

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
October 18, 2006  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 18th day of October, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jerome Darby, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Brad Cummings. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. 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; Ms. Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adopt the minutes of the September 6, 2006 regular meeting and the minutes of the September 20, 2006 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Andrew Jeanise, 8030 Eighty Acres Drive, requested that the police jury consider the acceptance of Eighty Acres Drive into the parish road system for permanent maintenance, and stated that he has a petition signed by residents of the road. Mr. Jeanise stated that Eighty Acres Drive is a private road in desperate need of repair, advising that the school bus will not come down the road. Mr. Johnston stated that this is an ongoing request and stated that the parish must obtain the required road right-of-way before the road can be considered for acceptance into the parish road system. Mr. Jeanise stated that residents along the road are willing to donate the necessary right-of-way. Mr. Mitchell stated that there have been questions in the past as to who actually owns the road right-of-way along Eighty Acres Drive.

Mr. Cochran stated that parish regulations require that before a road is brought into the parish road system, it must meet parish road standards. The President requested that the Parish Engineer research right-of-way ownership and review the condition of the road, and present a report at the November 1, 2006 regular meeting.

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Mr. Chris Turner, Haughton Dixie Baseball, requested that the police jury consider funding assistance for completion of the Haughton Athletic recreational complex on Little League Drive. He expressed appreciation to the jury for their past assistance, and provided a presentation on improvements made to the complex to date. Mr. Turner stated that teams currently play on the Princeton school football field because they have no lighting or restroom facilities. He stated that private donations have been received which will pay the cost for lighting, and stated that they want to complete the construction of a multi-purpose building at the facility. Mr. Turner stated that a septic system is needed to accommodate restroom facilities, and requested that the police jury assist them in the construction of a parking lot.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that because Haughton Athletics is a private, non-profit entity, the police jury is restricted on private property. Mr. Turner stated that donating the facility to the parish has been discussed. Mr. Rogers stated that this is a very worthwhile program, and advised that the complex is located in a rapidly growing area. He stated that there is a definite need for this program, and stated that there are currently no parish recreational facilities.

Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Turner prepare a cost estimate for each project for further review by the police jury and noted that this request will be considered during budget deliberations.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Williams, to authorize the advertising for bids for a six-month supply of asphaltic concrete paving material for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, bids to be received November 15, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to receive public input on the proposed closing of the Mayfield Road, the Johnson Well Road, and an unnamed road in Bossier Parish, in connection with the I-69 Shreveport to El Dorado Corridor. Mr. John Vice, 2535 Swan Lake Road, expressed concern regarding access to property along these roads. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the proposed I-69 project will run through these roads and another means of access will be provided. He stated that these are private roads and the police jury has been instructed to obtain public views on the proposed project, to be forwarded to Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Johnny Vice, 2535 Swan Lake Road, expressed concern regarding access to his property. Mr. Ford stated that a means of access will have to be provided, and suggested that written verification be requested.

Mr. Lee Mudd, 9424 Primrose Lane, Shreveport, stated that access to his property will be difficult as the property is very low. He stated that any access road provided will have to be very substantial.

Mr. Sal Fayed, Village Water System, stated that they have a water plant on Highway 528, east of the Mayfield Road. Mr. Ford explained that this area will not be affected by the project.

Mr. Mike Merritt, Baker Forest, LP, stated that Baker Forest owns 4,000 acres in this area and owns the majority of the Mayfield Road. He stated that the road is primarily used for logging purposes, and stated that the proposed I-69 project will limit their ability to access their property without incurring expense. He further expressed concern regarding the effect of this project on an existing railroad crossing.

Mr. Ford stated that there is an existing subdivision at the end of Mayfield Road which was platted in 1912 but never developed. Mr. Merritt stated that Baker Forest owns all but 11 lots in the development, and requested that the police jury relinquish the dedicated road right-of-way to Baker Forest. He stated that Barr Land and Timber owns six of these 11 lots and has indicated that they will transfer ownership to Baker Forest. Mr. Merritt stated that there are multiple owners involved, and stated that these are very small lots. Mr. Altimus stated that the written approval of all landowners in this subdivision must be provided prior to the abandonment of this right-of-way.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 4, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Reggie Lewis, Raley & Associates, Inc., was present. He stated that the proposed development is a continuation of existing units of The Colony.

Mr. Ford stated that he has requested that the plat be amended to include wording specifying that the Homeowners Association is responsible for Lot 4000, advising that the lift station will be located on this site. He further stated that the plat contains wording indicating that the owner agrees to hold harmless the city and/or parish of Bossier from damages due to changes in street grades, and stated that other plats submitted to the police jury office do not contain this wording. Mr. Lewis stated that this is standard wording on all their plats. He stated that the right-of-way and utility easements are dedicated to the future owners, and stated that if the parish has to make any changes in street grades, these owners can not hold the parish liable. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 4, as recommended by the Parish Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2006, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of South Gateway Subdivision, located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2006, to consider approval of the application of Palmetto Group, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 19.114 acre tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-1, Single Family Residential District, for a residential subdivision. Motion carried, with Mr. Williams abstaining from vote.**

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Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property at 179 Teague Drive, Elm Grove, LA. Mr. Meachum stated that the property owner is making an effort to clean up this property and stated that only minor work is needed. He requested that no action be taken.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, September 30, 2006, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein. Motion carried unanimously.**

It was moved by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and unanimously carried that the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana:

#### RESOLUTION

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room, Courthouse Building, Benton, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, September 30, 2006, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

#### ROADS & BRIDGES MILLAGE PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 10-YEAR 6.00 MILLS PROPERTY TAX FOR BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SAID PARISH UNDER A PARISH WIDE UNIT SYSTEM, SAID TAX TO BE LEVIED IN LIEU OF THE ROADS & BRIDGES TAX AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION HELD IN SAID PARISH ON MAY 3, 1997. Shall the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") levy a six (6.00) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2006 and ending with the year 2015, for the purpose of building, constructing, repairing and maintaining roads and bridges in said Parish under a parish wide unit system, said tax to be levied in lieu of the roads & bridges tax authorized at an election held in said Parish on May 3, 1997?

The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **5,268** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **5,533** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, and that there was a majority of **265** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston. It was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, 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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-TREASURER

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Carolyn Logan to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term which expires October, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the application of Albert C. Cox for a 2006 beer license at Al's Lounge, 7733 Highway 80, Princeton, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** The application has been approved by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department and the Bossier Parish Health Department.

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Ms. Martin reviewed the following 2007 budget requests:

	2006 Budget	2007 Request
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
Coroner's Office (increase in 2006 due to autopsy, transport, secretary and coroner fee)	\$197,400.00	\$281,250.00
Mr. Altimus reported that the coroner is currently working with LSU Medical School in Shreveport regarding a proposed program which would allow autopsies to be done locally.		
Registrar of Voters (request purchase of special filing system for registration cards)	\$115,650.00	+\$35,000.00
Bossier City-Parish MPC (requesting less than 2006)	\$105,600.00	\$101,887.00
Benton-Parish MPC (additional office equipment and salary – Town of Benton paying \$5,200)	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 14,000.00
Mr. Williams reported on a tentative agreement with the Town of Benton for a 60/40 split with the police jury paying \$8,000 and Benton paying \$12,000.		
Office of Emergency Preparedness (increase in administrative responsibilities)	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 22,985.00
Veterans Affairs (office operations costs)	\$ 16,104.00	\$ 16,836.00
Bossier Council on Aging (increase in gasoline and meal costs)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Coordinating and Development Corporation (no increase requested)	\$ 14,820.00	\$ 14,820.00
Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation (additional \$6,000 requested)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Mr. David Rockett, Jr., Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, has been asked to attend the November 1, 2006 regular meeting, regarding the request for a 2007 budget appropriation of \$8,000 to the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation.		
Cooperative Extension Service (no increase requested)	\$ 29,800.00	\$ 29,800.00
<b>HEALTH UNIT FUND:</b>		
Health Unit (request purchase of SUV)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Requested that police jury fund salaries for two new employees		
Jurors expressed opposition to the request of the health department that the police jury fund the salaries for two additional health unit employees. Ms. Jerre Perry, Regional Administrator with the Department of Health and Hospitals, is to be asked to attend the November 1, 2006 regular meeting for discussion.		
<b>CRIMINAL COURT FUND:</b>		
Judges' Office (court reporter salaries) (request \$9,000 additional to each of the six court reporter's salary in exchange for transcript fees being turned over to police jury; court administrator estimates as \$9,000 each)	\$275,000.00	\$330,000.00
The jury tentatively agreed to a one-year trial period for this request.		
District Attorney's Office (3.3% COLA increase) (\$5,000 for investigator, \$15,000 for equipment lease)	\$285,000	\$292,000.00 +\$20,000.00
<b>CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FUND:</b>		
Minimum security facility - (request increase for equipment, lease of copier/fax, HVAC upgrade)		
Maximum security facility - (maintenance agreements for HVAC and fire protection)		
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Courthouse Security (due to opening of addition and mailroom)	\$124,000	\$200,700.00
Bossier Sheriff's Department (request expansion of communications center/radio room)		

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Jurors were provided copies of district reports from the Bossier Parish Highway Department.

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Mr. Altimus advised of a request from Tina Souter Wilson that the police jury relinquish surface rights on property purchased by Ms. Wilson from the police jury in 1998. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to relinquish all surface rights on a tract of land located off the Fire Tower Road in Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 12 West, to Tina Souter Wilson, but to retain all previously reserved oil, gas and mineral rights, and to authorize the President to execute necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a release of surface rights in oil, gas and mineral leases on a tract of land located off the Fire Tower Road in Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
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Mr. Altimus advised jurors that the deadline for submission of requests for Capital Outlay funding is November 1, 2006.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2006, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Border, Unit No. 3, located in Section 27, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, discussed Plan Change No. 19 on the courthouse project involving millwork changes, advising that this change results in an additional amount of approximately \$38,406.59 and 10 additional contract days. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve Plan Change No. 19 on the courthouse renovation/addition project and to authorize the President to execute. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Plan Change No. 19 on the courthouse renovation/addition project in an additional amount of \$38,406.59.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2006.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding a proposed plan to alleviate flooding in South Bossier Parish. He stated that better control on the Bodcau Dam is needed, and recommended that \$300,000 be budgeted for the local match for the study. He further stated that Federal funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available for the project.

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Mr. Ford reported on the status of the Fairview-Koran Road, the Dutch John Road overlay project, and advised that work on the Duckwater Landing Extension project has begun.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the application of Kevin Anderson for a 2006 liquor license at Hot Rods and Hawgs, 221 Cash Point Landing, Bossier City, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the application of Leon Miletello, Jr., for a 2006 liquor license at Red River South Travel Center, LLC, dba Red River South Handi Mart, 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Road Superintendent, advised that parish work crews are working on road projects in the Town of Plain Dealing, as recently approved. He further stated demolition of the old shop building at the highway department is complete.

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Mr. Shell requested that jurors consider a contribution of \$200 each from discretionary funds to assist in the cost of a sewage system and restrooms at the Bodcau shooting range facility. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Shell, that the following jurors will contribute up to \$200 each from discretionary funds; Mr. Shell, Mr. Darby, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Hammack. Mr. Rogers will contribute \$400. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Rogers advised of the availability of a loan from the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$17,450,000 for Bossier Parish Sewer District No. 1, and recommended that the board be asked to meet.

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Mr. Meachum requested that the owner of property at 121 Jack Street be sent a request to mow the grass at this location.

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Mr. Avery requested that the owners of four additional properties in Haymeadow Subdivision be sent a 10-day notice of property standards violations.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Williams, that Mr. Johnston will contribute \$200 from discretionary funds, and Mr. Hammack and Mr. Shell will contribute \$100 each from discretionary funds to the Plain Dealing Recreation Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Darby reported on a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Rusheon Middle School.

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Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Petchak vs. Bossier Parish Police Jury. 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. Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack to establish a leash law in Plantation Estates Subdivision, and to provide the required signage. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4126

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-3, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CARE AND KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS IN PLANTATION ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY that Chapter 14, Section 14-3, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include PLANTATION ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2006.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:35 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY