5%) Sales & Use Tax Renewal
Term: The Tax Shall Remain in Effect for ten (10) years – April 1, 2025 – December 31, 2034

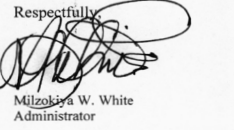
TO ALL DEALERS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN MOREHOUSE PARISH:

A (2.5%) sales and use tax (the “Tax”), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services defined in applicable statutory authority. The (2.5%) sales tax renewal for the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “Village”) shall begin 04/01/2025.

Dealers must collect The Village of Mer Rouge (2.5%) sales tax beginning 04/01/2025.

Effective April 1, 2025; the **LOCAL Sales & Use Tax Rate** on the Morehouse Parish Sales & Use Tax Return will reflect the new rate of **six percent (6%) percent in Column C for the Village of Mer Rouge.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (318) 283-5957 or via email at mwilson@morehousesalestax.com.

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BUSINESS MINUTES		Date	03.24.2024	Page	1
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, D/B/A MOREHOUSE GENERAL HOSPITAL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024.					
The Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, d/b/a Morehouse General Hospital, State of Louisiana, met in regular session for a meeting at its usual meeting place, the W. A. Rodgers Conference Room of Morehouse General Hospital, Bastrop, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:30 pm, under written notice duly given and posted in the manner required by law.					
Present: Bob Green, Board of Commissioner Chairman; Mario Bershell; Kimberly Givens; Susan Plonnigs; and John Yeldell.					
Absent: None.					
Also Present: Mark Kimball, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Merlyn Knapp, Interim Chief Finance Officer; Kimberly Andrews, Chief Operating Officer; Janet Ashlock, Chief Nursing Officer; Curtis Sanders, M.D.; Chief of Staff; and Jackie Biddings, Administration/Medical Staff Coordinator; Recorder.					
Absent: None.					
Guests: Dorothy Thomas, Morehouse Parish Police Jury; Brian Doerr, CHC-SVP Information System; Craig Sims, CHC-SVP of Hospital Operations; (via conference call) Laurie Breedlove, CHC-SVP of Human Resource (via Conference Call); Christin Young, Hope Unit Director and Ricky Smith, Board Attorney.					
Call to Order					
Louisiana Board of Commissioners of Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority by the Chairman, Bob Green.					
OPEN SESSION:					
Invocation & Welcome					
Bob Green gave the invocation.					
Roll Call:					
The roll call was held with (4) four members present, which met the requirements for a quorum as follows:					
Present: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell and Givens.					
Absent: Bershell.					
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Mr. Bershell arrived at 6:38 pm.					
Announcement:					
Annual Chambers Banquet at the Municipal Center, April 4, 6:30 pm.					
Public Comments:					
There were no public comments.					
Hope Unit Presentation-Christin Young, Director of Hope Unit					
Ms. Young discussed the Hope Unit expansion of services. She provided two projected plans, including a lower age range for the unit and a Psychiatric Care Unit. This included a cost analysis of psychiatric transfers provided through the Emergency Room as needed. She provided the Board Members with a copy of the information. Please see the attachment for details.					
Approval of January Board Committee Meeting Minutes:					
On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to approve the Board Committee minutes for February 27, 2024, as reviewed and presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:					
Ayes: Green, Givens, Yeldell, Plonnigs, and Bershell.					
Nays: None.					
Absent: None.					
Medical Staff Report – Curtis Sanders, M.D.; Chief of Staff					
Dr. Sanders stated that the Bylaws/Credentials/ Medical Executive Committee (MEC) recommends approving the action requests listing Initial Appointment, Reappointments, and Changing of Staff Status for privileges as provided in the binder.					
On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Mr. Yeldell, the Board voted to approve these action requests for the Initial Appointments, Reappointment, and Changes of Staff Status as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:					
Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Givens, Yeldell, and Bershell.					
Nays: None.					
Absent: None.					
Finance Report for February 2024 – Merlyn Knapp, Interim Chief Financial Officer					
Mr. Knapp stated that the Financial Report for February was provided at the Finance Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024. He noted February’s year-to-date overall hospital and clinic revenue performance. He stated that the consolidated net income of \$40K. He said the Change Health System is					
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the hub for distributing billing and payment receivable claims. A cyber attack impacted the Change Health System. The hospital could not utilize the system during the cyber attack issues. Therefore, this caused a delay in both billing and receivable in the Business Office. The aging process with billing was affected, which caused a decrease in the net income. The consolidated net income from the year-to-date was negative -\$186K. He presented additional trending data that reflected admissions, surgical cases, emergency room visits, outpatient registration, and clinic visits. He noted the outpatient volumes increased. He said the admission and surgical procedures graph shows a decline in the E.R. compared to year-to-date volumes. He stated that the Emergency Department's direct admission process must be reviewed to improve admission rates. He discussed the balance sheet. The current debt-to-equity ratio is 32.6%. He said the current asset-to-current liability ratio is 28.4%. The cash on hand for February was 138 days. He noted that the hospital inventory in all departments would be reviewed to stabilize the surplus of supplies. Mr. Knapp said that the hospital's inventory will be audited soon.

Approval of Financial Reports:

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Ms. Plonnigs, the Board voted to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Chief Operations Officer Report-Kimberly Andrews

Ms. Andrews stated Dr. Post's transition has benefited the hospital and clinic. She talked about the security assessment Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Department performed and its impact on the hospital for safety protocols. She noted a new safety security committee has been formed to identify resources to promote hospital safety. The facility will give identification badges to all patients and visitors who enter the hospital. The clinics started a centralized schedule call center. This will be monitored for any ongoing phone issues. The voice recording for the clinic phone system has not been removed; however, this will be corrected for future reference. Athena's electronic charting system representatives presented a new proposal to assist with the transition of the new system. This will consist of mitigating the system and training the staff. The go-live date is June; however, this expense costs up to \$48K. Mr. Doerr stated the Athena system will benefit the hospital and clinics with revenue and resources. There was a discussion regarding the initial implementation of Athena. This was initially presented to the Board in April 2023, and the process has been delayed several times. The Athena representative will not continue to delay the process due to the timeframe of the initial deposit. Mr. Doerr stated if the proposal were

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2024, at the Finance Committee Meeting and recommended for approval.

On a motion by Ms. Plonnigs and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to approve the \$52,022.75 for the February CEO and CFO expenses for February services as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval to amend the agenda by adding items 11 C1 and 11 C2

On a motion by Ms. Plonnig and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to expand the agenda to add items 11-C1 to suspend the Financial Committee and 11-C2 to change the Board Meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval to Suspend the Finance Committee

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to suspend the Finance Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval to combine Financial Reporting to Board Meeting and Change Board Meeting Time from 6:30 to 6:00 pm

On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Ms. Plonnigs, the Board voted to combine Finance Reporting with the Board meeting and change the meeting time from 6:30 pm as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL BE SCHEDULED AT THE FRENCHMAN BEND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LOCATED AT 1484 FRENCHMAN'S BEND RD, STERLINGTON, LA. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, at 3:00 pm

Elmore Patterson

ELMORE PATTERSON, SECRETARY

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submitted before June 20, they would offer incentives for the program. Mr. Green requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the Athena service agreement approval of \$48K.

Approval to amend the agenda by adding item 11 F

On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Mr. Yeldell, the Board voted to expand the agenda to add item 11-F; approval for the Athena service agreement of 250 hours per \$190.00 per hour for up to \$48K as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Chief Nursing Officer Report -Janet Ashlock

Ms. Ashlock talked about the swing bed program. She stated the program will potentially open later in April. This will stabilize the revenue for staffing. She talked about the Press Ganey surveys in the Emergency Department. The hospital patient surveys received from the Press Ganey percentile rank low. Mr. Kimball stated Concord Medical Group representatives will be onsite for a meeting to review the services and physicians' protocols. He said the Press Ganey process, in addition to Emergency Room staff, will be reviewed. Ms. Ashlock stated the survey notification is distributed by text message and email. She said the patient data is provided during registration. She noted that the 2024 Quality Plan would be presented by Shayla Fields, Director of Quality.

2024 Quality Improvement Plan and Infection Control Plan (Shayla Fields)

Ms. Field stated that the mission of the Quality Improvement Plan at Morehouse General Hospital is to improve the health of the communities served through safe, compassionate, and professional care. The Performance Improvements process applies to all departments of services and practitioners as it affects the quality of patient care. The program includes, but is not limited to, Medical Staff, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy and EKG Lab, Diagnostic Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine, Dietary, Pharmacy, Rehab service, Emergency Department, Geriatric Psych, Cypress Bend IOP, Infection Control and Quality, Surgical Services, Endoscopy Services, Risk Management and Utilization Review, and Environmental Service, Safety Officer. Ms. Fields discussed the objective of measures, indicators, and target goals reported. Please see the attachment for details.

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Approval of Trisource Consultant Agreement:

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to approve the Trisource Consultant Agreement of \$12K as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

On a motion by Ms. Plonnigs and seconded by Mr. Yeldell, the Board voted to approve the authorization for Mr. Green to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners with the Trisource agreement presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval to Table Item E- CHC Compliance Agreement

On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to table the CHC Compliance Agreement as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval of Athena Electronic Health Records Service Proposal

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to approve the Athena service agreement of service 250 hours at \$190.00 per hour for up to \$48K, as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Givens, Plonnigs, Yeldell, and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Community Hospital Corporation-Brian Doerr, SVP-Information Technology

Mr. Doerr discussed the operational assessment in the MGH Information System Department. He talked about the critical high-level findings within the department. He stated that the information system needs a governance steering committee in addition to implementing a communication plan for the entire organization. The Information System Department had several responsibilities, which included hospital badges, security, cable installs, and privacy officer. Mr. Doerr said these responsibilities would be given to other departments. This would help the Information System department focus on technology

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL BE MEETING AT THE FRENCHMAN BEND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB FOR THE MOREHOUSE GENERAL HOSPITAL 2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT LOCATED AT 1484 FRENCHMAN'S BEND RD, STERLINGTON, LA. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, at 8:00 A.M.

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ELMORE PATTERSON, SECRETARY

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Approval of 2024 Quality Improvement Plan and Infection Control:

Mr. Green stated the 2024 Quality Improvement Plan and Infection Control was presented and recommended for approval.

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Ms. Plonnigs, the Board voted to approve the presented 2024 Quality Improvement Plan and Infection Control. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Administration Report-Mark Kimball, Interim CEO

Mr. Kimball discussed the CHC operational assessment plans. The managed care, with Dave Koford, started remotely on February 1. He works with insurance groups, as well as contracting and managed care. The chargemaster pricing transparency and change capture was completed remotely on February 12 with Beth Kim. The Community Health Needs Assessment started on February 12 with Lisette Hudson remotely. Brian Doerr completed the information technology assessment onsite; the report will be presented tonight. The Supply Chain, Robert Michael, was onsite on February 12. He finished the evaluation, and training will be provided for the director of Materials Management; the new supplier service, Health Trust, will be effective May 1. Alice Fleetwood was onsite for the revenue cycle, registration, scheduling, billing, and collections on February 19. The assessment will be complete for the April Board meeting. The clinical service assessment was performed by Jill Bayless on February 19 onsite. He stated that the Medical Staff Development would begin on March 4 remotely; this determines what type of specialties are needed in the area. Doug Kent is processing the internal audit onsite. This report will be provided within a week. He stated a mock survey will start on May 7. The reports will be shared with each department and the Board. The 340B audit call was on March 8, and the audit will begin on May 24 remotely. Mr. Kimball stated the Trisource Agreement was provided in the binder. This group offers a complete onsite clinic assessment, registration, billing, compliance, operation, and other workflows throughout the clinic organization. The agreement fee is \$12K, in addition to travel, hotel, and other expenses listed on the agreement. He presented a letter of agreement for Community Hospital Inc., compliance consulting. There was a discussion regarding the Trisource Agreement. Mr. Smith asked about the number of consultants and the associated expenses. Mr. Kimball said Mr. Kimball said two to three consultants will be onsite. Mr. Smith stated that, for future reference, he would advise the Board to utilize contracted services based in Louisiana. This will reduce

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improvements for the hospital. He stated the hospital has server issues, which caused email delays, etc. He noted the website was managed within the hospital; however, this needs to be addressed due to security issues. He stated more information would be provided to upgrade patches for software and operating systems. He said automatic systems should be utilized for this service. He stated the CHC works with a third-party group for security and backup. This will be presented to the Board in the future. Ms. Thomas said Mr. Davis has done an excellent job with the hospital's Information System department and I.T. security. Mr. Doerr stated that CHC has additional resources to assist the Information System department.

Community Hospital Corporation-Laurie Breedlove, SVP-Human Resources

Ms. Breedlove talked about the Chief Executive Officer hospital search. She stated the Board Members and Police Jury Liason said the hospital needs someone who is committed to the community, transparent, a good listener, able to negotiate, personable, and compassionate. Ms. Breedlove said the CHC Human Resource team will interview the candidates. She discussed the search process timeline, April, post opportunity, the CHC website, the AHCE website, and other professional sites. The CHC Human Resources team will conduct phone interviews in April and May, schedule and conduct Plano onsite and personal screening interviews with 7-10 candidates in June and July, provide hospital data to candidates, and prepare candidates' profiles and interview findings for the Board members in August. The Board will review and select the screen candidates in August, and then final interviews will be set for September. Ms. Breedlove noted that all the data collected from candidates would be presented to the Board throughout the process.

Community Hospital Corporation-Craig Sims, SVP of Hospital Operation

Mr. Sims stated that the CHC team would continue to perform organization assessments in several areas. He said this would help with efficiency and opportunities for improvement. He noted the I.T. assessment report will help implement additional security measures.

Contracts – Annual Review for Quality Contract Evaluations

There were no contracts for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

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

Strategic Plans, Marketing Strategies & Compliance Report - New Business:

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the cost of travel and expenses for Morehouse General Hospital. Mr. Kimball stated that the CHC Compliance Consulting agreement service costs \$2160.00. He stated the Compliance assessment process is expected to take no more than 40 hours. He said the hospital did not have an official compliance officer. He said the compliance consulting agreement would help identify any out-of-compliance issues. Mr. Smith stated that this agreement needs revision in the Timing section. He stated the cost needs to be structured, out-of-pocket expenses need to be defined, and the client's name needs to be MGH. Mr. Kimball noted the Hope Unit will be reviewed and discussed at the next Board meeting. He stated several providers completed their charts. For future reference, the providers will be notified of delinquent charts within five to ten days. Dr. Sanders discussed the Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations. He stated the Medical Executive Committee will coordinate with the Medical Record Director to provide a monthly delinquent chart report and determine what measures need to be taken to correct any charting issues.

Approval of Alliant Management Service January Invoice

Mr. Green stated the Alliant Management Services invoice was reviewed on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Finance Committee Meeting and recommended for approval.

On a motion by Ms. Givens and seconded by Mr. Bershell, the Board voted to approve the \$59,261.82 for the January Alliant Management services, CEO, and CFO expenses for January services as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval of CHC Management Service February Invoice

Mr. Green stated the CHC Management Services invoice was reviewed on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Finance Committee Meeting and recommended for approval.

On a motion by Mr. Yeldell and seconded by Ms. Plonnigs, the Board voted to approve the \$20,000.00 for the February Management services, as presented. The motion passed by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Green, Plonnigs, Yeldell, Givens and Bershell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Approval of CHC Management CEO and CFO expenses February Invoice

Mr. Green stated the CHC Management Services invoice was reviewed on Thursday, March 21,

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Chairman adjourned the Board meeting at 9:45 pm.

BOB GREEN, CHAIRMAN

MARK KIMBALL, SECRETARY

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SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

GMFS LLC

VS NO. 2024-207

LATOYA KING

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2025

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

Description of a 0.500 acre tract of land situated in Lots 8 & 9 of the Clyda Bell Addition as per Plat Book 1, Page 85 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a set 5/8" rebar at the Northeast Corner of Lot 8 of the Clyda Bell Addition as per Plat Book 1, Page 85 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana thence run South 00 degrees 25' 31" East along the east line of Lot 8 for 177.42 feet to a point; thence run South 88 degrees 01' 17" West for 118.66 feet to a set 5/8" rebar; thence run North 02 degrees 42' 33" West for 179.11 feet to a set 5/8" rebar in the southern right of way line of Cherry Ridge road also being the north line of Lot 9; thence run North 88 degrees 48' 59" East along said right of way line and north line of said Lots 9 and 8 for 125.77 feet to a set 5/8" rebar at the Northeast Corner of Lot 8 and The Point Of Beginning.

The above described tract of land is situated in Lots 8 & 9 of the Clyda Bell Addition as per Plat Book 1, Page 85 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana as shown on plat of survey, File Number 6436, Plat M-4766, as surveyed by Jeffrey M. Messinger, Professional Land Surveyor, containing 0.500 acres and is subject to all existing easements; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

1ST AD: 2-6-25

2ND AD: 3-13-25

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF

MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA