

LIBRARY: Parish animal shelter projected to cost \$5 million

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out and told us the line is not there," Land continued. "So, we're having to redirect a sewer line from the manhole to the library and there are charges for the tap fee for the manhole."

The cost to fix the plumbing problems would be \$4,120, while the tap fee for the manhole would be \$2,640.

Land noted that the main branch's new location will be 40 to 50 percent larger

than its current location. Police Juror Larry Bratton expressed enthusiasm for the project, having recently gone to look at the main branch's upcoming location.

"It kind of makes you gasp a little bit when you walk in and see how large the new space is," Bratton said.

The Police Jury unanimously agreed to approve the \$6,760-change order.

In other news, Land advised the Police Jury that the relocation of the parish animal shelter is expected to cost some \$5-million and showcased architectural plans for the facility.

"The cost right now is hovering between \$4.5 and \$5 million," Land said. "That may be a little high but we may be able to reduce that some through alternate bids."

Land proposed that he meet with Police Jury President Shane Smiley and other interested police jurors to discuss options for cost savings. He warned the Police Jury, however, that cost savings now could lead to spending more in the future.

"An example would be the roofing," Land said.

"We can coat the roofing on the building for a couple of dollars a square foot or we can replace the roof. It may cost \$10 to \$12 a square foot but it'll last 50 years."

The animal shelter's relocation cost projection increased for several reasons, one being an unfavorable soil report for an area under one the buildings at the site, according to Land.

"We are having to spend an extra \$125,000 for the excavation and the imported select fill that we're going to need under the new building," Land said. "We're having to put five feet of fill under this building."

"For the other building, do you think an overlay is going to be sufficient there?" asked Police Juror Toni Bacon.

Land explained that although the soil under the other building was also unfavorable, he thought a patch, mill and overlay would suffice.

"The type of materials that they have under the building are sensitive to moisture," Land said. "So, when rain gets through the paving to that area, it can cause it to plump, or move, and there's a lot of cracks out there in that asphalt now. I was thinking we were probably going to have to replace all of it but really, it appears to be more of a superficial crack."

He noted that large, heavy motor vehicles are not needed by the parish animal shelter and those were what he suspected caused the cracks in the asphalt originally. Police Jury President Shane Smiley thanked Land and Stephanie Mullins, director of the

parish's animal shelter, for seeking cost savings on the project.

"I am interested in trying to see what our options are in terms of saving some money for the taxpayers but I also will depend on your professional opinion," said Smiley, to Land. "Once that millage piece goes away that we're using for construction—like we promised the voters—then we're going to really be tightening our belt and we're not going to have a piece to fund."

The Police Jury unanimously approved Land's plans for the parish's animal shelter, authorizing him to send them to Kevin Crosby, the parish's engineer, for review. Land told the Police Jury to expect further updates on both the library and animal shelter projects throughout the year.



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Pre-K – 12th Grade

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin February 1, 2025. The application can be accessed by going to

www.beekmancharter.org.

Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2025 before midnight. Beekman Charter School is a tuition-free public school serving Morehouse Parish. Please email questions to

mirandaowens@beekmancharter.org.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
FIRST HORIZON BANK
VS.NO. 20240898
THE ESTATE AND UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF FRANCES ANN SEWELL O'QUAIN
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, February 26, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE EAST THIRD OF LOTS 10, 11, AND 12 OF SQUARE 4 OF FLOURNOY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA. TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTIONS, COMPONENT PARTS, IMPROVEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS, APPURTENANCES, FIXTURES, RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, BATTURE, AND BATTURE RIGHTS, SERVITUDES AND EASEMENTS OF EVERY TYPE AND DESCRIPTION, NOW AND/OR IN THE FUTURE RELATING TO THE PROPERTY, AND ANY AND ALL ITEMS AND FIXTURES ATTACHED TO AND/OR FORMING INTEGRAL OR COMPONENT PARTS OF THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA CIVIL CODE.

THE PROPERTY OR ITS ADDRESS IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 506 VERNON, WEST MONROE, LA. 71291

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Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisal to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
January 23, 2025 February 20, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
VS.NO. 2024-3663
JUSTIN STUCKEY A/K/A JUSTIN B. STUCKEY AND LAUREN E. STUCKEY A/K/A LAUREN STUCKEY
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 26, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

From the NW corner of Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 3 East, District North of Red River, run south along the west line of said Section 16 a distance of 793.3 feet to a point on the northeasterly boundary of the right of way of Red Cut Road; thence along said right of way of Red Cut Road south 14° 01' east a distance of 154.3 feet to the point of beginning proper; Thence continuing along said right of-way line south 14° 01' east a distance of 200 feet; thence east 210 feet; thence north 14° 01' west a distance of 200 feet; thence west 210 feet to the point of beginning proper, and containing one (1) acre, more or less, in 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 appraisal to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
January 23, 2025 February 20, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
OUACHITA VALLEY CREDIT UNION
VS.NO. 20244193
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF ROBERT A WHITE AKA ROBERT ALLAN WHITE SR AND JANICE S WHITE, AKA ROBERT ALLAN WHITE SR, JANICE S WHITE
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 5, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

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Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisal to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
January 23, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
FIRST HORIZON BANK VS.NO. 20224565
ELLEN MAE BENTY, AND/OR HER ESTATE AND UNOPENED SUCCESSION DOCKET NO. 2022-4565, DIV 2, 4TH JDC, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA
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, January 29, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

THE WEST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.03 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND LOT 1 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOTS B, C, 18 AND 24 OF CAMP RUBEN SUBDIVISION IN LOTS 1 AND 2 AND NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID SUBDIVISION BEING RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE NORTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 293.3 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES RIGHT, CONTINUE SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 50.0 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES LEFT, CONTINUE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON ROAD A DISTANCE OF 97.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 85 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 22 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 402.97 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 100 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 05 SECONDS RIGHT CONTINUE NORTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 25 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 07 SECONDS LEFT, CONTINUE SOUTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 59.0 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 112 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 05 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE NORTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 400.36 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 35 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND THE EAST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.03 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND LOT 1 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOTS B, C, 18 AND 24 OF CAMP RUBEN SUBDIVISION IN LOTS 1 AND 2 AND NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID SUBDIVISION BEING RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH LOUISIANA; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE NORTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 293.3 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES RIGHT, CONTINUE SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 50.0 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES

LEFT, CONTINUE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON ROAD A DISTANCE OF 97.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 85 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 22 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 402.97 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 100 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 05 SECONDS RIGHT CONTINUE NORTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 25 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 07 SECONDS LEFT, CONTINUE SOUTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 59.0 FEET; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 112 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 05 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE NORTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 400.36 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE; THENCE TURNING A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 35 SECONDS RIGHT, CONTINUE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF JOHNSON DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTIONS, COMPONENT PARTS, IMPROVEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS, APPURTENANCES, FIXTURES, RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, BATTURE, AND BATTURE RIGHTS, SERVITUDES AND EASEMENTS OF EVERY TYPE AND DESCRIPTION, NOW AND/OR IN THE FUTURE RELATING TO THE PROPERTY, AND ANY AND ALL ITEMS AND FIXTURES ATTACHED TO AND/OR FORMING INTEGRAL OR COMPONENT PARTS OF THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA CIVIL CODE.

THE PROPERTY OR ITS ADDRESS IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 214 RUBEN JOHNSON ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292.

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 appraisal to the last and highest bidder.
MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 26, 2024 January 23, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
CADENCE BANK
VS.NO. 20240541
CASEY ERIC HONEYCUTT
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, January 29, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 2.330 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SITUATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A ONE INCH IRON PIPE USED LOCALLY AS THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20, AND PROCEED S 89° 30' 44" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 649.27 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE PROCEED N 35° 58' 05" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 569.08 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE IN WINNFIELD ROAD; THENCE PROCEED N 72° 36' 50" E ALONG SAID ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 26.86 FEET; THENCE PROCEED N 67°10' 35" E ALONG SAID ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 114.26 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE, LEAVING SAID ROAD, PROCEED S 41° 03' 42" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 683.04 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR; THENCE PROCEED N 89° 30' 44" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 245.39 FEET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT BEING SUBJECT TO ANY SERVITUDES AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY THEREON AND/OR OF RECORD, ALL AS PER PLAT OF SURVEY BY L. GARY RAINEY, PLS, DATED APRIL 29, 1998; 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.

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MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 26, 2024 January 23, 2025

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SHERIFF'S SALE
GMFS LLC

VS.NO. 20243932

SAMUEL R. MOORE, II (A/K/A SAMUEL R. MOORE, SAMUEL RAY MOORE II, SAMUEL MOORE, SAMUEL R. MOORE JR., SAMUEL RAY MOORE JR., SAMUEL MOORE JR AND KHAYLIN MARIE MOORE (A/K/A KHAYLIN MOORE)

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, January 29, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

LOT TWELVE (12), HICKORY OAKS SUBDIVISION, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, LOCATED IN NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE1/4 OF SW1/4) AND NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW1/4 OF SE1/4) AND NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 OF SE1/4), SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 43, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA. WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 459 CADILLAC DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71203.

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

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MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA

December 26, 2024 January 23, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE

ASSURANCE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC VS.NO. 20244068

PATRICIA TULLIER

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, January 29, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A lot or parcel of land in the Northeast corner of Lot "C" of the Northern part of Forest Home Plantation in Sections 21, 22 and 23, T15N, R3E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, as shown by plat filed in Plat Book 6, Page 10 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, said lot or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot "C" of The Northern Part of Forest Home Plantation measure South 89°47' West along the North line of said Lot "C" a distance of 380 feet; thence turning an angle of 90°24' to the left measure South 0°37' East along a line parallel to the East line of said Lot "C" a distance of 573 feet; thence measure North 89°47' East parallel to the North line of said Lot "C" a distance of 380 feet to a point on the East line of said Lot "C"; thence measure North 0°37' West along the East line of said Lot "C" a distance of 573 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.0 acres more or less, all as per plat attached to deed recorded at DR#520024, in Conveyance Book 783, Page 19, records of Ouachita Parish, 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.

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MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA

December 26, 2024 January 23, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Monroe Housing Authority will receive sealed bids for the REPLACE-MENT OF THE ROOF AT CENTRAL MAINTENANCE. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 PM, Thursday, February 6, 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 13, 2025

Run: 1/16 1/23 1/30

Monroe Housing Authority By: William V. Smart, Executive Director

Run: 1/16 1/23 1/30 | \$16.25

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

On January 7, 2025, in Ouachita Parish, Metro Narcotics Unit seized for forfeiture \$1,973 from Patrick Sanders pursuant to LSA-R.S.40:2601 et seq.

The property was seized with respect to the alleged violation of Section 2603 and 2604 of the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substances Property Act of 1989 and will be forfeited pursuant to that Act.

If any person desires to contest the forfeiture of this property, they must mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 1652, Monroe, LA, 71210 stating your interest in the property. The claim must be mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested, within thirty (30) days from the date this notice appears in the Ouachita Citizen. The Court may grant an extension for good cause shown if a motion requesting an extension is filed within sixty (60) days of this publication. The seizing agency in this matter is the Metro Narcotics Unit, 500 Natchitoches Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291.

Under R.S.40:2610, the claim shall be in affidavit form, signed by the claimant under oath, before one who has authority to administer the oath, under penalty of perjury or false swearing. It shall set forth the caption of the forfeiture proceedings, the address where the claimant will accept mail, the nature and extent of claimant's interest in the property, the date and identity of the transferor/seller, and the circumstances of the claimant's acquisitions, the specific provisions of this law asserting that the property is not subject to forfeiture, all essential facts supporting the assertion and the specific relief sought.

The failure to timely mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office will result in forfeiture of the property to the State of Louisiana without further notice or hearing.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

G. SCOTT MOORE

ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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"Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the heirs of the late THOMAS E. BRADLEY, formerly residing at 303 Columbia Ave. Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La., please contact Attorney Arthur Gilmore Jr., 1401 No. 18th Street, Suite C, Monroe, La. 71201, at 318-314-2997 about a very important legal matter."

1.23, 1.30

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: 1964 Harmon Johnson Rd., Monroe, LA 71202.

Corporation name: Blake Deron LLC

DBA: Manns Groc.

Blake Deron

01/23

NOTICE

We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of Beer and Liquor content at retail in

the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 602 Smith St., West Monroe, LA 71292.

Corporation name: Steve's Place

DBA: Steve's Place

Steve Luedecking and Jackie Holton, owners

01/23

The Ouachita Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at twelve (12:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board office.

Note: There were no comment cards completed for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting. Additionally, there were no remote requests for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting.

Presence of the following members was verified through roll call: Tommy Comeaux, Shere May, Mike Batey, Jerry R. Hicks, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves, and Greg Manley.

President Tommy Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed the visitors and guests, followed by the presentation of colors by West Monroe High School AFJROTC, Pledge of Allegiance by Shere May, and the Invocation offered by Mike Batey.

Jerry Hicks made the motion, seconded by Mike Batey, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular meeting as written. Motion carried without opposition.

Greg Manley made a motion to approve two revisions to the agenda with the addition of Business Item #8 and #10 and Deletion of #14, Dabo Graves seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition. Shere May then made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Mike Batey, motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Guice stated there was nothing for the Personnel Report for this meeting.

Mr. Comeaux introduced Aline Smead with the first Item of Business, Special Recognitions.

The 2024-2025 New Teacher of the Year (less than 1 year teaching) nominees were recognized:

Leanne Nadler – Central Elementary

Charlotte Guice – Drew Elementary

Aaron Smith – Shady Grove Elementary

Haley Hearron – Sterlington Elementary

Leah Maldonado – East Ouachita Middle

Jonathan Johnson – Sterlington Middle

Meredez Morehead – Ouachita Junior High

Colby Armstrong – Ouachita Parish High

Jakyshah Hicks – Sterlington High

The District Winners – Aaron Smith, Leah Maldonado, and Colby Armstrong will compete in the State competition. Congratulations to all!

The second recognition goes to Drew Elementary third grade teacher, Mrs. Takewell and her class. Mrs. Takewell entered her class in the WoodmenLife Patriotic Video Contest. The annual contest is geared toward students and is meant to spur interest in learning about American history, their community and patriotism. Students across the country created original 30 to 60 second videos illustration the contest's "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" theme. Mrs. Takewell's class placed third in the nation for the K-8 division. Representatives from WoodmenLife visited Drew Elementary and presented Mrs. Takewell with a \$1,000 check that she plans to use on student supplies.

The second Item of Business presented by Grant Schlueter was a formal notice as follows: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 1600 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Regina Mekus presented the third Item of Business, Consider termination of Municipal Advisor Agreement. Jerry Hicks made a motion to approve her request to terminate the Professional Service Agreement with Government Consultants, Inc. for the services of Municipal Advisor, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion passed with Harold McCoy abstaining.

Jennifer Nichols presented item # 4, Policies for Consideration and Approval.

Policy BCBB Notification of School Board Meetings

Policy BCBJ* Broadcasting and Taping of School Board Meetings

Policy CBD Employment of Superintendent

Policy GAK Personnel Records

Policy GAMK* Use of Pronouns and given names

Policy GBC Recruitment

Policy IDDF Education of Students with Exceptionalities

Policy JGC Student Health Services

In addition, the following policies recommended with minor changes to wording:

Policy FEA Architectural and Engineering Services

Policy IDBA Sex Education

After discussion by the Board, Harold McCoy made a motion to approve the policies as recommended by Forethought, with minor word changes two, seconded by Shere May. Motion carried without opposition.

Regina Mekus presented item # 5, Consider Summary of Differentiated Compensation Distribution FY 2024-2025. To be consistent with policies of the School Board, the following plan is recommended for the implementation of the one-time allocation of Differentiated Compensation authorized by the Legislature in House Bill No. 1 of the Legislative session: All Highly Effective Classroom Teachers, as determined by the most recent Compass evaluations, and were a current active employee as of December 1, 2024 will receive a \$578 supplement to be distributed on January 10, 2025. Greg Manley made a motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion carried without objection.

Jason Thompson presented the sixth Business Item, Finance Committee Report. The Finance Committee met on Thursday, November 14, 2024. The following four Business Items were discussed and approved to be presented to the Board:

1. Propose Band Uniform Allocation
2. Propose Helmet Allocation Increase
3. Consider Change in Travel Per Diem and Mileage
4. Discuss Signage Allocations for Name Dedications within the District

Regina Mekus presented the next four items of Business, Item # 7, Consideration and Approval of Uniform/Capital Outlay Policy Regulations. The recommendation presented is to raise the allotment from \$400 to \$500 for all schools. Item #8, Consideration and Approval of football helmet reconditioning allotment. The recommendation presented was to raise the allotment to \$78.95 per helmet every two years with 50% distribution each year. Item #9, Consideration and approval of change in Travel Policy Regulation. The recommendation is to follow the IRS standard rates for 2024 and the policy for meal reimbursement to follow the current per diem rates for Louisiana provided by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Item #10, Consideration and approval of signage allocations for name dedications within the district. The recommendation is to set a signage cap of \$2500 per sign for Name Dedications.

Shere May made a motion to accept these four recommendations, seconded by Harold McCoy. The motion carried unanimously.

Regina Mekus presented item # 11, Consideration and approval of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire FY 2024. This is a required part of the financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies. Harold McCoy made a motion to approve the submission of the 2023-2024 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, seconded by Shere May. Motion carried without opposition.

Regina Mekus presented item #12, Financial Report for October 31, 2024. The Board discussed and accepted the report.

Steven Hemphill presented the next agenda Item #13, Construction/Renovation Projects Report. The Board discussed and accepted the report as presented.

Purchasing Agent, Jared Peters, presented the Evaluation of Bids:

1. FS6-25, Dishwasher & Garbage Disposal- Riverbend,
2. FS7-25, Walk-in Cooler, Highland and Walk-in Freezer, Crosley,
3. Calhoun Middle Wastewater Treatment Plant,
4. 8-25, Woodlawn Elem. & Jr. Wastewater Treatment Plant and
5. 15-25, Sound Systems for WMHS and GHMS.

The recommendation was the lowest responsive on all items. Shere May made a motion to approve these, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried without opposition.

Jared Peters asked Permission to Bid on three line items:

1. FS6-25 Dishwasher and Garbage Disposal for Riverbend Elementary
2. 16-25 WOHS Stadium Renovations and Improvements
3. 18-25 Copy Paper

Greg Manley made a motion to grant permission to bid on these items, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried unanimously.

In the President's Report, Mr. Comeaux announced the next meeting would be on January 14, 2025 at noon. He also congratulated the Sterlington High

School Football Team for advancing to the Playoffs along with well wishes for the game.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Guice announced the Louisiana Department of Education School and District Performance Scores for our District with congratulating the 16 schools that brought up their scores, 16 that were Top Gains, 2 that were Opportunity Honorees and 8 that were A schools. He also congratulated Sterlington High School on going to the playoffs and announced all three Sterlington schools would have remote learning on Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13 to allow students, staff and others to attend the games.

There being no further business, Mike Batey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Hicks. Motion carried and adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Tommy Comeaux, President

ATTEST:

Todd Guice, Secretary

/s/

1.23 | \$110.00

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana was called to order on December 12, 2024 at 4:05 p.m. at the Warehouse No. 1 Restaurant, 1 Olive Street, Monroe, Louisiana, by Mike Mulhearn, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. All references to the "District" refer to the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana. All references to the "Foundation" refer to the Living Well Foundation.

INVOCATION

Mr. Mulhearn gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Rick Guillot

OTHERS PRESENT:

Missy Oubre, Director of the Wellness Center; Sarah Griffin, Wellness Center Accounting; and Pat Thompson, Recording Secretary.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Mulhearn had no remarks at this time.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024

After review of the minutes of the District's November 14, 2024 Board meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Bishop to adopt the minutes as presented and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

Missy Oubre, Director, and Sarah Griffin, Accounting, were in attendance to discuss Wellness Center operations.

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

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

Sarah Griffin and Mr. Mulhearn presented the monthly financials of the District (other than the Wellness Center) ending November 30, 2024.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Upon review and discussion regarding some amendments to the Wellness Center's Employee Handbook, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Watson and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners:

WHEREAS, upon advice of counsel, certain revisions to the Wellness Center Handbook have been recommended:

AND WHEREAS, the recommended revisions appear to be appropriate and needed;

RESOLVED, the revisions to the Discharge section of the Wellness Center Handbook are hereby approved;

SO RESOLVED this 12th day of December, 2024

ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners:

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "District") for its 2025 fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2025 (the "2025 Budget"), as previously presented by the Chairman to the District and revised at this meeting, is hereby adopted.

RESOLVED, that the amounts set forth in the Appropriations sections and the Capital Expenditures section of the 2025 Budget are appropriated for the respective purposes for which they are set forth.

RESOLVED, that amounts are available for expenditure only to the extent included in the 2025 Budget.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the District may authorize transfers of any amounts between line items of expenditures within the General Government function, between line items of expenditures within the Wellness Center Operations function, or between line items of expenditures within the Capital Expenditures function.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of the Wellness Center may authorize transfers of any amounts between line items of expenditures within the Wellness Center Operations function.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the District is authorized to cause the District to incur liabilities and make expenditures budgeted in the General Government function, in the Wellness Center Operations function, or in the Capital Expenditures function for those respective purposes, provided, however, that the Chairman shall not cause to be made any individual expenditures in excess of \$100,000 without further approval of the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of the Wellness Center is authorized to cause the District to incur liabilities and make expenditures budgeted in the Wellness Center Operations function for that purpose; provided, however, that the Executive Director shall not cause to be made any individual expenditures in excess of \$25,000 without further approval of the Board of Commissioners.

AMENDMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Bishop moved to consider the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the District for its 2024 fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2024 (the "2024 Budget") is amended and restated in its entirety to match the "Source/Appropriation" and "Capital Expenditures" columns (for the categories) and the "2024 Estimated" columns (for the figures) in the proposed budget for the District for its 2025 fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2025, as presented at this meeting.

RESOLVED, that the appropriation of the amounts set forth in the Appropriations sections and the Capital Expenditures section of the 2024 Budget and their expenditure in 2024 are approved and ratified for the respective purposes for which they are set forth.

Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. The Board proceeded to vote and the motion passed with the unanimous approval of the Commissioners present.

ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S 2025 RATES

After due discussion, Mrs. Watson proposed, Mr. Bishop seconded, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that rates set forth on the Wellness Center Rates January 1, 2025 schedule presented to this meeting are approved for use with all membership contracts newly entered into or renewed after January 1, 2025.

ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spencer, and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby schedules its regular meetings during the calendar year 2025 for the third Thursday of every month, at 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center, all as more fully set forth on the schedule presented at this meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF DISTRICT'S OFFICERS

Mr. Spencer moved to consider the following resolution:

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

(Continued from Page 8B)

RESOLVED, that the following persons are elected to hold the following District offices during the calendar year 2025:
 Chairman Mike Mulhearn
 Vice Chairman Pat Spencer
 Secretary/Treasurer Jeri Beth Watson
 Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The Board proceeded to vote and the motion passed with the unanimous approval of the Commissioners present.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting of the District is to be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center, 3215 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman Date
 1.23 | \$101.25

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: 8850 Frontage Rd., Monroe, LA 71202.

Corporation name: Revolution Park LLC
 DBA: Revolution Park
 Misti Smith, owner; David Smith, member
 01/23

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 :
 1.23

Allstate Towing Inc. is currently storing a beige and green storage building measuring 16 ¼ feet long, 10 ¼ feet wide, and 10 ft tall. The unit has a number posted on an inside beam of MSUTX-589215-1016-030823. This building has been in storage with Allstate Towing Inc located at 132 East Bawcom St. West Monroe, La 71292 since October 8, 2024. If owners do not come forward with appropriate ownership proofs, a permit to sell may be obtained. For any further information, please contact the main office at (318) 398-7222 during regular business hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday.
 Run Date: 1-16-2025, & 1-23-2025 | COST: \$10.00

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Monroe Housing Authority will receive sealed bids for the REPLACE-MENT OF THE ROOF AT CENTRAL MAINTENANCE. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 PM, Thursday, February 6, 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 ACCOMMODATIONS 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 13, 2025
 Monroe Housing Authority By: William V. Smart, Executive Director
 Run: 1/16/23 1/30 | \$15

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SEALED BIDS will be received in the office of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Ouachita Parish Administrative Building, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana, on or before 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2025 and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting, for the purpose of furnishing the following:
 East Frenchman's Bend Road Improvements
 (Indian Creek Bridge to Frenchman's Bend Road)
 Ouachita Parish Police Jury
 L&A, Inc. Project No. 24E020.04
 Estimated Probable Construction Cost: \$1,000,000

The Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents shall be examined and procured at the office of the Engineer, Lazenby & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors, 2000 North Seventh Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291. A deposit of Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00) plus shipping and mailing costs will be required for each set of documents. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212(D), deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents; deposits on any additional sets will be refunded less the actual costs of reproduction. Refunds will be made upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after receipt of bids.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check or acceptable Bid Bond payable to Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount as a guarantee that, if awarded the Contract, the Bidder will promptly enter a contract and execute such bonds as may be required. Each bid shall also be accompanied by a Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for public work as prescribed by LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). Electronic bids will be received via www.bidsync.com prior to bid closing time.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Attestation Clause, and E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions. In addition, the successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond for the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B).

January 13, 2025 OWNER: Ouachita Parish Police Jury
 Date

BY: /s/ Shane Smiley
 Shane Smiley, President

Publication Dates:
 January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025, & January 30, 2025 | \$33.75

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 | \$43.75

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of heirs of William Randy Ford, please contact Christina Moore, Attorney at Law, at (318) 855-6496
 1.16, 1.23, 1.30

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the Monroe Housing Authority at the Frances Tower, 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, until 2:00 PM, February 6th, 2025

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Burg Jones Revitalization
 OWNER PROJECT NUMBER: 23CFP606.01

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from www.ae-plans.com. 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 TBA Studio:
 PHONE: (318) 340-1550

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 10:00 AM on January 24, 2025 at Burg Jones Management Office- 2601 Burg Jones Ln, 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.

Run Date: 1/9/25, 1/16/25, 1/23/25, 1/30/25 | \$26.25

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 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	Kiroli Elementary School, 700 Kiroli 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	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
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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

Run Date: 1.16, 1.23, 1.30 | \$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
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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
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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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA TOWN OF STERLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. _____ MOTION BY: _____
SECONDED BY: _____

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 yeas and nays vote, passed and adopted this _____th day of _____, 2025, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____
NAY: _____

APPROVED THIS _____th DAY OF _____, 2025.

CITY CLERK _____ MAYOR _____
TOWN OF STERLINGTON TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA STATE OF LOUISIANA

Run Date: 1.23 | \$60.00

TOWN OF STERLINGTON MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA

6:30 P.M. TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING CHAMBER

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

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

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

GUESTS: Guest in attendance were Amanda Edge w/Entropy, Jason Kozlow w/Black & Veach, Toby Trichel w/Trichel Enterprises, Kaitlin Maness w/The Ouachita Citizen, Shooter Shaw w/Shawnuft Green and Jimmy Guthrie w/Rooted.

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, November 26, 2024
M/S/C (MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED) (Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse) approve the meeting minutes for November 26, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09 (UTL)
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) amendment to Ordinance No. 2023-09 (UTL) removing Item B. ROLL CALL: Zack Howse-Yea, Ashton Courson-Yea, Billy Clarkson-Yea, Charles Hodnett-Yea, Erica Gross-Yea.

P&Z RECOMMENDATION-ENERGY SOLAR FARM
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve the Planning & Zoning Recommendation with the variance to the blue line area.

P&Z RECOMMENDATION-DOMINO'S PIZZA
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approve the Planning & Zoning Recommendation as presented.

MOWING/SPRAYING QUOTES
M/S/C (Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse) approve the Quote from Trichel Enterprises for Mowing and the Quote for Spraying for Shawnuft Green.

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO CLERK'S PAY ORDINANCE

M/S/C (Charles Hodnett, Zack Howse) approve amendment to Clerk's Pay Ordinance as presented. ROLL CALL: Billy Clarkson-Yea, Erica Gross-Yea, Zack Howse-Yea, Ashton Courson-Yea, Charles Hodnett-Yea.

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO ALDERMEN PAY ORDINANCE
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approve the amendment to Aldermen Pay Ordinance as presented. ROLL CALL: Zack Howse-Yea, Ashton Courson-Yea, Billy Clarkson-Yea, Charles Hodnett, Erica Gross-Yea.

ADOPT AMENDED 2024 BUDGET & 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approves the adoption of the Amended 2024 Budget. ROLL CALL: Ashton Courson-Yea, Billy Clarkson-Yea, Erica Gross-Yea, Charles Hodnett-Yea, Zack Howse-Yea.

M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approve the 2025 Proposed Budget as presented. ROLL CALL: Charles Hodnett-Yea, Ashton Courson-Yea, Erica Gross-Yea, Zack Howse-Yea, Billy Clarkson-Yea.

BUDGETS & FINANCIALS – NOVEMBER 2024
M/S/C (Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse) approve the Budgets & Financials for November 2024 as presented.

AGED PAYABLES – NOVEMBER 2024
The Aged Payables for November 2024 were presented to the council.

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES THRU DECEMBER 16, 2024
The Monthly Expenditures thru November 25, 2024, were presented to the council

ADJOURN
M/S/C (Erica Gross, Billy Clarkson) to adjourn, given there was no further business to discuss.

Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk
Matt Talbert, Mayor

Run Date: 1.23 | \$46.00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 AT 5:34 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Police Jury Administrative Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:34 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

Mr. Hudson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Members Present | (6) |
| Toni Bacon | District A |
| Jimmy Tyson | District B |
| Larry Bratton | District C |
| Michael Thompson | District D |
| Shane Smiley | District E |
| Lonnie Hudson | District F |

Members Absent (0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Mr. Mitchell asked to amend the agenda under beer and whiskey applications to move the item Frenchman's Bend Country Club from the contingent renewal to a regular renewal. Mr. Mitchell asked to add the applications for Dollar General #19775 and Chateau Rouge on the Bayou to the contingent renewals. These items were received after the agenda was published and action was needed before the next meeting in order to not delay issuing the 2025 permits. Mr. Bratton asked to change the visitor for Sterlington Elementary School to Nikki Taylor. Mr. Crosby asked to add Terrace Circle drainage, Reddx Lane drainage and Frenchman's Bend drainage to the agenda. These items were completed after the agenda was published but would benefit from consideration before the next meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments concerning any matters on the approved agenda. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Police Jury meeting including the committee meetings held on December 2, 2024 was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon. Motion passed with Mr. Thompson abstaining.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9505 – An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9477 annual operating budget for general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, and capital projects funds for the year. 2024. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

The president convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 9506 – An ordinance adopting operating budgets of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, for general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, and capital projects funds. No one appeared to speak in favor of or against said ordinance. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to close the public hearing. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Sheila Kay Downhour with Ouachita Green. Ms. Downhour updated the jury on Ouachita Green's activities for 2024. Mr. Smiley asked to take up the matter concerning the 2025 cooperative endeavor agreement with Ouachita Green at this time. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the 2025 cooperative endeavor agreement with Ouachita Green. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Bill Land with Land 3 Architect. Mr. Land presented the bid results for the courthouse and annex exterior restoration and stated that the lowest conforming bid was from Traxler Construction Co. Inc. for \$1,299,000.00. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the bid from Traxler Construction Co. Inc. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Land presented the cost estimate for the employee health clinic. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to allocate not more than \$500,000.00 from ARPA governmental services and \$50,000.00 from ARPA interest for construction and purchase of equipment for the health clinic. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Nikki Taylor with Sterlington Elementary School.

Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mr. Thompson offered the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE STERLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ITS RECOGNITION AS A "NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL" BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in September, 2024, the United States Department of Education named Sterlington Elementary School as a "National Blue Ribbon School" for its academic performance, specifically for its significant strides in closing achievement gaps among diverse student groups;

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WHEREAS, the significance of this designation is shown by the fact that Sterling Elementary School is one of only four public elementary schools in the State of Louisiana to receive the "National Blue Ribbon School" designation this year; and,

WHEREAS, this achievement serves as a monument to the dedication and hard work of the faculty, administration, students and families of Sterling Elementary School and is worthy of special recognition by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT PROCLAIMED that, by these presents, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby congratulate and commend the faculty, administration, students and families of Sterling Elementary School for achieving recognition by the United States Department of Education as a 2024 "National Blue Ribbon School."

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The president recognized Stacie Ford, 340 Washington Street, West Monroe. Ms. Ford spoke regarding the Cheniere Lakeview Communities Coalition and asked for the Jury's support.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The president recognized Ms. Bennett, Federal Programs. Ms. Bennett requested approval for three staff members to attend the National Mentoring Summit on January 29-31, 2025. Ms. Bennett requested approval for four staff members to attend the SETA 2025 spring conference on March 16-19, 2025. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the travel requests. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. McConnell, Homeland Security. Mr. McConnell requested to contract with Land 3 Architect for the EOC renovation. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve Land 3 Architect to begin designing the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Smiley stated that Ms. Mullins, Animal Control was not at the meeting but that she was requesting to terminate Jaelyn LaShare. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Thompson to terminate Jaelyn LaShare. Motion passed without opposition.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

The president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer. Mr. Crosby presented Change Order No. 1 for Polly Anna Drive and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve Change Order No. 1. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the substantial completion for Polly Anna Drive and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

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Mr. Crosby presented the substantial completion for Mary Street and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby presented the substantial completion for the LCDBG street project and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to accept the substantial completion. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Santa Fe Estates drainage project and presented the cost estimate for the project. Mr. Crosby stated this project would be funded from the Public Works fund. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve moving forward with the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Eagle Rock Drive road improvements and presented the cost estimate for the project. Mr. Crosby stated that this project would be funded from the westside tax fund. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve moving forward with the project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Terrace Circle and Reddix Lane drainage and presented the cost estimate for the project. Mr. Crosby recommended approving \$125,000.00 from the Public Works fund and \$75,000.00 from the eastside tax fund for this project. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve moving forward with the project as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Frenchman's Bend drainage project and recommended accepting the drainage servitude for drainage work north of homes on Maison Drive. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to accept the drainage servitude. Motion passed without opposition.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chair, Mrs. Bacon, called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

Mrs. Bacon recognized Mrs. Hartt. Mrs. Hartt presented the claim statement for the period of November 15, 2024 through December 12, 2024 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve payment of the claims for the period stated. Motion passed without opposition.

Mrs. Bacon presented budget versus actual statements to the Jury. No action was needed.

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Mrs. Bacon spoke regarding the remaining ARPA funds that need to be allocated. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to allocate Mr. Hudson's remaining portion to Workforce Investment's NELA MAC "Boots on the Ground" project. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hudson to allocate \$12,500 of non-governmental ARPA funds to MCAL, Sickle Cell Foundation, Omega and Tab-in-Action. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Hudson to allocate additional ARPA funds of \$31,000.00 to ULM and \$49,000.00 to Pilots for Patients. Motion passed without opposition.

The chair recognized Ms. Trawek-Tidwell, Mosquito Control. Ms. Trawek-Tidwell presented the 2025 insecticide and chemical bid results. Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Thompson to award the various insecticide and chemical bids to the following lowest conforming bidders as previously approved by the Mosquito Abatement District Board: Adapco, Target Specialty Products, Clarke Mosquito Control and Vesperis Solutions. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion to adjourn and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Bratton. Motion passed without opposition. The finance committee meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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The president reconvened the regular Police Jury meeting.

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

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president recognized Mrs. Bacon.

MRS. TONI BACON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Hudson exited the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the 2023-2024 CWEF contract for Green Road water improvements. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to defer action on Ordinance No. 9505 and Ordinance No. 9506 until the special called meeting to be held on December 18, 2024.

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Mrs. Bacon introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9508

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS REALIZED BY THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY FROM INTEREST EARNED ON OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY'S ALLOCATION UNDER THE "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT"; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") the United States Treasury allocated funds to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") to be expended in accordance with the provisions of said Act and other federal regulations ("ARPA Funds");

WHEREAS, the OPPJ deposited the ARPA Funds in appropriate interest-bearing accounts and has held the ARPA Funds in said accounts during the time that appropriate and compliant expenditures of the ARPA Funds have been developed, approved and executed;

WHEREAS, under the applicable provisions of ARPA and other federal regulations, the OPPJ is entitled to retain the interest earned on the ARPA Funds, said interest earnings being hereinafter referred to as "ARPA Interest Funds;"

WHEREAS, recognizing that the ARPA Interest Funds are non-recurring, the OPPJ wishes to maximize the benefits that the citizens of Ouachita Parish receive from these ARPA Interest Funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that specific regulations governing the use of such funds are in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that the ARPA Interest Funds be placed in an interest-bearing account (or accounts) in accordance with Louisiana law and that all interest earned on the ARPA Interest Funds shall also become part of and for all purposes be considered as "ARPA Interest Funds.;"

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the OPPJ shall expend the ARPA Interest Funds, only as the "matching portion" required to obtain grants from the State of Louisiana (including its various departments, agencies and programs); the United States of America (including its various departments, agencies and programs); and, from non-governmental entities offering grants for which the OPPJ is eligible.

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Mr. Hudson re-entered the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

The president recognized Mr. Tyson.

MR. JIMMY TYSON, DISTRICT B:

Motion offered by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the following rate increases for Cheniere Lake rentals effective January 1, 2025: lodge half day, \$337.50; lodge full day \$562.50; lodge deposit, \$150.00; lodge deposit with alcohol, \$300.00; large pavilion, \$150.00; small pavilion, \$60.00; tent sites, \$20.00. Motion passed without opposition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FY 2024-2025 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is desirous of submitting an application to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for funding assistance under the FY 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session convened on the 16th day of December 2024, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby authorizes and supports an application for assistance under the FY 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund administered by the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for the following projects located in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

**Southwest Ouachita Waterworks, Inc.
Water Distribution System Expansion, Lovelady Road Extension**

The above resolution was adopted the 16th day of December 2024.

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The president recognized Mr. Bratton.

MR. LARRY BRATTON, DISTRICT C:

Mr. Bratton spoke regarding lobbying services. No action was taken.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-81

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY AND THE OUACHITA PARISH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1694 ("WORKING AGREEMENT") TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE TO THE "BASE PAY;" TO MODIFY THE "EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY;" AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ"), acting in its statutory capacity as the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish has determined that an increase in the compensation paid to certain employees of said District is in order;

WHEREAS, the OPPJ has further determined that a modification of certain "Educational Incentive Pay" offered to said employees is appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the OPPJ desires to authorize an amendment to the Working Agreement and/or such other actions are reasonable and necessary to implement these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the OPPJ in legal and regular session that the "minimum monthly salary" of a fireman as set forth in Section XV(1) of the Working Agreement be increased by \$150.00/month, from its present level of \$2,350.00/month to \$2,500.00/month;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Section XVIII of the Working Agreement establishing the "Educational Incentive Pay" for employees of the OPFD, be amended to increase the number of PIAL Certifications for which an employee may receive the \$25.00 per month "Certification Incentive" from four (4) to 6 (six);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Base Pay increase and Educational Incentive Pay change set forth above shall become effective upon the commencement of the first pay period following the Ouachita Parish Firefighters Association's approval of an amendment to the Working Agreement adopting the increase set forth above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an amendment to the Working Agreement, and such other documents as are reasonable and necessary, to give effect to this Resolution

The above resolution was adopted the 16th day of December 2024.

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Mr. Bratton asked to defer Resolution No. 24-82 until the special called meeting to be held on December 18, 2024.

The president recognized Mr. Thompson.

MR. MICHAEL THOMPSON, DISTRICT D:

Mr. Thompson stated that he did not have any additional items.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

Mr. Smiley introduced the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9507

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF OUACHITA TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 51810, 77384, 15391, 17665, & 32852) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

1. **PARCEL# 51810:** THE WEST ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET OF LOTS TEN (10) AND ELEVEN (11) OF SQUARE 18 OF RENWICK'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 278, PAGE 169 AND 171, AND CONVEYANCE BOOK 782, PAGE 461, RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF COURT, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 201 S 25th STREET, MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/11/2019

Purchaser: Jarrell Wilson Bid: \$2,750.00 Auction Date: December 5, 2024

2. **PARCEL# 77384:** LOT 17 OF LAKEVIEW PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, AS PER PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 81 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 216 LAKEWOOD DRIVE, MONRIE, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 5/19/2021

Purchaser: Markus Bosley Bid: \$6,758.00 Auction Date: December 5, 2024

3. **PARCEL# 15391:** LOT 12 SQ 1 SUBD OF LOT 2 BURG JONES EST SEC 7 T17N R4E; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 515 MARION STREET; MONROE LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/06/2022

Purchaser: George Johnson Bid: \$2,068.80 Auction Date: December 19, 2024

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4. **PARCEL# 17665:** LOT 7 SQ 1 UNIT 1 EVERGREEN PARK ADDITION; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 907 EVERGREEN STREET; WEST MONROE LA, ADJUDICATED TO PARISH ON 06/30/2020

Purchaser: Multiple Bidders Bid: \$3,686.40 Auction Date: December 19, 2024

5. **PARCEL# 32852:** LOT IN LOT 17 BERRY STOCK FARM ADDN IN SEC 29 T17N R3E FRIG 142 FT ON SO LINE SAID LOT, DEPTH 137 FT ON W LINE LOT 17; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 129 PEPPER ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE PARISH ON 06/30/2020

Purchaser: John & Tina Ford Bid: \$4,464.96 Auction Date: December 19, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) The properties shall be sold in accordance with L.S.-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.

4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

- a. E&P Consulting, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Ouachita and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions L.S.-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
- b. E&P LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with L.S.-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Ouachita Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, the E&P LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by L.S.-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

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

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The president recognized Mr. Hudson.

MR. LONNIE HUDSON, DISTRICT E:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The president recognized Mrs. Bacon. Mrs. Bacon stated that she did not have any items for the fiscal report.

The president recognized Chief Moore, Fire Department. Chief Moore requested to contract with a realtor to help with acquiring land for a new fire station. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to contract with Ryan Roark. Motion passed without opposition.

Chief Moore requested approval for Artice Dowdy and Nick Aucoin to attend the International Wireless Communications Expo on March 16-21, 2025. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the travel request. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Mitchell presented the 2025 general liability and property insurance renewals with Traveler's and Affiliated FM and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the

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2025 general liability and property insurance renewals and to authorize the president, assistant treasurer or attorney to sign the binder paperwork. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell presented the 2025 worker's compensation insurance renewal and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to approve the 2025 worker's compensation insurance renewal and to authorize the president, assistant treasurer or attorney to sign the binder paperwork. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the obligation of allocated ARPA funds and recommended authorizing the president to sign cooperative endeavor agreements or other necessary documents needed to confirm the obligations of the ARPA grants and expenditures approved by the Police Jury. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Bratton to authorize the president to sign the cooperative endeavor agreements and necessary documents. Motion passed without opposition.

The president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works. Mr. Murray spoke regarding Bailey's re-subdivision of Lots 22A-22D, 23A-23D and 24A-24C of the re-subdivision of Lots 10-30 of Willow Branch Subdivision and recommended approval subject to comments from the Public Works department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to grant re-subdivision approval as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the request for variance for an extension to the final subdivision approval period for Dallas Drive Mobile Home Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Bratton, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to approve the variance. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding minor subdivision approval for Marble Slab Subdivision and recommended approval subject to comments from the Public Works department and parish engineer being adequately answered. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to grant minor subdivision approval as recommended. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to hire Bwana Cummings as a general laborer pending completion of pre-employment requirements. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bacon to hire Bwana Cummings as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray requested to terminate Michael Joiner, Trayveon Marshall and Sharif Johnson. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the terminations. Motion passed without opposition.

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BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thomson to approve the applications. Motion passed with Mrs. Bacon abstaining.

- 1) **ARRANT, JERRY** DBA ED'S LOUNGE, 1260 NEW NATCHITOCHE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 2) **ALL, FAISAL** WRA STUMBLE OUT LLC, DBA STUMBLE OUT, 2500 ARKANSAS RD, SUITE 1, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 3) **ALL, FAISAL** E & C DISTRIBUTION LLC, DBA JMART 4-WAY 104 HIGHWAY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 4) **ALL, FAISAL** JMART WINNSBORO ROAD LLC, 4566 WINNSBORO ROAD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 5) **ALL, FAISAL** B & P OPERATIONS LLC, DBA WASHINGTON STREET U-PAK-IT, 500 WASHINGTON ST, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 6) **DAVIS, KATY** KAPO LLC, DBA CHIEFS CORNER, JMART, 5228 HIGHWAY 546, EROS, LA 71238, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 7) **ALL, FAISAL** JA JMART FUEL LLC, DBA JMART EXPRESS FUEL, 3095 ARKANSAS ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 8) **HARDIE, DAWN** CYPRESS LAKE CONVENIENCE STORE LLC, 715 CAMP ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 9) **DHILLON, SOOKHAM** DBA NOW SAVE #20, 5402 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 10) **HEANEY, JOEL** A & B LLC, DBA TWIN CITY RACEWAY, 3695 PRAIRIE ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 11) **SARAI, HARVINDER** LIONS2, LLC, 946 OLE HWY 15, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 12) **LITTLE, SARAH** WALMART LOUISIANA LLC, DBA WALMART MARKET #2940, 5251 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 13) **ANDING, RAY** RRMD RESTAURANT OPERATIONS LLC, DBA CHIENIERE SHACK, 7975 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 14) **DHILLON, SOOKHAM** VIKRAM-VIJAY LLC, DBA NOW SAVE #19, 331 HIGHWAY 546, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 15) **DHILLON, SOOKHAM** DBA NOW SAVE #4, 101 NEW NATCHITOCHE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 16) **DHILLON, SOOKHAM** DBA NOW SAVE #6, 99 LINCOLN ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 17) **LANDRY, JEFFREY M.** DBA LANDRY VINEYARDS, LLC, 5699 NEW NATCHITOCHE RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL WINE PRODUCER, 2025 RENEWAL.
- 18) **PIERCE, JEFFREY** REDIRAP INC, DBA KUNTRY KORNER, 3156 HIGHWAY 80 W, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.
- 19) **TAYLOR, EMILY** DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #1728, 103 OLD BASTROP ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL.

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- 20) TAYLOR, EMILY DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #19729, 2574 WINNSBORO ROAD, MONROE, LA 71202, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 21) TAYLOR, EMILY DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #10062, 1382 HIGHWAY 139, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 22) ROCHA, MARCELLA DBA CIRCLE K STORE #7761, 1602 THOMAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 23) ROCHA, MARCELLA DBA CIRCLE K STORE #7763, 170 WELL RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 24) ROCHA, MARCELLA DBA CIRCLE K STORE #7777, 560 LINCOLN RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 25) TAYLOR, EMILY DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #6823, 3052 HIGHWAY 80 WEST, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 26) PRAXAYBANE, PATRICK DBA BANGKOK SPICE RESTAURANT, LLC, 5332 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025
- 27) CHISHOLM, SUSAN LOUISIANA CVS PHARMACY LLC, DBA CVS PHARMACY #10219, 5350 CYPRESS ST, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 28) NEITZ, JOEY DBA JOEY'S AT MOON LAKE, 231 MOON LAKE RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", RETAIL RESTAURANT "CLASS R", 2025 RENEWAL
- 29) ORTNER, BEVERLY CHIEF'S HIDEAWAY, 3091 HIGHWAY 80 W, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL
- 30) PONCE, DAMARIS DBA CASA LATINA LLC, 1301 THOMAS ROAD, SUITE D, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 31) ALL, SALAH HIGHLAND STORES, LLC DBA DELTA MINI MART, 3300 OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 32) KARNJANAKIT, AUCHARA DBA AM-OR FOOD MART, 1841 HWY 80 EAST, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 33) PARKER, BRAD SAM ELLEN LLC DBA IRON CACTUS, 1304 HWY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL
- 34) TAYLOR, EMILY DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #24485, 1745 HIGHWAY 80 E, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 35) ALL, FAISAL JA EXPRESS FOOD LLC DBA DAT CATFISH PLACE, 2405 ARKANSAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL
- 36) ALL, FAISAL COX GROCERY LLC, DBA GENE COX'S JMART, 2401 ARKANSAS RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 37) MATA, MARIO BLUE IGUANA MARGARITA BAR LLC, 5404 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL
- 38) KAMBOJ, GURDER FUELTRAC RANDALL'S LA, LLC, 4205 OLD STERLINGTON RD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 39) THOMPSON, TIMOTHY CASINO BINGO AND BEER LLC, 5324 CYPRESS STREET, SUITE 3, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL

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Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the following beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval subject to receiving outstanding documentation. Motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the applications as recommended. Motion passed with Mr. Thompson abstaining.

- 1) KHAN, MUHAMMAD AKZK LLC DBA WHITE'S FERRY MART, 4108 WHITE'S FERRY RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 2) KHAN, MUHAMMAD ASPIRING WEST MONROE LLC, DBA USAVE #3 149 C. B. COOLEY RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 3) SPENCER, HARRY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LOUISIANA LLC, DBA FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #33687, 5115 HIGHWAY 34, WEST MONROE, LA 71291, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 4) SPENCER, HARRY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LOUISIANA LLC, DBA FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #24788, 3390 STERLINGTON ROAD, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2025 RENEWAL
- 5) SPENCER, HARRY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LOUISIANA LLC, DBA FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #13335, 5075 CYPRESS STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2025 RENEWAL
- 6) SPENCER, HARRY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LOUISIANA LLC, DBA FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #20835, 117 SMITH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2025 RENEWAL
- 7) SPENCER, HARRY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF LOUISIANA LLC, DBA FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #31721, 5872 JONESBORO ROAD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", 2025 RENEWAL

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- 8) TAYLOR, EMILY DG LOUISIANA LLC, DBA DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #19775, 1250 HIGHWAY 80 E, CALHOUN, LA 71225, RETAIL BEER "CLASS B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS D", 2025 RENEWAL
- 10) MCCONNELL, JASMYNE CHATEAU ROUGE ON THE BAYOU LLC, 320 VIRGINIA STREET, MONROE, LA 71203, RETAIL BEER "CLASS A", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS C", 2025 RENEWAL

OTHER BUSINESS:

The president recognized Rev. Tony Smith with Mt. Zion Church of Calhoun. Rev. Smith spoke regarding a potential alcohol application for a property across from the church and asked the Jury to deny the application if received.

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Bratton. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 AT 3:32 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a special called meeting in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury administrative building, Monroe, Louisiana on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 3:32 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President.

- Members Present**
Toni Bacon
Jimmy Tyson
Larry Bratton
Michael Thompson
Shane Smiley
Lonnie Hudson
- Members Absent**
(0)

- (6)
District A
District B
District C
District D
District E
District F

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. The president requested to amend the agenda to add an item to allocate from the remaining ARPA funds in the non-governmental category to assist an occupational therapy program at the University of Louisiana Monroe. This item had not been completed in time to be on the agenda but needed approval before the next meeting. Motion offered by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bratton to amend the agenda as requested. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president asked for public comments concerning any matters on the approved agenda or the proposed budget. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COST-OF-LIVING AND OTHER PAY INCREASES FOR OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY EMPLOYEES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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WHEREAS, when finances allow, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPPJ") desires that the effective pay of OPPJ employees continues to at least keep pace with inflation;

WHEREAS, recent years have brought rates of inflation not seen in decades; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the OPPJ in legal and regular session that, except as set forth below, a three percent (3%) cost-of-living pay increase be implemented for those employees whose rate of pay is determined by the OPPJ, effective at the commencement of the pay period beginning December 23, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the OPPJ in legal and regular session that a two percent (2%) annual pay increase for Ouachita Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 ("OPFD") employees shall be implemented, effective at the commencement of the pay period beginning December 23, 2024, said increase being intended to satisfy the mandate of La. R.S. 33:1992(B) requiring an annual two percent (2%) pay increase for each member of the Fire Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with respect to those employees whose rate of pay is determined by a separate governing authority, namely employees of the Ouachita Parish Public Library and the Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District, the rate and effective date of any cost-of-living increase or other pay adjustment shall be as determined by their respective governing authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that neither the cost-of-living increase nor any other additional increase set forth above shall be afforded to any employee with a rate of pay determined by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury who has been granted a pay increase for the same position within 180 days prior to December 31, 2024, or a pay increase as a result of a promotion or change of position within the said 180 day period, or newly hired within the last 180 days, provided however that this provision shall not apply to employees expressly exempted from this limitation at the time the OPPJ approved their pay increase, promotion, or change of position. However, this limitation shall not apply to employees of OPFD as their compensation is generally governed by state law and the current Working Agreement.

The above resolution was adopted on the 18th day December 2024.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9505

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9477 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR, 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, convened in a special called session on the 18th day of December, 2024 that:

SECTION ONE: The following detailed estimate of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby amended for the Police Jury General Fund and Special Revenue Funds during said period.

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	AMENDED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
REVENUES:					
General Government:					
Legislative	346,518	0	0	0	346,518
Judicial	3,894,959	5,287,371	0	0	9,182,370
Elections	207,640	0	0	0	207,640
Finance & Admin	1,236,975	2,369,777	1,617,098	167,230	5,391,080
Other Gen Government	1,215,805	0	0	0	1,215,805
Total General Government	6,901,937	7,657,148	1,617,098	167,230	16,343,413
Public Safety	66,500	48,546,200	0	0	48,612,700
Public Works	478,657	10,567,771	0	160,000	11,206,428
Health and Welfare	107,500	7,775,999	0	0	7,882,599
Culture and Recreation	417,519	8,879,027	0	0	9,296,546
Economic Development	490,820	8,042,874	0	0	8,533,694
Capital Outlay	2,251,194	11,725,445	0	18,882,171	32,258,810
Total Expenditures	10,714,127	102,593,564	1,617,098	19,209,401	134,134,190
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(599,061)	10,390,295	8,284,627	(5,679,728)	12,396,133
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of assets	185,000	175,527	0	12,000	372,527
Operating transfers in	4,118,475	1,618,814	0	15,928,391	21,665,680
Operating transfers out	(1,593,472)	(11,404,967)	(8,250,000)	(417,241)	(21,665,680)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,710,003	(9,610,626)	(8,250,000)	15,523,150	372,527
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In all other respects Ordinance No. 9477 shall remain the same.

The above ordinance was introduced the 2nd day of December, 2024.

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

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

The above ordinance was adopted on the 18th day of December, 2024.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9506

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING OPERATING BUDGETS OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, convened in a special called session on the 18th day of December, 2024, that:

SECTION ONE: The following detailed estimate of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as Operating Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Police Jury Governmental Funds during said period.

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
REVENUES:					
General Government:					
Legislative	386,052	-	-	-	386,052
Judicial	3,982,657	5,405,371	-	-	9,388,028
Elections	190,700	-	-	-	190,700
Finance & Admin	1,140,703	2,497,043	2,584,288	259,689	6,481,723
Other Gen Government	1,331,690	-	-	-	1,331,690
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Total General Government	7,031,802	7,902,414	2,584,288	259,689	17,778,193
Public Safety	57,020	53,133,817	-	-	53,190,837
Public Works	252,327	11,911,619	-	115,000	12,278,946
Health and Welfare	10,000	8,711,416	-	-	8,721,416
Culture and Recreation	380,587	8,820,612	-	-	9,201,199
Economic Development	543,135	10,425,675	-	-	10,968,810
Capital Outlay	6,053,848	16,161,281	-	48,912,792	71,127,921
Total Expenditures	14,328,719	117,066,834	2,584,288	49,287,481	183,267,322

EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(4,174,950)	(6,386,425)	6,843,947	(36,277,759)	(39,995,187)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	-	-	-	2,600,000	2,600,000
Sale of assets	-	75,000	-	15,000	90,000
Operating transfers in	4,563,178	1,229,415	-	10,989,124	16,781,717
Operating transfers out	(886,587)	(8,351,006)	(6,820,000)	(724,124)	(16,781,717)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,676,591	(7,046,591)	(6,820,000)	12,880,000	2,690,000

EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(498,359)	(13,433,016)	23,947	(23,397,759)	(37,305,187)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	18,941,882	145,273,823	3,680,546	51,926,097	219,822,348
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$18,443,523	\$131,840,807	\$3,704,493	\$28,528,338	\$182,517,161

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SECTION TWO: The adoption of this Operating Budget expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classifications.

SECTION THREE: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2025 budgets.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Treasurer for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (or the Assistant Treasurer in the event of the office of Treasurer is vacant), shall consult with the police jury president to make line-item changes within each Budget classification without approval by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, as long as such line item changes do not increase the total amount of budgeted expenditures within a departmental classification. Any amendment of the Budgets which would increase departmental classifications in excess of the total amount budgeted for expenditures shall be reserved solely to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

The above ordinance was introduced the 2nd day of December, 2024.

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

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

The above ordinance was adopted on the 18th day of December, 2024.

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Motion offered by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Tyson to allocate up to \$72,815 to the ULM Foundation for the occupational therapy program. Motion passed with Mrs. Bacon abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the committee, motion offered by Mrs. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Hudson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Shane Smiley, President

Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

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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:

PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

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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

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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 Jury/Service Group Unlimited, LLC
125 E. Madison Avenue/116 Smelser Road
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220/Monroe, 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 January 23, January 30, and February 6, 2025 | \$56.25

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana was held at City Hall, Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor John McAdams III, Jeff Dixon, and Allen Spires, and Dan Turner.

Also present: Chief A. German, Chad Thomas, and City Clerk Patti Gregory and Julie Goodson, Clarence Beebe, and Matt Fowler.

The meeting was called to order; the pledge was recited by all present, and the invocation was given by Dan Turner.

A motion to adopt the minutes for November regular meeting and special meeting as written was offered by Allen Spires, Jr and seconded by Jeff Dixon. All ayes.

In Unfinished Business: None

New Business: 4th quarter report will be reviewed at the next meeting due to illness of B&S Auditor. Mr. Beebe presented power point presentation and discussed water/sewer rate study with council and mayor. Mr. Beebe questioned Mayor and Council concerning water/sewer issues and data and based on their answers presented them with data suggesting a price increase was needed. Allen Spires Jr. made a motion to increase the rates per his findings in the study and Dan Turner seconded. All ayes passed the vote. Clerk Gregory gave information on tax sale. Mayor tabled it for future meetings.

The Mayor and Council discussed the financials and found everything to be in line with yearly budgeted amounts, stressing that any issues on the expenditure side will be fixed with the Budget Amendments that are set to take place.

Chief German gave the police report. Since the last council meeting the Department has worked 15 complaints and issued 19 traffic citations. They assisted other agencies 5 times. Fines collected totaled \$ 1538.00.90

Jeff Dixon made the motion to approve the disbursements and adjourn with Dan Turner. seconding the motion. All ayes passed. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Patti D Gregory, Clerk
John D. McAdams, Mayor
1.23 | \$23.75

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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.

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The Morehouse Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, McMeans Annex, 125 E. Madison, Bastrop, LA. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg, seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted unanimously to appoint Sandra Miller, Gina Downs and re-appoint Nancy Stutts for 5-year terms to the Library Board. On a motion made by Norwood Harrison, seconded by Lucas Crockett, the jury voted unanimously to accept the following annual bids for FY 2025: On a motion made by Norwood Harrison and seconded by Lucas Crockett, the jury voted unanimously to purchase a new generator for the Sheriff's Department. On a motion made by Lucas Crockett, seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted to approve the following: On a motion made by Dorothy Thomas, seconded by Lucas Crockett, the jury voted unanimously to approve the amended 2024 budget and proposed 2025 budget for the North Louisiana Crime Lab Commission. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg, seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2024 operating budget for the Morehouse Parish Police Jury. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg, seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2025 operating budget for the Morehouse Parish Police Jury which includes the cost of living pay increase beginning on the first full pay period in January. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg, and seconded by Lucas Crockett, the meeting was adjourned. {This is a summary of the Draft minutes taken during the month of December 2024. 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 Ave, Bastrop La}. 1.23 | \$18.75

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Bastrop Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at Bastrop City Hall Court Room regarding a request for a Special Use Permit for the property located at 305 North Washington Street.

Please run:

Janury9, 2025 January 16, 2025 January 23, 2025 | \$5.00

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On January 23, January 30, and February 6, 2025 | \$56.25

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

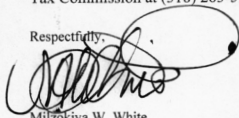
TO ALL DEALERS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN MOREHOUSE PARISH:

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,

Milzokya 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

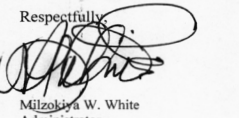
TO ALL DEALERS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN MOREHOUSE PARISH:

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 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.


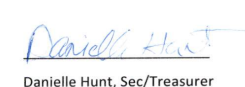
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December 17, 2024

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Shoemaker. Role was called by Secretary Danielle Hunt with Brian Shoemaker, Timothy Williams, James Cunningham, Billy Shepherd, Leondrio Reed (later joining us was member Lawrence Robinson).
October 8, 2024 board meeting minutes were approved by motion of Timothy Williams and second Billy Shepherd with none opposed.
Old business was updates on AT&T with setting up new equipment, the new estimated date is looking May of 2025. Mr. Lawrence asked about other agencies getting their systems in a timely manner, and Mr. Shoemaker explained about why the delay was with AT&T due to the strike and it held up the entire process from receiving equipment and installation.
Under new business it was time to appoint officers for 2025 and a motion was made by Billy Shepherd to keep the same officers from last year, Brian Shoemaker Chairman and Timmy Williams, Asst. Chairman, a second was made by James Cunningham and none opposed. All terms of members are still active.
All members have completed their ethics for the year of 2024 and have submitted their certificates and have all submitted their questionnaires for personal information.
Next in new business is that our current CPA Cindy Hayes is retiring and has told us she would no longer be servicing our records. So upon searching we have reached out to David Hartt, CPA and have inquired about their services. Each 911 member was given a packet to over-look about the CPA interest and Timmy Williams made a motion to change our records over to them starting in 2025. The motion was second by Leondrio Reed with none opposed.
Going back to the new 911 equipment we are waiting to receive, we have to discuss moving the equipment to a new location within the Morehouse Parish Sheriff Office. The current room where the equipment is located is very tight, so the board discussed moving the equipment to where the server is stored at MP50. Mike with AT&T said he can do it but we need a larger A/C unit in the server room to keep it at the correct temperature and we will need to add some electrical outlets in the server room. There will be no extra charge from AT&T to change the location of the 911 equipment. We need to get some quotes from electrician on how much it will cost to add the outlets to the server room and an estimate on what size unit we need to add in the server room. Timmy Williams along with all members to go ahead and move the equipment and to get it all right.
AT&T bill for land line at the Police Jury Office that we don't use. We are paying five-hundred and thirty-four dollars a month for internet access and a phone line that we don't use very often. Chairman Shoemaker checked into how much it would cost if we could get a cell phone with no internet access and just pay a monthly fee of \$45/month. Members all agreed with the motion made by Billy Shepherd and second by Mr. Lawrence to cancel the landline and internet at the office.
On the Budget for 2025, we need to make motion to amend 2024 budget due to the AT&T equipment not being completed. We need to amend the \$460,000 that should have went towards the new 911 equipment and setup. We also need to make a motion to amend the 2025 Budget for the new equipment to get completed. Amend capital outlay for 2024 by Leondrio Reed and Timmy Williams second with none opposed. Motion to amend Capital Outlay for 2025 was by Timmy Williams and second by James Cunningham with none opposed.

Motion made by Timmy Williams and second by James Cunningham was made to adopt the 2025 Budget along with the motion was if amendments were needed for the 911 equipment and room updates that it be approved also. None opposed this motion.
Also making the move from Capital One Bank to Origin Bank the interest earned was up since we moved. We still have both accounts open due to making sure the Direct Deposit for state revenue has been deposited into the correct account. Once that occurs we will transfer funds left in Capital One to Origin Bank and close the Capital One Account.
Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Timmy Williams and second by Billy Shepherd with none opposed. Meeting dismissed.


Brian Shoemaker, Chairman

Danielle Hunt, Sec/Treasurer

1.23, 1.30, 2.6 | \$41.25