

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury	Ben Westerburg City of West Monroe
	Toni Bacon Ouachita Parish Police Jury	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner II
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Jeffrey Tyler Planner II

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 Ben Westerburg and seconded by Toni Bacon to approve the August 25, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ben Westerburg and seconded by Toni Bacon to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Doug Mitchell made OCOG aware of six Transportation Improvement Program FY 23-26 administrative modifications. This notice was for informational purposes only.

At the previous meeting of OCOG, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted under the condition three corrections be made. Mr. Mitchell informed OCOG that the consultant made these corrections. The final plan is available on the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District website.

Ambulance Advisory Board

No report.

Long Term Recovery Board

No report.

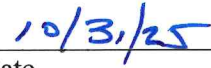
Northeast Delta Human Services Board

No report.

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



Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG



Date



OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONROE GOVERNMENT PLAZA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
NOON

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Action Item

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Action Item

OTHER BUSINESS

A. TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

B. MTP UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

Budget to Actual September 22, 2025

	<u>Contract Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>		<u>August 2025</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>		<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Local	35,613	5,936	16.67%	-	-	0.00%	-	35,613
FTA	75,739	12,623	16.67%	5,865	13,461	17.77%	7,596	59,043
Human Svcs	15,000	2,500	16.67%	573	2,313	15.42%	1,740	8,273
FHWA	373,849	62,308	16.67%	41,285	82,152	21.97%	40,482	365,389
Safety	<u>1,373,022</u>	<u>624,408</u>	45.48%	<u>20,812</u>	<u>39,233</u>	2.86%	<u>18,421</u>	<u>213,217</u>
TOTAL	1,873,223	707,775	49.57%	68,535	137,159	7.32%	68,239	681,535

Safety is a 5 year contract.

The new safety contract started February 1, 2024.

1 Budgeted amounts remaining on contract per month:

Local	35,613	10	3,561.30
Safety	1,034,801	40	25,870.03
FTA	62,278	10	6,227.80
Human Svcs	12,687	10	1,268.70
FHWA	<u>291,697</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>29,169.70</u>
	1,437,076		66,097.53

<u>Safety</u>	
<u>Total Contract Spent</u>	<u>Contract End Date</u>
338,221	1/3/2029

OCOg	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>		
MTP Update	\$ 500,000	\$ 493,731	98.75%	July 2025

H.013401 CROSLEY ST REHAB: TRENTON - N 7TH

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE FROM \$350K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2025 TO \$350K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM "CROSLEY STREET REHABILITATION (TRENTON-N. 7TH)" TO "CROSLEY ST REHAB: TRENTON - N 7TH" (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

H.014350 OLD NATCHITOCES RD: THOMAS – STELLA

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE FROM \$1,315,312.90 IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2025 TO \$1.32M IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM "OLD NATCHITOCES ROAD (THOMAS – STELLA)" TO "OLD NATCHITOCES RD: THOMAS – STELLA" (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

H.014676 DOWNTOWN IMPR (PH 1): BRIDGE ST-PINE ST

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE FROM \$475K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2025 TO \$475K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM "DOWNTOWN IMPR. (PH.1) BRIDGE ST. – PINE ST.)" TO "DOWNTOWN IMPR (PH 1): BRIDGE ST-PINE ST" (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

H.014679 KIROLI RD SIDEWALKS AND STRIPING

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE PHASE 6 FROM \$460K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2024 TO \$460K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM "KIROLI RD. SIDEWALKS AND STRIPING" TO "KIROLI RD SIDEWALKS AND STRIPING" (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

H.014688 ARKANSAS RD REHAB: N 7TH – TRENTON

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE FROM \$820K STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2025 TO \$820K IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM “ARKANSAS ROAD REHABILITATION (N. 7TH – TRENTON)” TO “ARKANSAS RD REHAB: N 7TH – TRENTON” (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

H.014691 TRENTON ST. PH.1 (ARKANSAS RD- CRYER ST)

Administrative Modification:

- CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE FROM \$1,074,000 STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026 TO \$1.075M IN STP50-200K AT 80/20 IN FFY 2026
- CHANGE PROJECT NAME FROM “TRENTON STREET PH. 1 (ARKANSAS RD. – CRYER ST.)” TO “TRENTON ST. PH.1 (ARKANSAS RD- CRYER ST)” (The project name must match exactly in the STIP and TIP)

DATE: **September 22, 2025**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	PHONE #	EMAIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
• Mayor Friday Ellis	318-329-2227	friday.ellis@ci.monroe.la.us	✓	
• Mayor Staci Mitchell	318-396-2600	smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov	✓	
✓ Mr. Ben Westerburg	318-366-4488	bwesterburg@westmonroe.la.gov	✓	
✗ Ms. Gretchen Ezernack	318-366-1675	gretchen.ezernack@ci.monroe.la.us		✓
✓ Ms. Toni Bacon	318-331-3188	toni.bacon@oppj.org	✓	
✓ Mr. Shane Smiley	318-267-8659	ssmiley@oppj.org	✓	

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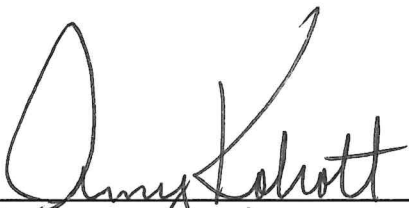


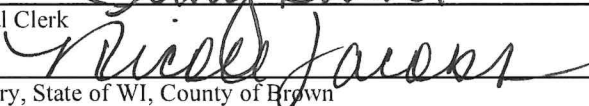
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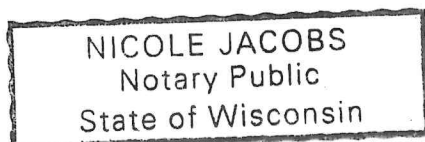


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noon in the Monroe
Government Plaza
Council Chambers.
September 11 2025
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