

Ouachita Council of Governments  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2021

Members Present: Mayor Friday Ellis  
City of Monroe  
Mayor Staci Mitchell  
City of West Monroe  
Douglas Harvey  
Monroe City Council  
Scotty Robinson  
Ouachita Parish Police Jury  
Thom Hamilton  
City of West Monroe

Staff Present: Doug Mitchell  
Executive Director  
Shelby Rybicki  
Planner I  
Jeff Maxwell  
CPA

A public hearing was held May 24, 2021, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the Unified Public Work Program and its supporting documents as well as the FY 21-22 OCOG Budget introduced at the previous May 3, 2021 OCOG meeting. There were no comments.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Scotty Robinson. 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 Doug Harvey and seconded by Staci Mitchell to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Doug Harvey to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Transportation Policy Committee**

A motion was made by Doug Harvey and seconded by Staci Mitchell to approve TIP Amendments ***H.014646 I-20: US 165 – E. of Garrett Rd*** and ***I-20 On-Ramp Closures*** for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Scotty Robinson to approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and UPWP supporting documentation for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Mitchell informed OCOG of two TIP administrative modifications: ***H.013400 Natchitoches St Rehab: Trenton – N. 7<sup>th</sup>*** and ***H.014347 S. Grand St: Orange St – Standifer Ave.***

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

A motion was made by Doug Harvey and seconded by Friday Ellis to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Friday Ellis and seconded by Staci Mitchell to adopt the FY 21-22 OCOG Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Doug Harvey to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ambulance Advisory Board**

No report.

**Long Term Recovery Board**

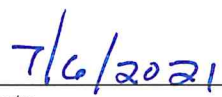
Karen Cupit discussed the upcoming awarding of round one grants by the Louisiana Watershed Council.

**Northeast Delta Human Services Board**

Michael Shipp, Board Chairman, discussed two vacancies on the NEDHSA Board of Directors and requested OCOG, having appointing authority, search for qualified candidates to fill those vacancies.

There being no other business a motion was made by Doug Harvey and seconded by Scotty Robinson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Doug Mitchell  
Executive Director, OCOG

  
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