

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 7th day of July, 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 Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Altimus. 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; Ms. Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Albert Doughty. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Kenneth Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Irvin Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Robert Adley expressed appreciation to the jury for working with legislators on local issues. E
discussed legislation which would prohibit another public entity in Bossier Parish from affecting ad valorem tax collected by the police jury.

Senator Adley commended the police jury for its efforts to resolve issues with Shreveport riverboat casinos. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, as well as members of the jury, thanked Senator Adley for his assistance in this matter.

Senator Adley advised that funds for rural roads are available this year, as well as other local projects. He stated that he will work to secure funding for Bossier Parish.

Mr. Cochran discussed the matter of the proposed three-year drawdown of Lake Bistineau. Senator Adley stated that he understands there are economic concerns from landowners on the lake, but that he feels this project must be done to control vegetation and maintain the lake.

Mr. Altimus advised Senator Adley of efforts by the jury to secure Federal funds for parish roads, and requested his support. Senator Adley stated that he feels the tremendous amount of traffic on Airline Drive must be addressed and offered his full support.

Ms. Laura Goodwin, Executive Director of Volunteers for Youth Justice, expressed appreciation for the police jury's financial support of the program. She read letters of appreciation from kids who have participated in classes offered through the program.

Mr. Don Schroeder, 5339 Bobbie Lane, discussed the speed limit on Caplis Sligo Road, which was recently reduced to 35 miles per hour. Mr. Schroeder presented a document signed by 37 residents of Caplis Sligo Road, and stated that only one resident has indicated that he wants the speed limit to remain at 35 miles per hour.

Mr. Meachum stated that he has received numerous calls from residents on Caplis Sligo Road requesting that the speed limit be reduced, but that he is willing to work to resolve this matter. Mr. Cummings suggested that a public hearing be scheduled to consider establishing the speed limit of Caplis Sligo Road. Mr. Rogers agreed, stating that this will give residents an opportunity to voice their opinion.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table this matter to allow Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, and Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, to study traffic, population density, etc., along the Caplis Sligo Road, and present a recommendation to the police jury, and to schedule a public hearing on August 4, 2004, to consider establishing the speed limit on the Caplis Sligo Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Larry Goswick and Mr. Glen Overturf, IESI Solid Waste Services, discussed the proposed expansion of its operations to Bossier Parish. Mr. Goswick stated that the proposed Bossier City facility will serve as a pick up station, advising that waste is transferred from vehicle to vehicle. He stated that both Bossier City and parish residents can bring large items, such as appliances, to this facility for transfer to the landfill. Mr. Goswick stated that waste from the pick up station would be transported to a landfill owned by IESI located in Many, which will be less expensive than using the Shreveport and Webster Parish landfills. Mr. Johnston asked if IESI would consider providing a pick-up station in the Plain Dealing area. Mr. Rogers stated that there are garbage problems in Bossier Parish, and stated that the police jury may have to address this issue in the future. The matter was referred to the Health and Sanitation Committee for study.

Mr. Albert Doughty, newly appointed Mayor of Benton, stated that he looks forward to working with the police jury and offered his cooperation and support.

Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing Director, reported a reduction in HUD funding retroactive to January 1, 2004. Members of the Housing Committee met with Mr. Starnes prior to the meeting to discuss this matter. In an effort to offset the reduction in funds, Mr. Starnes proposed the following (1) increase minimum TTP (total tenant payment) from \$25.00 to \$50.00 (2) decrease payment standard from 105% of Fair Market Rent to 90% of Fair Market Rent and

(3) implement Section 8 home ownership program. Mr. Starnes stated that administrative funds have also been reduced, and advised that a home ownership program would allow them to earn additional administrative funding. He stated that the position of receptionist at the housing office will not be filled, due to the reduction in administrative funds.

Mr. Darby, Chairman of the Housing Committee, stated that the committee recommends approval of Mr. Starnes' proposal. **Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Shell, to support Mr. Starnes in the changes he has proposed to offset a reduction in HUD funding to the Section 8 Housing Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for steel bookstack and technical library furnishings at various library locations. Mr. Louis Covington, Library Director, Ms. Ellendale Harbor, and Mr. Vince DeFatta, Coyle Engineering, Co., Inc., were present. Mr. Covington opened bids as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
DemCo	No Bid
Library Interiors	\$124,147.48 Aulds Library
	\$ 8,906.18 Bossier Central Library
	\$ 5,828.31 Bossier Parish History Center

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 21, 2004 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to amend the agenda to add the opening of sealed bids for renovations/addition to the Aulds Memorial South Bossier Branch Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vince DeFatta, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., opened bids for renovations/additions to the Aulds Memorial South Bossier Branch Library, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Boggs Contracting	Lump Sum Bid \$729,083.00
	Add Alt. No. 1 \$ 22,559.00
Carter Construction Co., Inc.	Lump Sum Bid \$768,528.00
	Add Alt. No. 1 \$ 38,000.00
Integrity, Inc.	Lump Sum Bid \$739,900.00
	Add Alt. No. 1 \$ 44,000.00
Melvin Butler, Inc.	Lump Sum Bid \$850,000.00
	Add Alt. No. 1 \$ 35,000.00
Vanderberg Construction	Lump Sum Bid \$699,000.00
	Add Alt. No. 1 \$ 28,132.00

Mr. DeFatta indicated in bid opening, that each bidder has provided bid security, contractor's license number and has signed the bid form. He further stated that Bid Addendum Numbers 1, 2 and 3, are acknowledged.

During bid opening, the bid of Douglas Construction & Remodeling, Inc., which was submitted to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the construction of a two-bay fire station for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6, was mistakenly opened but was not read. The bid of Douglas Construction & Remodeling, Inc., was returned to the Secretary-Treasurer for reading during the opening of bids for the fire station project.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 21, 2004 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the construction of a two-bay fire station for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6. Mr. Ben Rauschenbach, Balar Associates, Inc., opened bids as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Boggs Contracting Group, Inc.	\$111,400.00
Del-Ray Contractor, LLC	\$121,378.00
Douglas Construction & Remodeling, Inc.	\$112,354.00
David B. Womack Contractor	\$134,895.00
G & M Builders	no bid
Chester Pitts	no bid
Sumrall Construction	no bid

Mitchell Construction (bid was unopened because contractor's license number was not indicated on the outside of bid envelope)

Mr. Rauschenbach explained that the bid of Mitchell Construction, Inc., can not be opened because the contractor's license number is not included on the outside of the bid envelope. He stated that all other bids received do include the contractor's license number, acknowledge Bid Addendum No. 1, and have provided the required bid bond.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 21, 2004 regular meeting. Motion

Bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at 2595 Butler Hill Road, Bossier Parish, LA, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Dale E. Howell	\$10,001.00
Charles and Joan Carraway	\$ 2,525.00
David W. Foster	\$ 6,001.00

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the high bid of Dale E. Howell in the amount of \$10,001.00, for the purchase of surplus property at 2595 Butler Hill Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for Overlay Project No. 04-01; The hot-mix asphaltic concrete overlay of approximately 3.00 miles of the Old Plain Dealing Road 1.5" thick, including related construction items, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton and Brown, L.L.C.	\$167,640.00

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to accept the bid of Benton and Brown, L.L.C., in the amount of \$167,640.00, for Overlay Project No. 04-01. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for Overlay Project No. 04-02; The hot-mix asphaltic concrete overlay of approximately 2.00 miles of the Walkers Chapel Road 1.5" thick, including related construction items, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton and Brown, L.L.C.	\$102,555.00

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to accept the bid of Benton and Brown, L.L.C., in the amount of \$102,555.00, for Overlay Project No. 04-02. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bruce Brown Estates, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Doug Brown and Mr. Norman Hood were present. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed development meets all parish requirement. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Bruce Brown Estate, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider abandoning approximately 0.75 mile of the east end of the Cardnell Road, located off Swan Lake Road in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Louis Conger addressed the jury, advising that he and one other property owner, Palmetto Farms, own the property at the east end of Cardnell Road and he has agreed to provide Palmetto Farms with ingress and egress to their property. He stated that there are no residences or businesses on this portion of the road, and there are problems with illegal dumping, shooting, and drinking at the end of Cardnell Road. Mr. Conger stated that the portion to be abandoned is 0.06 mile. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the abandonment of approximately 0.06 mile at the east end of Cardnell Road.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, suggested that an agreement be prepared among the landowners involved which provides ingress and egress in perpetuity. **Mr. Mitchell amended his motion to approve the requested abandonment contingent upon the preparation of an agreement, approved by the Parish Attorney, to provide for ingress and egress in perpetuity. Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3954

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE EAST 0.06 MILE OF CARDNELL ROAD, LOCATED OFF SWAN LAKE ROAD IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 7th day of July, 2004, that it does hereby abandon the east 0.06 mile of Cardnell Road, located off Swan Lake Road in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of July, 2004.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Resubdivision, Unit No. 3-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 49-52 and 62-64 of Dogwood South, Unit No. 3, located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the proposed development meets all parish requirements and recommended approval. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Resubdivision, Unit No. 3-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on August 4, 2004, to consider the application of French Engineering, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 21.125 acre tract of land located in Lots 14 and 13, and part of Lot 12, Killen Farms Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential-Estate District, for a single family residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Irvin Grant, Supervisor at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, presented statistics for the facility for the months of May and June. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, advised that Notice to Proceed on Phase II of the detention center expansion project has been issued.

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

Ms. Martin reported on a meeting sponsored by the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury regarding taxes levied by the Red River Waterway District to establish a navigable waterway system, construct recreational facilities and to create port sub-districts. She stated that most of these projects are complete and the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury is soliciting

interest from other parishes in requesting legislation to allow the seven parishes within the Red River Waterway District to continue collecting the taxes now being paid to the Red River Waterway Commission but transfer payment of the tax to the parish police juries of each of these parishes. Mr. Altimus is to provide additional information on this matter at the July 21, 2004 regular meeting, and Mr. Wayne Davis, police jury representative on the Red River Waterway Commission, is to be asked to attend the August 4, 2004 regular meeting for discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to declare adjudicated property at 604 Edgar Street, Bossier City, LA, as surplus, and to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of said property. Motion carried unanimously. Bids are to be received August 4, 2004, and the minimum bid acceptable is \$1,827.68.

Mr. Altimus reported that he, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Ford traveled to Washington, D.C., regarding the police jury's efforts to secure Federal funds for parish roads, advising that Senators Breaux and Landrieu are very supportive. He stated that the support of Congressman Jim McCreery will be important in obtaining these funds. Mr. Jackson reported that funds for engineering and design services for the Crouch Road extension project may be available in a smaller appropriations bill.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the first bridge replacement project on Airline Drive is complete. He stated that plans for widening of the north bridge are being prepared.

Mr. Ford reported that the installation of guard rails on Linton Road along the Black Bayou Reservoir is complete.

Mr. Ford reported that he has received several calls regarding drainage problems and water standing in ditches.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to schedule a Board of Tax Review on September 15, 2004, to hear protests on 2004 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion of a request by the Legislative Auditor that the police jury adopt a policy pertaining to payment for personal calls on employee cell phones. Mr. Altimus suggested that employees be charged a flat monthly fee for personal calls made on company cell phones. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Policy and Procedures Committee for study.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to schedule a public hearing on August 18, 2004, to adopt property tax millage rates for the year 2004, and to discuss, and, if approved, to adjust said millage rates to the prior year's maximum authorized millage rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule a public hearing on August 18, 2004, to consider the adoption of amending ordinances to correct typographical errors in certain ad valorem tax millage rate ordinances in Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martin advised that an ordinance will be presented for adoption at the July 21, 2004, regular meeting providing for the consolidation and split of certain Bossier Parish voting precincts.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to declare miscellaneous equipment items as surplus, to be sold at auction on July 10, 2004, and to authorize Mr. Firth to sign any necessary documents in connection the sale of said items. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of July, 2004, that it does hereby declare miscellaneous equipment items as surplus, to be sold at auction on July 10, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jim Firth, Purchasing Manager, be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents in connection with the sale of said surplus equipment.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of July, 2004.

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Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that 1,430 areas were treated for mosquitoes in June, and stated that two spray trucks are running daily.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that the Lake Bistineau Preservation Society is pursuing legal action against the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regarding the proposed drawdown of Lake Bistineau. He stated that experts agree that the drawdown must be done and requested a resolution of the police jury's support of the drawdown.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 7th day of July, 2004, that it does hereby authorize the Bossier Parish Attorney to intervene in the lawsuit by the Lake Bistineau Preservation Society, Inc., and others, against the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and does support the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in its decision to proceed with the drawdown of Lake Bistineau.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of July, 2004.

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Mr. Jackson reported briefly on litigation between the Caddo Parish Commission and the Caddo Parish Sheriff regarding the jail funding issue.

Mr. Johnston reported that a homeowners association has been established for Creekside Subdivision, and that a monthly fee is to be charged residents on their water bill for street light utility usage.

Mr. Mitchell reported on an area that needs to be mowed on Race Track Bayou Drive, advising that it is located in a curve and may limit sight.

Mr. Meachum advised that brick columns at the entrance to The Orchard subdivision are located within the parish right-of-way and there have been two automobile accidents at this location. He stated that the drainage area was filled in when the entrance was rebuilt. Mr. Meachum stated that insurance on such structures is needed. Mr. Ford stated that structures are located within the parish right-of-way at several subdivisions in the parish. Mr. Jackson recommended that the structure at the entrance to The Orchard Subdivision be addressed immediately, and other locations be reviewed.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to notify Mr. Chip Coleman, developer, to provide a certificate of insurance on the brick column entrance to The Orchard Subdivision within 30 days or the structure will be removed, and to correct any damages to the drainage at this location. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shell advised of a problem with mosquitoes at property on Rye Circle, and requested that a letter on vermin be sent to the adjacent property.

Mr. Shell advised that an open field located east of Mayfield Subdivision needs to be mowed and the fence cleaned. Mr. Jackson is to verify that the property is located outside the Bossier City limits.

Mr. Altimus advised jurors that the police jury is sponsoring the Sheriff's breakfast at 7:30 a.m., on July 14, 2004, at Palmetto Country Club.

Mr. Shell reported that the North Bossier Park Committee will meet on July 8, 2004, at 1:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Policy and Procedures Committee is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., July 21, 2004, to discuss the matter of personal calls on employee cell phones.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Bossier Parish Police Jury vs. Hollywood Casino. 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

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of July, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:50 p.m.

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