

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES

August 4, 2004

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 4th day of August, 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. Jerome Darby. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with the following members present:

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

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ms. Peggy Foster, 5213 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA, was not present.

Ms. Deanie Galloway, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., advised that following a review of bids received on July 7, 2004, it is recommended that the general contract for renovations/addition to the Aulds Memorial South Bossier Branch Library be awarded to Vanderburg Construction, Inc., low bidder meeting specifications. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the low bid of Vanderburg Construction, Inc., for the general contract for renovations/addition to the Aulds Memorial South Bossier Branch Library. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Boggs Contracting	
Lump Sum Bid	\$729,083.00
Add Alt. No. 1	\$ 22,559.00
Carter Construction Co., Inc. B	
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. Ford, Parish Engineer, reported that following a review of quotes received on July 21, 2004, for emergency concrete repairs in Cross Creek Subdivision, it is recommended that the low bid of Con-Terra, Inc., in the amount of \$8,363.00, be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the bid of Con-Terra, Inc., low bidder meeting specifications, for emergency concrete repairs in Cross Creek Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Halco Paving, Inc.	\$29,325.00
H & H Contracting Co., Inc.	\$23,750.00
Con-Terra, Inc.	\$ 8,363.00

Ms. Martin advised that no bids were received for the sale of surplus property at 604 Edgar Street, Bossier City, LA.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider establishing the speed limit on the Caplis-Sligo Road, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Don Schroeder, 5339 Bobbie Lane, presented a petition containing 149 signatures, advising that 147 people are in favor of increasing the speed limit to 45 miles per hour on the Caplis Sligo Road, and two people have indicated that they are in favor of the current 35 mile per hour limit.

Mr. Tommy Parks, 128 Reeder Road, stated that he is in favor of increasing the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. He stated he feels the 45 mile per hour speed limit is safe because a large section of the roadway is straight.

Mr. Steve Ehrhard, 116 Pecan Grove Lane, stated that lowering the speed limit may only increase the number of speeders on the road.

Ms. Shannon Cox, 2322 Caplis Sligo Road, stated that she is in favor of the existing 35 mile per hour speed limit, and stated that stricter enforcement of the speed limit is needed. She stated that she has small children and feels the lower speed limit is safer.

Mr. Meachum stated that it appears there are more persons in favor of a 45 mile per hour speed limit, but noted that there are some residents who have requested that the speed limit remain at 35 miles per hour. He stated that traffic will continue to increase on the Caplis Sligo Road due to the population growth in this area. Mr. Meachum advised that Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, and Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, traveled the road at various speeds and recommend that the speed limit be set at 40 miles per hour.

Mr. O. D. Alexander spoke from the audience advising that he has lived on Caplis Sligo Road since 1979. He stated he feels 35 miles per hour is too slow for this five mile rural road

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to establish a 45 mile per hour speed limit on the Caplis Sligo Road from Highway 71 to Sligo Road, excluding a portion of the roadway in front of three homes, which will remain at 35 miles per hour. Mr. Shell offered an amendment to the motion, to include that a letter be sent to the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department requesting stricter enforcement of the speed limit on Caplis Sligo Road.**

There was discussion on the motion. Members of the audience spoke in opposition, advising that with a small section of the road being set at 35 miles per hour, drivers will be more likely to receive a speeding ticket due to the reduction in speed. It was again requested that the jury set the speed limit at 45 miles per hour. Mr. Avery recommended that residents of the Caplis Sligo Road request that the Bossier Sheriff's Department begin stricter enforcement of the speed limit. **Motion and second were withdrawn.**

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to establish a 45 mile per hour speed limit on the Caplis Sligo Road from Highway 71 to the Sligo Road, with a request to the Bossier Sheriff's Department for stricter enforcement of the speed limit. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 3956

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON CAPLIS SLIGO ROAD, FROM U. S. HIGHWAY 71 TO THE SLIGO ROAD, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 3 AND 4, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, AND IN SECTIONS 22, 27 AND 34, 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 4th day of August, 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 Caplis Sligo Road, from U. S. Highway 71 to the Sligo Road, located in Sections 3 and 4, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, and in Sections 22, 27 and 34, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Forty Five (45) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined a sum not to exceed One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 3. 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 4th day of August, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing 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. The application received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission. Mr. Joey French, French Engineering, Inc., and Mr. Daniel Gladney, developer, were present.

Mr. French stated that the proposed development is a gated subdivision and will be served by the Sligo Water System. He advised that individual sewer treatment systems are planned. Mr. French stated that there have been concerns regarding possible flooding, and advised that only one lot is not above the base flood elevation. He stated that a low area is to be excavated out and will serve as a detention system for the area. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC made its favorable recommendation upon receipt and approval of a second drainage study.

Ms. Betty Sistrunk Dark, 109 Sistrunk Lane, stated that her property is located next to the proposed development, and is lower. Ms. Dark stated that she is concerned that runoff from the new development will drain to her property, and advised that they already experience drainage problems in this area. Mr. French stated that a ditch is planned between the subdivision and adjoining properties. He stated that this ditch will allow excess water to flow directly to the bayou and should improve drainage conditions. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has reviewed the drainage plans and that he feels there will be no adverse impact to adjoining property.

It was requested that the ditches and culverts along Sistrunk Lane be cleaned.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the application of French Engineering, Inc., for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 3957

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 21.125 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A. RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-E, RESIDENTIAL-ESTATE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4th day of August, 2004, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a 21.125 acre tract of land 1978 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Lots 14 and 13, and Part of Lot 12, Killen Farms Subdivision, Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential-Estate District, more particularly described as follows:

Being described as a 21.125 acre (more or less) tract of land in Lots 14 and 13, and Part of Lot 12, Killen Farms Subdivision, as recorded in Book 141, Page 587, of the Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and

in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of said Lot 14; Thence proceed North 52° 58' 25" West along the westerly line of said Lot 14 for a distance of 1702.73 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 14; Thence proceed North 47° 19' 25" East along the northerly of said Killen Farms Subdivision for a distance of 289.55 feet; Thence proceed North 78° 29' 11" East along said northerly line for a distance of 279.16 feet; Thence proceed South 82° 18' 56" East along said northerly line for a distance of 338.53 feet; Thence proceed South 73° 00' 41" East along said northerly line for a distance of 548.38 feet; Thence proceed South 26° 00' 09" West for a distance of 366.02 feet; Thence proceed South 34° 26' 04" East for a distance of 676.94 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of Sligo road (LA No. 612) and a point of curvature of a curve to the left; Thence proceed along said right-of-way curve (having a long chord bearing of South 48° 35' 28" West and a radius of 1200.00 feet) for an arc distance of 279.68 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described, containing 21.125 acres, more or less.

Applicant: French Engineering, Inc.

Purpose: Summerland Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of August, 2004.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Summerland Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Summerland Subdivision, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Legacy Parks, Phase 1, Units 1 and 2, located in Sections 21 and 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Johnson Ramsey, developer, stated that the entire tract consists of 650 acres, and this is the first phase of development. He stated that a parkway system throughout the property is planned. Mr. Ramsey stated that ponds/lakes have been incorporated into plans and will serve as a detention area.

Mr. Ramsey explained that the development of this property will consist of individual neighborhoods in response to the demands of the housing market. He stated that initial plans call for the development of Legacy Parks, Phase I, Units 1 and 2, and construction of the parkway. The development will be served by Bossier City water and sewer. Mr. Ramsey stated that no homes will front the proposed parkway, which will be constructed to parish specifications.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Legacy Parks, Units 1 and 2, as presented, subject to review and approval by the Parish Attorney of the proposed subdivision covenants. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Shores Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table this matter for further review. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran to schedule a public hearing on August 18, 2004, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Lake, Unit No. 3, Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2004, to consider approval of the application of Cash Point Plantation, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 3.05 acre tract of land located in Sections 29 and 30, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a self storage and boat storage complex. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Avery requested that the MPC research existing zoning near this property, advising that certain areas have been rezoned but never developed. He stated that this property could be reverted back to its original zoning.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2004, to consider approval of the application of Benton Road Properties, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 22.42 acre tract of land located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family residential subdivision (patio homes, north side of Teche, south of Lafitte Lane) Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Avery requested that the words "patio homes" be deleted from this application, advising that these are full size homes and lots. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to delete the wording "patio homes" from consideration in the application of Benton Road Properties, LLC, for a zoning amendment. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2004, to consider approval of the application of Karl Benson to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 34, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, Single Family Residence District, for a single family residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table a report from the Policy and Procedures Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table discussion of the housing of parish prisoners. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cummings reported on a meeting of the Health and Sanitation Committee, advising that the committee is currently looking for three sites for possible location of garbage collection stations in the parish. He stated that the matter will be further studied.

Mr. Cochran reported on a meeting of the Insurance Committee, advising that the committee has reviewed the status of the police jury's current group health insurance plan and it appears to be satisfactory at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the adoption of an ordinance to officially accept Debra Street into the parish road system, for additional information. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus advised of a letter from the Bossier Restoration Foundation expressing appreciation to employees of the Bossier Parish Highway Department for their assistance in moving a corn crib to the Hughes House in Benton.

Mr. Altimus provided jurors with an updated copy of the three-year road overlay program.

Mr. Altimus reminded jurors that the Region IV Police Jury Association meeting is being hosted by Caddo Parish on August 27, 2004 at Sams Town Casino, advising that an attendance list is requested by August 27.

Mr. Altimus advised that a Master Plan Task Force meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., August 11, 2004, at the Bossier Parish Library History Center.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, to execute right-of-way deeds in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for acceptance of Silverwood Trail and Franwood Road in Fernwood Estates Subdivision, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of August, 2004, that Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, right-of-way deeds in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for the acceptance of Silverwood Trail and Franwood Road, Fernwood Estates Subdivision, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of August, 2004.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, provided pictures of the courthouse and jail construction sites, along with pictures of the Airline Drive bridge projects. He introduced Mr. Mike Turner, Walton Construction, advising that Mr. Turner is now the project manager for the courthouse renovation/addition project. Mr. Turner reported on the status of the courthouse project, advising that a plan change for the project will be presented at the August 18 meeting for the jury's consideration.

Mr. Ford advised that Mr. Victor Pavloff, construction manager for the courthouse project, will be leaving in November. He stated that Mr. Bruce Easterly has expressed his interest in filling this position, advising that Mr. Easterly has extensive experience with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the hiring of Mr. Bruce Easterly for the position of construction manager for the courthouse renovation/addition project, effective October 15, 2004, subject to review of contract documents by the Parish Attorney, and to authorize the President to execute said contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of August, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the contract with Mr. S. B. "Bruce" Easterly, Jr., for the position of construction manager for the Bossier Parish Courthouse Addition/Renovation project, effective October 15, 2004.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Williams. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of August, 2004.

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Mr. Ford stated that he has presented recommendations for concrete street repairs to the Subdivision Regulations Committee for review.

Mr. Ford reported that the Capital Improvements Committee will meet and provide a recommendation on funding for Phase II of the Health Unit Renovation Project.

Mr. Ford reported that the Airline Drive bridge replacement project is moving quickly, advising that it appears the August 16 deadline will be met. He requested approval of Change Order No. 2 on the project, which has resulted in a net increase of \$58,887.25. Mr. Ford stated that Blount Brothers Construction has worked diligently to complete the project by August 16. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Airline Drive Bridge Replacement Project, and authorize the President to execute said document. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of August, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Change Order No. 2 on the Airline Drive Bridge Replacement Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Williams. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of August, 2004.

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It was requested that representatives of Blount Brothers Construction, Inc., be invited to attend the August 18, 2004 regular meeting to allow the police jury the opportunity to thank them for their good work.

Mr. Ford advised that in the acceptance of Padgett Road into the parish road system, parish maintenance stops in advance of a gate at the end of the road. He stated that the landowner on this portion of the road has requested that the police jury accept the remaining approximately 500 feet of Padgett Road into the parish road system, as he plans to develop a subdivision at this location. Mr. Ford stated that this is the only landowner on this portion of the road. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to schedule a public hearing on August 18, 2004, to consider acceptance of the remaining approximately 500 feet at the north end of Padgett Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford stated that it has been determined that the Anderson Road near Bellevue is not located within the dedicated road right-of-way, and stated that it has been requested that the road be relocated to the right-of-way. Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, is to prepare an estimate of the cost to relocate Anderson Road for review at the August 18, 2004 regular meeting.

Ms. Martin advised that all members of the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 have resigned for health and/or other reasons. She stated recommendations for replacement of these board members have been provided, as follows:

Jackie Byrd

William (Bill) White

Eddie M. Scott

Joy S. Rhodes

Larry G. Miller

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the resignation of Mr. Ray Tompkins, Ms. Gail DeMoss, Mr. Arthur Lee, Mr. W. F. McInnis, and Mr. Alvin Ray Johnston from the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7, and to approve the appointment of Mr. Jackie Byrd and Mr. William (Bill) White, to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7, to fill the unexpired terms of Gail DeMoss and W. F. McInnis, terms to expire 7/31/05, and to approve the appointment of Ms. Eddie M. Scott, Ms. Joy S. Rhodes, and Mr. Larry G. Miller, to fill the unexpired terms of Alvin Ray Johnston, Arthur Lee, and Ray Tompkins, terms to expire 7/31/06. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2004, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Family Estates, located in Section 34, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the application of Kim Collier for a 2004 beer license at Camp Joy Store, 4920 Camp Joy Road, Haughton, LA, subject to approval by the Bossier Parish Health Department. Motion carried unanimously. The application has been approved by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, advised that 1,423 areas have been treated for mosquitoes.

Mr. Cathcart reported that there are four roads remaining on the 2004 road overlay program..

Mr. Cathcart stated that he is preparing a cost estimate for the construction of a new building at the highway department, and will present these figures at the August 18 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize the advertising for bids for chip seal of the Fairview-Johnson Road. Motion carried unanimously. A bid date is tentatively set for September 1, 2004.

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. City of Shreveport and Harrah's Casino and 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. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hammack, Mr. Rogers

ABSTAIN: None

In discussion of the matter of Bossier Parish Police Jury vs. Hollywood Casino, representatives from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office were asked to attend.

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that in the matter of Larry Taylor and TSC, Inc. vs. Bossier Parish Police Jury, a rehearing request has been filed.

Mr. Johnston advised of a request for improvements to the driveway at the VFW Hall in Plain Dealing.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize preparation of an ordinance to accept Dennig Drive into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. Dennig Drive is a 0.20 mile gravel road located off Crouch Road in Mr. Williams' district. Mr. Ford is to proceed with the acquisition of right-of-way.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Altimus will contribute \$541.01 from his discretionary funds to the Butler Educational Complex for the purchase of an accelerated learning program. Motion carried unanimously.

A meeting of the Fire District Committee is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., on August 18, 2004, prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Avery requested that the condition of property at 5213 John Wilson be addressed. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, recommended that the property be scheduled for condemnation, with the owner to be notified of the condemnation proceedings. Mr. Avery suggested that the Bossier Sheriff's Department be requested to issue a citation to the owner. A condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property at 5213 John Wilson is scheduled on August 18, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. The owner is to be notified of these proceedings.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of August, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:35 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
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