

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026

Members Present:	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe	Ben Westerburg City of West Monroe
	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury	Larry Bratton Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner II
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Jeffrey Tyler Planner II
	Ryan Emerick GIS/Planner	

A public hearing was held June 22, 2026, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding ***TIP Amendment H.014679 Kiroli Rd Sidewalks and Striping*** and ***Unified Planning Work Program FFY 26-27 and supporting documents*** introduced at the previous April 27, 2026, OCOG meeting. There were no comments.

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 Shane Smiley to approve the April 27, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Transportation Policy Committee

A motion was made by Larry Bratton and seconded by Shane Smiley to approve TIP Amendment H.014679 Kiroli Rd Sidewalks and Striping for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ben Westerburg and seconded by Shane Smiley to approve Unified Planning Work Program FFY 26-27 and supporting documents for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

A motion was made by Ben Westerburg and seconded by Larry Bratton to accept the Amended FY 2026 OCOG Budget as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ben Westerburg and seconded by Larry Bratton to accept the FY 2027 OCOG Budget as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ambulance Advisory Board

Elmer Noah stated that the RFP pre-submission conference was held on June 8, 2026. Proposers have until July 8, 2026, to submit their proposal to Doug Mitchell. A special called Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2026, to hear oral presentations from proposers. After the presentation and question portion of the meeting concludes, the Board will break into executive session to determine whose proposal to recommend to OCOG.

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



Doug Mitchell

Executive Director, OCOG



Date



OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Monroe

West Monroe

Ouachita Parish

3000 KILPATRICK BLVD MONROE, LOUISIANA 71201

OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONROE GOVERNMENT PLAZA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 22, 2026
NOON

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Action Item

RECESS OCOG

Action Item

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. TIP AMENDMENT – ADOPT

Action Item

1. H.014679 Kiroli Rd Sidewalks and Striping

B. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS – ADOPT

Action Item

1. FY 26-27 UPWP

2. FY 26-27 UPWP Resolution

3. FY 26-27 OCOG & North Delta Contract

4. FY 26-27 OCOG Authorizing Resolution

RECONVENE OCOG & RATIFY ACTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Item

AMENDED FY 26 OCOG BUDGET – ADOPT

Action item

FY 27 OCOG BUDGET – ADOPT

Action item

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Action Item

AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD

ADJOURNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

An Equal Opportunity Employer

MONROE

Project: H.014679 KIROLI RD SIDEWALKS AND STRIPING

Request Type: Amendment

Request: Remove Project and Construction phase of \$460K of STP50-200K at 80/20 in FFY 2026 (As per the MPO, H.014679 (KIROLI RD SIDEWALKS AND STRIPING) is being cancelled; the scope of work for H.014679 will be done under H.013371 (KIROLI RD SIDEWALKS AND PED IMPROVEMENTS) using TAP funds.)

Route:
 Cntrl Section: 000-37 Beg. Log Mile: 0 End Log Mile: 0 Parish: OUACHITA Non-State Road: KIROLI RD

Urbanized Area: Monroe

Remarks	Type Improvement	Work Type
CITY OF WEST MONROE TO PROVIDE MATCH	REPAIR/WIDEN SIDEWALKS AND RESTRIPIING KIROLI RD	URBAN SYSTEMS

Project Phase	Project Cost	Tot Cost (w/CE&I+IDC)	Federal Share	Fund	Year	Sponsor
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	STP50-200K	2026	City of West Monroe
Total Cost (includes only phases shown above)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			

OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONROE, LOUISIANA

GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2027

	Budgeted Amounts		06/30/27
	Original	Final	Original
Budgetary Fund Balance, Beginning	\$ 186,033	\$ 190,810	\$ 190,810
Resources (inflows)			
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Federal Sources			
Federal Highway Administration	223,000	299,079	300,451
Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan	149,000	249,000	269,437
Federal Transit Authority	47,200	60,591	60,168
Federal Transit Authority - Hum Svcs	8,500	15,000	15,000
Louisiana Department o Transportation	63,900	-	-
Local Sources			
City of Monroe	88,600	82,899	82,793
City of West Monroe	21,800	21,825	21,825
Ouachita Parish Police Jury	41,550	41,537	41,537
Other Revenues			
Contributions-in-kind	14,000	20,500	20,500
Other Income	35,000	35,000	35,000
Total Revenues (Inflows)	<u>692,550</u>	<u>825,431</u>	<u>846,711</u>
Amounts available for appropriations	878,583	1,016,241	1,037,521
Charges to appropriations (outflows)			
Current			
General and Administrative	50,000	55,000	50,000
Health and Welfare	24,750	25,000	25,000
Public Works	<u>617,800</u>	<u>745,431</u>	<u>771,711</u>
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>692,550</u>	<u>825,431</u>	<u>846,711</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 186,033</u>	<u>\$ 190,810</u>	<u>\$ 190,810</u>

Budget to Actual June 22, 2026

	<u>Contract Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>		<u>May 2026</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>		<u>April 2026</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Local	35,613	26,710	75.00%	-	26,709	75.00%	-	35,613
FTA	75,739	69,427	91.67%	5,628	75,739	100.00%	9,224	59,043
Human Svcs	15,000	13,750	91.67%	4,159	12,792	85.28%	506	8,273
FHWA	373,849	342,695	91.67%	25,309	355,713	95.15%	22,237	365,389
Safety	<u>1,373,022</u>	<u>905,391</u>	65.94%	<u>22,393</u>	<u>228,529</u>	16.64%	<u>24,256</u>	<u>213,217</u>
TOTAL	1,873,223	1,357,973	95.12%	57,489	699,482	37.34%	56,223	681,535

Safety is a 5 year contract.

The new safety contract started February 1, 2024.

<u>Safety</u>	
<u>Total Contract Spent</u>	<u>Contract End Date</u>
527,516	1/3/2029

1 Budgeted amounts remaining on contract per month:

Local	8,904	1	8,904.00
Safety	845,506	31	27,274.39
FTA	-	1	-
Human Svcs	2,208	1	2,208.00
FHWA	<u>18,136</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18,136.00</u>
	874,754		56,522.39

OCO	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	
MTP Update	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	100.00%

SIGN-IN SHEET

Mandatory Pre-Submission Conference of June 8, 2026:

	NAME	COMPANY
1.	Donna MITCHELL	ND / OCOG
2.	TV Soileau	AASI
3.	Bill Mears bill@southernparamedics.com	Southern Paramedics
4.	Allen Usry Bubba@southernparamedics.com	Southern Paramedics
5.	Taylor Richard	Acadian Ambulance
6.	Amy Pafford	Pafford EMS
7.	Alex Pafford alex@paffordems.com	Pafford EMS
8.	SS	Pafford EMS
9.	Steve White Steve.White@gmr.net	GMR / Lifeguard EMS
10.	Robert More	Orachin Parish Fire
11.	Robert Surgen Robert.Surgen@gmr.net	GMR / Lifeguard
12.	Jay Chappelle	GMR
13.	Steve Pencock Steve.Pencock@gmr.net	GMR
14.	Olivia Caskey	Air Evac
15.	Jennifer Johnson	DA / opps
16.	Tyler Warden Tyler.Martin3@gmr.net	GMR
17.	Mandy Bray	GMR
18.	Erin Warden	Contract
19.		Administration
20.		

DATE: **June 22, 2026**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	PHONE #	EMAIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
• Mayor Staci Mitchell	318-396-2600	smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov	✓	
✕ Mayor Friday Ellis	318-329-2227	friday.ellis@ci.monroe.la.us		✕
✓ Mr. Shane Smiley	318-267-8659	ssmiley@oppj.org	✓	
• Mr. Ben Westerburg	318-366-4488	bwesterburg@westmonroe.la.gov	✓	
✕ Ms. Gretchen Ezernack	318-366-1675	gretchen.ezernack@ci.monroe.la.us		✕
✓ Mr. Larry Bratton	318-614-3370	larrybratton2019@gmail.com	✓	

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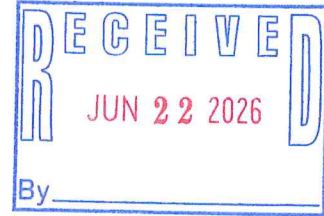
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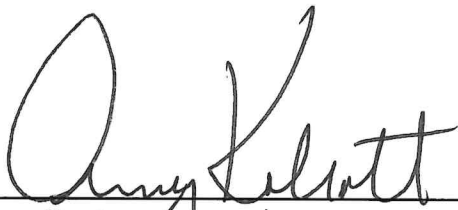


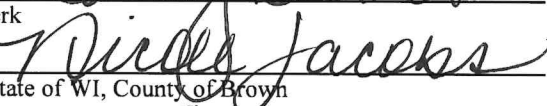
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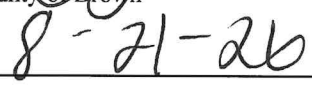
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OCOOG Public Hearing Notice

The regular meeting of the Ouachita Council of Governments is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026, at noon in the Monroe Government Plaza Council Chambers. A public hearing will be held at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the Draft FY 26-27 UPWP and TIP Amend. H.014679.

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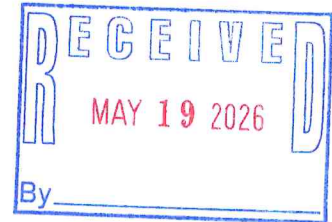
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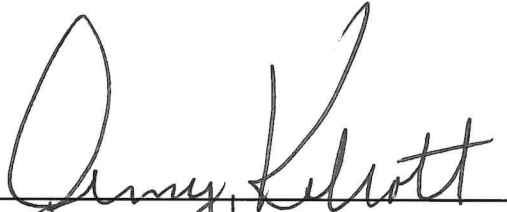


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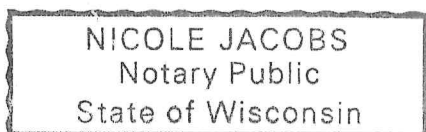

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(TIP) Amendment
H.014679 Kiroli Rd
Sidewalks and Strip-
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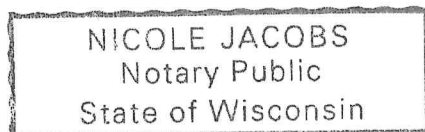
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