

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
MINUTES
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 21st day of April, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Rick Avery, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Hank Meachum. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Henry Mitchell
Mr. Brad Cummings	Mr. Jeff Rogers
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Eddy Shell
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt the minutes of the March 3, 2004 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2004 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jennifer McKay discussed the proposed recreational park in North Bossier Parish, requesting that tennis courts be included in this development. She stated that with the closing of the Bossier Racquet Club, there are no tennis facilities in Bossier. Ms. McKay stated that the availability of tennis courts would allow the holding of tournaments here which contribute to economic development. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that a drainage study of the area is needed, and advised that the masterplan for the proposed park is being reviewed to determine its impact on the Benoist Circle area.

Mr. Don Pierson, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, discussed the Viking Drive Industrial Park, advising that expansion and completion of the park is needed. Mr. Altimus requested that the police jury be allowed to reserve a 6.2 acre tract for possible future location of a juvenile detention facility. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that this tract is located in an Accident Potential Zone due to Barksdale Air Force Base, and cannot be changed. He stated that the location of a juvenile detention facility is not allowed within this area.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize an expenditure of \$500,000 from the Industrial Development Fund for expansion of the Viking Drive Industrial Park, and to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Bossier City for the project and authorize the President to execute said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21st day of April, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Bossier City for expansion of the Viking Drive Industrial Park.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of April, 2004.

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There was discussion of a tax abatement proposal regarding the Riverwalk project. Mr. Altimus requested that the police jury be involved in any such discussions, advising that he understands that the proposal would have adversely affected tax revenues due the police jury and school board. A video of a meeting of the Bossier City Council at which this issue was discussed was presented. Mr. Pierson stated that in the future, he will keep the police jury informed of all such matters.

Sealed proposals were opened and read aloud for the development of software to integrate multiple databases, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:	
Thinkstream Governmental, Inc.	Base Bid	\$192,000.00
	Hardware Costs	18,000.00
	Personal Computer Costs	- 0 -
	Total Bid:	\$210,000.00

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to accept the proposal of Thinkstream Governmental, Inc., in the amount of \$210,000 for an Integrated Justice Network for the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at Lot 11, Block G, Cumberland, and Improvements. Minimum bid acceptable is \$1,692.16. Ms. Martin opened the only bid received of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$1,701.50. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the bid of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$1,701.50 for the purchase of property at Lot 11, Block G, Cumberland, and Improvements, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to initiate proceedings for the expropriation of right-of-way along an existing gravel road (Petty Lane) located north off Adner Road in Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. David Poston, Great Western Development, Mr. Ron Mitchell, Ms. Linda Marchand, Ms. Melody Kilburn and Ms. Billie Mitchell, owners of property along Petty Lane, were present. Mr. Rogers stated that Mr. Frank Weaver, owner of the existing road, has advised that he is willing to donate 30 feet of right-of-way at the existing gravel road to initiate acceptance of the road into the parish road system.

Mr. Poston stated that his family owns land on the west side of Petty Lane and is willing to donate 30 feet of right-of-way to provide a total road right-of-way of 60 feet. After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize Mr. Ford and Monica Grappe to proceed with the acquisition of right-of-way along Petty Lane. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Bossier Parish Police Jury vs. City of Shreveport, and Harrah's and Hollywood Casinos. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the hiring of Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accounts, to conduct an audit of Red River Entertainment of Shreveport Partnership in Commendum, d/b/a Harrah's Shreveport Casino, Harrah's Louisiana Downs, and Hollywood Casino Shreveport, for the purpose of determining unpaid sales tax on items and services provided without charge to the customer, and to authorize Mr. Altimus to execute documents in connection therewith. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Judith Bruce to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for Conditional Use Approval, 4735 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, for on-premise consumption of low alcohol at a crawfish restaurant; Favorable recommendation by the MPC with the stipulation that the parking lot, with striping, be completed, landscaping be added and the signage come into compliance. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish, reported that Ms. Bruce has met all requirements of the MPC. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the application of Judith Bruce for Conditional Use Approval at 4735 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, for on-premise consumption of low alcohol at a crawfish restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3936

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES OF LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT AT A CRAWFISH RESTAURANT AT 4735 BENTON ROAD, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Judith A. Bruce has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission and to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for conditional use for on-premise consumption of low content alcohol at a crawfish restaurant located at 4735 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on April 21, 2004, and there was no opposition; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 21st day of April, 2004, that it does hereby approve the application of Judith A. Bruce for Conditional Use for on-premise consumption of low content alcohol at a crawfish restaurant located at 4735 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the application of Judith Bruce for a 2004 Bossier Parish beer license at Mudbugs and More, 4735 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed subdivision of a tract of land located on the Padgett Road, in Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford advised that the plat has been revised and is now in compliance with Bossier Parish subdivision regulations. He stated that he has received letters of approval from Benton Fire District No. 4 and from the Bossier Parish Health Department.

Mr. Bobby Ogden, 276 Cycle Plant Road, expressed concern regarding the number of homes allowed on the proposed lots, and requested that it be restricted to one single family dwelling per lot. He further expressed concern regarding drainage in the area. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he will look at this location during the next rain event. Mr. Ogden stated that Padgett Road is a single land road. Mr. Ford stated that Padgett Road has been accepted into the parish road system, but that major improvements have not been completed.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the plat of Benton Bluff Subdivision located on the Padgett Road. Mr. Rogers offered an amendment to the motion that the recorded subdivision restrictions stipulate one single family dwelling per lot. Motion, as amended, carried with Mr. Williams abstaining from vote.** A copy of the recorded subdivision restrictions document is to be provided to the police jury office.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on the Padgett Road, located off the Cycle Plant Road. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 3937

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON PADGETT ROAD, LOCATED OFF CYCLE PLANT ROAD IN SECTIONS 1 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 21st day of April, 2004, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Padgett Road, located off Cycle Plant Road, in Sections 1 and 12, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table the matter of an amendment to Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations and to the Unified Development Code, to require a Homeowners Association in all platted subdivision developments located outside the City of Bossier City, to allow review by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Irvin Grant, Supervisor at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, presented statistics for the facility for the month of March, 2004. Mr. Altimus stated that the contract for expansion of the detention center is to be executed today, and that Integrity, Inc., will be given notice to proceed with the project.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to table the matter of an appointment to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford reported that repairs to streets in East Pointe Subdivision are complete, and recommended that the streets be accepted into the parish maintenance system for permanent maintenance. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to accept the streets and drainage in East Pointe Subdivision into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 21st day of April, 2004, has received a request from Bowman's Grading & Asphalt, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in East Pointe Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA.

WHEREAS, The said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, A two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 26, Section 107 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Bowman's Grading & Asphalt, Inc., for maintenance, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, the streets and drainage in East Pointe Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt an ordinance to officially accept Laura Lane into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ford reported that right-of-way acquisition is complete.

ORDINANCE NO. 3938

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 94, SECTION 94-7, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING LAURA LANE INTO THE PARISH ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the District 2 Representative has requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate Laura Lane as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that in accordance with Chapter 94, Section 94-7, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, the following road be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Road Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

LAURA LANE - 0.30 MILE

Located off the Stewart Road in Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, LA.

Having met the requirements of Chapter 94, Section 94-7, Laura Lane is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution supporting the Bossier Parish Arboviral Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the threat of West Nile Virus is now a serious and ongoing concern to the people of Bossier Parish and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, is providing the Arboviral Grant Program to assist parishes within the State of Louisiana with funding for the creation of a comprehensive mosquito control program; and

WHEREAS, there is limited funding available on a one time basis for the parishes requesting assistance.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier has expressed its resolve for continuing mosquito abatement efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular session convened, that it does hereby and herewith commit to providing an on-going parish wide mosquito control program for Bossier Parish, State of Louisiana. Active and ongoing arboviral surveillance and mosquito abatement activities will be conducted as funding will allow.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shell, to rescind a resolution adopted on March 17, 2004, supporting AmSouth Bank and allowing AmSouth Bank to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program, and to adopt an amended resolution supporting AmSouth Bank. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION OF MARCH 17, 2004, AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF AMSOUTH BANK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 108.98 Block Group 1 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 21st day of April, 2004, that AmSouth Bank, and their project South Bossier, Enterprise Zone Application #20040090 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Mr. Altimus presented pictures of the maximum security jail construction site.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to declare adjudicated property at 725 Butler Street, Bossier City, LA, as surplus, and to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of said property. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Altimus advised that minimum acceptable bid for the property is \$2,301.26, and includes taxes owed the City of Bossier City.

Mr. Altimus presented correspondence from Mr. James Seales, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, expressing appreciation for the jury's support of the proposed three-year drawdown of Lake Bistineau. He stated that the plan may be jeopardized by the threat of an injunction filed by local marina owners and landowners on the lake to halt the drawdown. He stated that there is currently discussion of a possible temporary reduction in speed of watercraft on Lake Bistineau during the drawdown periods to help ensure the safety of recreational boaters. Mr. Altimus stated that the matter of grant funding through the Office of Rural Development for stump removal on Lake Bistineau is still being considered.

Mr. Altimus advised that a grand opening ceremony will be held at the Benton Sports Complex on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Altimus reported that he, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Mitchell, will be traveling to New Orleans to attend a Fastest Growing Parishes/Smart Growth Summit scheduled on April 26, 2004. The summit is being sponsored by Senator Mary Landrieu.

Mr. Altimus advised of a request from the health department for the following items:

Conference Table and eight chairs	\$2,062.00
50 ganging chairs for the waiting area	\$2,400.00
Phone system	\$1,865.00
Phone voice mail capability	\$3,345.00

Mr. Altimus stated that the requested items total \$9,672.00, and would be purchased through the Health Unit Fund. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the purchase of the requested items for the Bossier Parish Health Unit. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus stated that the Bossier Council on Aging has been contacted regarding their possible interest in sponsoring an 88-unit HUD housing facility for the elderly and disabled in Bossier Parish. He stated that a meeting with Mr. Eric Crozier, architect, is scheduled on April 28, 2004, at the Council on Aging office to discuss the proposed project, and to look at possible locations for the facility. He stated that approximately six acres is needed.

Mr. Ford discussed an amendment on charges for construction plans, flagging and boundary survey services by Alliance, Inc., in connection with the Airline Drive Expansion Project, which has resulted in a refund to the parish. He stated that in accordance with Amendment No. 6, the net amount for their services on the Airline Drive Expansion Project is a credit of \$13,782. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve Amendment No. 6, and authorize acceptance of credit in the amount of \$13,782. for services of Alliance, Inc., in the Airline Drive Expansion Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford advised of the proposals of Smith and Raley, Inc., and Denmon Engineering for Phase III of the Airline Drive Five-Lane Expansion Project in the amount of \$241,544.00. He stated that Denmon Engineering has experience with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and that Smith and Raley, Inc., would complete right-of-way mapping. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the employment of Smith and Raley, Inc., and Denmon Engineering Service, for Phase III of the Airline Drive Expansion Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to terminate the police jury's contract with Alliance, Inc., upon completion of the Bridge Rehabilitation Phase, Airline Drive Expansion Project. Motion carried, Mr. Mitchell opposing.

Mr. Ford reported that he has received the required testing results on the streets in Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 3, and that he recommends that the streets be accepted into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. The required maintenance bond has been provided. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the streets and drainage in Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 3, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 21st day of April, 2004, has received a request from Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, LA.

WHEREAS, The said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, A two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 26, Section 107 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of F. J. Burnell, Inc., for maintenance, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, the streets and drainage in Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Mr. Ford advised of a proposal from Owen & White, Inc., in the amount of \$13,000, to prepare no adverse impact drainage regulations for consideration by the police jury, and stated that the City of Bossier City has expressed its desire to adopt similar regulations. Mr. Ford stated that the City of Bossier City has agreed to pay one-half the cost of Owen & White's services. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to approve an expenditure of up to \$6,500 to Owen & White, Inc., for preparation of no adverse impact drainage regulations, with the City of Bossier City to pay the remaining \$6,500. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford reported that construction of a turn lane on Kingston Road is progressing well.

Mr. Ford stated that PetroChem Operating has agreed to reconstruct the Poole Road due to damages caused by oil trucks/equipment. He stated that an additional widening of the road by one foot is needed to bring the road up to a safe width standard, and stated that the cost for the additional widening of approximately \$50,000 should be paid by the police jury. The jury concurred.

Mr. Ford advised that grant funds are available through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement of the Poole Road bridge, and that the application for these funds is being prepared.

Mr. Ford presented an update on the courthouse renovation/addition project.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting with a contractor is scheduled on Friday regarding the installation of guard rails on Linton Road along the Black Bayou Reservoir.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6, in regard to the expenditure of funds through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for the proposed construction, purchase, maintenance and ownership of trucks, buildings and equipment, and to authorize the President to execute said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21st day of April, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6, in connection with the expenditure of funds through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of April, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request of Terry Watts for a letter stating that the Bossier Parish Police Jury has no objection to the serving of beer at a crawfish boil at Terry's Camp Joy Marina Bar and Grill, 4320 Camp Joy Road, Haughton, LA, May 7, 8 and 9, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that four roads in Country Place Subdivision have been repaired. He further reported that approximately 271 areas have been treated for mosquitoes.

Mr. Altimus advised that there have been many letters and phone calls expressing appreciation for the park at Tall Timbers.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 5, 2004, to consider condemnation of property at 911 Villa Lane, Haughton, LA, in accordance with Property Standards Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell requested that Mr. Ford contact the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development regarding the matter of standing water in a ditch at Highway 80 and Bellevue Road.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Cummings will contribute up to \$1,000 from his discretionary funds to Rusheon Middle School for various educational projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meachum advised that there is not enough turnaround room on Hurricane Bluff at the Carmichael property, and stated that vehicles are coming onto their property. He stated that the landowner has agreed to contribute road frontage needed for installation of a fence within the parish right-of-way, to prevent vehicles from turning around on their property. He stated that estimated cost of the fence is approximately \$1,800. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the installation of a fence within the parish right-of-way at Carmichael property on Hurricane Bluff, at an estimated cost of \$1,800. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Cummings, that Mr. Darby will contribute \$1,000 from discretionary funds to the girls' summer basketball camp at Bossier High School, and \$1,000 from matching funds to Bossier High School for football equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Bruce Easterly, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Kingston Road and Louisiana Highway 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shell reported on a meeting regarding the closing of several Air Force Bases across the country, and recommended that a committee of representatives of the police jury, Bossier City Council, and Bossier City-Parish MPC be formed to promote efforts to ensure that Barksdale Air Force Base remains open. Mr. Shell, Chairman of the police jury's Military Relations Committee, was appointed to head up the proposed committee.

Mr. Cochran advised of a problem at the voting precinct polling place at Plantation Park School, advising that he has received complaints from elderly persons regarding the long walking distance to the machines. Mr. Cochran is contact officials at the school regarding a possible rearrangement of machine locations.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 5, 2004, to consider condemnation of Lots 6 and 8, Pecan Grove Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA, in accordance with Bossier Parish Property Standards Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Altimus will contribute \$500 from his school recreational funds to the Bossier High School softball team, and will contribute \$500 to the Bossier High School basketball camp. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual to add Policy No. 705, Seat Belt Usage Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

705: SEATBELT USAGE POLICY

Required Seat Belt Use:

We value the lives and safety of our employees. Because it is estimated that seatbelts reduce the risk of dying in a motor vehicle crash by 45%, our company has adopted the following policy concerning employee seat belt usage.

In addition to following all traffic regulations, all employees and their passengers are required to use a seat belt when traveling in any vehicle (including heavy equipment) while in the course of conducting company business. The requirement applies to business travel in a vehicle owned by the company (including heavy equipment), in a rental vehicle and in a vehicle owned by an individual employee, regardless of whether the employee is compensated for the use of his/her vehicle.

If an employee is provided a company-owned vehicle that is used in the course of his/her employment and is also available for that employee's personal use, that employee, together with all passengers who occupy the vehicle at any time and for any purpose, whether business-related or personal, are required to use seat belts at all times the vehicle is in motion. The use of seat belts is to be considered a condition of employment with this company. Failure to abide by this stated policy will be considered a breach of that condition of employment and subject the person in violation to disciplinary action, including suspension and possible termination.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to schedule condemnation hearings on May 5, 2004, to consider condemnation of property at 641 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA, and at 617 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA, in accordance with Bossier Parish Property Standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogers advised of a letter regarding right-of-way issues and a bus turnaround on Rex Beard Road. Mr. Altimus and Mr. Ford are to review this matter.

A grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony at the new park at Tall Timbers is scheduled on Sunday, May 16, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. It was recommended that officials from Barksdale Air Force Base, area veterans, and possibly a representative of NASA be asked to attend.

Mr. Rogers discussed his desire to fly the American flag at the park, and recommended a flagpole and lighting to illuminate the flag at night. He stated that a sign indicating that the park is closed at dark is needed.

Mr. Avery advised that there is a problem with water washing to Cross Creek Subdivision due to a high spot on Le Oaks Drive. He further reported that the ditch on the north side of Bayou Bend Subdivision needs to be mowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve a contribution of \$5,000 toward new lighting at the Airline High School boys baseball field. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 5, 2004, to consider condemnation of the following properties in Haymeadow Subdivision, in accordance with Bossier Parish Property Standards Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

5216 Timothy, Bossier City, LA

5255 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA

5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA

5213 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21st day of April, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:15 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN

RICK AVERY,

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-TREASURER

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE

JURY