

Ouachita Council of Governments  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2020

Members Present:	Mayor James Mayo City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Scotty Robinson Ouachita Parish Police Jury	Juanita Woods Monroe City Council
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Tracy Ausberry Director of Regional Development
	Susan Mitchell Safety Coordinator	
Guest Present:	Taylor Richard Acadian Ambulance	

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Mayor Mayo, Chairman. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza.

A roll call certified a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Crosby reported they are currently working on several items in the Ouachita Strong Plan. Information charts are being developed and will be placed at all pumping stations. Also, a Drainage Structure Maintenance form is being developed.

***Acadian Ambulance 2020 Price Schedule***

Taylor Richard, Acadian Ambulance, presented the Acadian Ambulance 2020 Pricing Catalog. They are asking for a 5% cost increase affecting only 15% of the ambulance runs. The Ambulance Board voted to recommend to OCOG to accept these rate increases. A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to approve rate increases. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Woods to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

***HSIP Performance Measures and Establishing Targets:***

Doug Mitchell informed the members that this document has to be presented annually for adoption. A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Shane Smiley to advertise the HSIP Performance Measures and Establishing Targets for public review. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Mitchell updated OCOG on the status of the Safety Program. She reported that The Northeast Louisiana Highway Safety Coalition had their End of the Year meeting on December 11th at the West Monroe Convention Center. Lisa Freeman, the Executive Director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, was very complimentary of the involvement that she saw from DOTD District 5. Peers in Baton Rouge were also pleased and impressed that all of the Action Steps in All Emphasis Areas for 2019, excluding the adoption of the Ouachita Local Road Safety Plan, were completed. Susan also reported the next Infrastructure & Operation Emphasis Area Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at North Delta from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The meeting topic will be the 2020 Infrastructure & Operations Activities.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Shane Smiley to adjourn the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Mitchell and seconded by Shane Smiley to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Scotty Hamilton to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Doug Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business a motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Juanita Wood to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.