

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
MINUTES  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
May 5, 2004

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 5th day of May, 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. Winfred Johnston. 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

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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.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Stacey Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Stacey Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, presented updated information regarding the Louisiana Highway 2 Scenic Byway Project. She stated that Louisiana Highway 2 from the Texas state line to Claiborne Parish, has been named as a Scenic Byway. Ms. Brown presented pictures of proposed kiosks, advising that one kiosk will be placed in Vivian, Plain Dealing, Sarepta and in Homer, and will contain informational brochures regarding the byway. She expressed appreciation to the police jury for their support of this project, and stated that assistance may be needed in preparing the surface for construction of the kiosk in Plain Dealing.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for construction of Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion - Phase II, Utility Relocation and Bridge Replacements. Mr. Scott Hughes and Mr. Todd Henry, Alliance, Inc., were present. Mr. Hughes stated that the bid of Blount Brothers Construction is the only bid received. He stated that the Contractor's License Number is indicated, the required bid bond has been provided, and Bid Addendum No. 1 is acknowledged. Mr. Hughes read the bid aloud, as follows:

Blount Brothers Construction

Base Bid Amount	\$1,583,091.00
Alternate No. 1	\$1,583,091.00
Alternate No. 2	\$1,583,091.00
Alternate No. 3	\$1,568,091.00

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Williams, to take the bids under advisement, to be reviewed and tabulated for possible awarding later in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (See Page 7.)**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to authorize the advertising for bids for Official Journal for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Bids are to be received June 2, 2004.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Autumn Creek, Unit No. 1, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed development is to be located at the corner of Vanceville Road and Old Brownlee Road. He stated that this first phase of the development is to consist of 39 lots and will be served by Bossier City water and sewer.

Mr. Coyle stated that he has provided a preliminary drainage plan to Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, and stated that a ditch on Bobby Byrd Road may need to be enlarged to accommodate the additional runoff. He stated that due to the large lot size, open-ditch drainage is being considered, and that sidewalks and street lights are planned. Mr. Ford advised that the formation of a homeowners association is required and that covenants should stipulate that utility usage fees for the streetlights are to be paid by the homeowners association and/or the developer.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Autumn Creek, Unit No. 1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit No. 7, located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ed Kennon, Tri-State Sand and Gravel, and Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., addressed the jury. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has reviewed the plat and it appears to meet all regulations.

Mr. Kennon stated that there is no homeowners association in Lakewood Subdivision. He stated that residents are charged a utility usage fee on their water bill for the streetlights.

Mr. Ford advised that an inspection fee of 3% of the construction costs of water, sewer, streets and drainage, is required.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit No. 7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the revised plat of the proposed development of Gray Duck Subdivision, located in Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the original plat of Gray Duck Subdivision was previously approved by the police jury. He stated that the plat has been revised to increase the lot size, and that 58 lots are proposed. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to approve the revised plat of the proposed development of Gray Duck Subdivision, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider the application of Tri-State Sand and Gravel, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 56.43 acre tract of land located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family residential subdivision, and to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider the application of Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of LA, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of four tracts of land located in Sections 22 and 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, (Olde Oaks Subdivision) Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider the application of Benton Road Properties, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 6.03 acre tract of land located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, (east side of Benton Road, south of Lafitte Lane) Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a retail strip center development, with Conditional Use Approval of retail sales of low alcohol at a convenience store; on-premises consumption of high alcohol at a restaurant; on-premise consumption of high alcohol at a delicatessen; and retail sales of high alcohol at a package liquor store. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of a burned out house at 911 Villa Lane, Espanita Village, Haughton, LA. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that this property is currently involved in bankruptcy proceedings and requested that the matter be tabled for 30 days to allow proper notice to the bankruptcy court. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to table condemnation of a burned out house at 911 Villa Lane, Espanita Village, Haughton, LA., for 30 days. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 617 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA. Mr. Rogers stated that the property owner is making efforts to clean up this property. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table condemnation of property at 617 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 641 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of the following properties located in Haymeadow Subdivision:

- 1) 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA
- 2) 5216 Timothy, Bossier City, LA
- 3) 5213 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA
- 4) 5255 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA

Ms. Peggy Foster, owner of property at 5213 John Wilson, addressed the jury advising that they have worked to clean up their property.

Mr. Altimus reported that he has inspected each of these properties and that efforts are being made at each location to mow, pick up trash, etc. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table condemnation of properties in Haymeadow Subdivision, with the property to be re-inspected in two weeks. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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Mr. Altimus advised that he has been provided a copy of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' response to issues raised regarding the proposed drawdown of Lake Bistineau.

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Mr. Altimus reported that Brown Builders is holding a topping out ceremony at the maximum security jail construction site on May 21, 2004, at 12:00 noon. He stated that lunch will be served and all police jurors and staff are invited. An owners meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., following the ceremony.

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Mr. Altimus presented pictures of the courthouse and maximum security jail construction sites.

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Mr. Altimus provided information on the number of building permits issued in the month of April.

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Mr. Altimus advised that a grand opening ceremony for the Benton Sports Complex has been rescheduled for May 15, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. He reported that a grand opening ceremony for the Tall Timbers Park is scheduled on May 16, 2004.

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Mr. Altimus presented correspondence from Senator Mary Landrieu expressing appreciation to Mr. Altimus, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Mitchell for their attendance at the Fastest Growing Parishes/Smart Growth Summit on April 26, 2004.

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Mr. Altimus advised that notice has been sent to residents along the Poole Road advising them of plans for the proposed reconstruction of the Poole Road. He stated that the road is to be widened by one foot and that the police jury will pay the cost for this portion of the project.

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Mr. Altimus reported that the Bossier Council on Aging will apply to HUD for the location of an 88-unit housing facility for the elderly and disabled in Bossier City. He stated that each city in the state has been asked to submit an application, advising that applications will be rated on a point system.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, reported that the bid of Blount Brothers Construction for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion - Phase II, Utility Relocation and Bridge Replacements, meets all bid specifications. He stated that the bid is over the budgeted amount for the project. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that it will be more cost effective to complete this project during the summer months. He stated that bid specs specify a time frame for the project and provide penalties if the project is not completed within the specified time. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the bid of Blount Brothers Construction for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion - Phase II, Utility Relocation and Bridge Replacements Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider the application of Palmetto Group, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located west of Palmetto Park Subdivision, Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, Single Family Residence District, for a single family residential subdivision. Motion carried, with Mr. Williams abstaining.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on June 2, 2004, to consider the application of Don Sonnier to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located at the northeast corner of Highway 3 and Kingston Road, Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-3, Community Business District. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford reported that the traffic signals at Kingston Road and Louisiana Highway 3 are now working. He stated that the turn lane on Kingston Road is complete.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Del-Ray Contractors, LLC, in connection with the completion of the north fire station for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford reported that three proposals were received for the installation of guard rails along Linton Road at the Black Bayou Reservoir, as follows:

Alpha Service and Products, Inc. Marthaville, LA	Total Bid: \$33,442.00
Barrier Construction, Inc. Bossier City, LA	Total Bid: \$34,460.00
Benton & Brown, LLC Minden, LA	Total Bid: \$43,853.00

Mr. Ford recommended that the proposal of Alpha Service and Products, Inc., be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the proposal of Alpha Service and Products, Inc., for installation of guard rails along Linton Road at the Black Bayou Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the President to sign the Cash Sale Deed for the purchase of Parcel P-39, owned by North Airline Self-Storage, in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Airline Drive Expansion Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of May, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the Cash Sale Deed in connection with the purchase of right-of-way (Parcel P-39) owned by North Airline Self-Storage for the

Airline Drive Expansion Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of May, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the President to sign the Cash Sale Deed and Letter Agreement for the purchase of Parcel Nos. P-36 and P-37, owned by Paul Ray Quigley and Nancy O'Brien Quigley, in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Airline Drive Expansion Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of May, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the Cash Sale Deed and Letter Agreement in connection with the purchase of right-of-way (Parcels P-36 and P-37) owned by Paul Ray Quigley and Nancy O'Brien Quigley for the Airline Drive Expansion Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of May, 2004.

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Ms. Martin presented correspondence from Ivan Fire District No. 3, advising of the resignation from Mr. Jim Brown from the Board of Commissioners. She stated that Ms. Ann Young has agreed to fill this vacancy and is recommended for appointment. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the resignation of Mr. Jim Brown from the Board of Commissioners for Ivan Fire District No. 3, and to approve the appointment of Ms. Ann Young to fill Mr. Brown's unexpired term. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin provided jurors with copies of the revised Police Jury Manual.

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Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, stated that 10 miles of contract road overlay construction is scheduled in the 2004 Road Overlay Program, advising that to complete these projects will exceed the amount budgeted. He stated that approximately \$150,000 additional is needed to be able to complete overlay projects scheduled in 2004. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the 2004 road overlay budget to increase the budgeted amount by \$150,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Cathcart reported that 629 areas have been treated for mosquitoes.

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Mr. Avery advised of the need for street repairs in Bayou Bend, and Mr. Williams stated that street repairs are also needed in Bay Hills North. Mr. Cathcart stated that road repairs have been made in Cross Creek Subdivision this week. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that these are concrete streets and that more extensive repairs are needed. He stated that the highway department is not equipped to repair concrete streets and recommended that this work be put out for bids. Mr. Ford stated that one concrete contractor could be hired for a one-year period to address repairs throughout the year as needed. Mr. Rogers requested that concrete ditches be considered for repair also.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize the Parish Attorney to proceed with expropriation of the following parcels on Airline Drive: Parcel Nos. 34 and 35 owned by Gilbert Keith Christy and Katherine Leslie Christy Parcel Nos. 40 and 41 owned by Joseph and Patricia Provenza Temporary Construction Servitude T-1 owned by Bossier Cypress Pointe, L.L.P. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, 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. Mitchell, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Mr. Johnston requested that the owner of property on Kennedy Road be notified in accordance with property standards regulations. Mr. Altimus stated that he will determine the property owner and address.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Cummings will contribute \$500 from his discretionary funds to the Bossier High School girls basketball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on a portion of the Caplis Sligo Road from the second curve to Red Chute, and to place "Children at Play" signs on this portion of the road. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3939

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF THE CAPLIS SLIGO ROAD FROM THE SECOND CURVE TO RED CHUTE, LOCATED IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 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 5th day of May, 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 a portion of the Caplis Sligo Road from the second curve to Red Chute, located in Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 12 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. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of May, 2004.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize recognition of the Benton High School golf team on winning the State Championship. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize a letter of congratulations to the 1972 class of Bossier High School as they gather on May 29, 2004, to celebrate turning 50 years of age. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize the President to execute the contract with Blount Brothers Construction for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion - Phase II, Utility Relocation and Bridge Replacements Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of May, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the contract with Blount Brothers Construction for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion - Phase II, Utility Relocation and Bridge Replacements Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of May, 2004.

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Mr. Ford stated that a conditional work order will be issued to enable Blount Brothers to order materials for the project, and Notice to Proceed will be issued on May 21, 2004.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to establish a 45 mile per hour speed limit on the Fire Tower Road, located off Louisiana Highway 2 east of Plain Dealing. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3940

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON THE FIRE TOWER ROAD LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 2 EAST OF PLAIN DEALING IN SECTIONS 3, 4, 9 and 17, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, AND IN SECTIONS 15, 16, 21, 28, 33 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 12 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 5th day of May, 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 the Fire Tower Road located off Louisiana Highway 2, east of Plain Dealing in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 17, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, and in Sections 15, 16, 21, 28, 33 and 34, Township 22 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Forty-Five (45) 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. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of May, 2004.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of May, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:00 p.m.

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