

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2022

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Kema Dawson Monroe City Council	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner I
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Susan Mitchell Highway Safety Coord.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Staci Mitchell. 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 Friday Ellis to approve the August 22, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

No report.

A motion was made by Friday Ellis and seconded by Kema Dawson to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the Highway Safety Performance Measures as presented by Susan Mitchell for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Advisory Board

Elmer Noah presented the 2022 Ambulance Service Advisory Board Annual Report to OCOG. Per the Ambulance Ordinance, the 2022 Acadian Ambulance Rate Schedule was submitted, and a 3% rate increase was approved.

Keisha Sparks, the Operations Manager for Ouachita Parish, reported that they received approval to purchase ventilator equipment to adequately transport NICU babies and newborns in need of less than 50cc title volume. This new equipment is a fully FDA approved ventilator, which has not been possible by any providers in this market until now.


Long Term Recovery Board

No report.

There being no other business a motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG



Date