

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of November, 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. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jeff Rogers. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with Mr. Shell absent and excused, 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, absent
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. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt the minutes of the October 4, 2006 and October 18, 2006 regular meetings, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stacy Brown, President of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, requested approval of their proposed 2007 budget. She reported on various activities of the Bureau. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt the proposed 2007 budget of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of November, 2006, that it does hereby ratify and approve the 2007 budget of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, the same having been furnished to the Police Jury by said Bureau and being on file in the office of the Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
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Sealed bids for drainage improvements at the Island Subdivision, Project No. 2006-90, were opened and read aloud as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
William N. Carter	\$ 62,138.00
Bowman's Grading & Asphalt, Inc.	\$ 63,502.75
Newt Brown Contractor, LLC	\$ 72,067.10
Brown Builders, Inc.	\$105,939.00
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$ 52,530.00

Ms. Martin advised that each bidder has indicated the Louisiana contractor's license number and has provided the required bid bond. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to take the bids under advisement, to be reviewed and awarded at the December 6, 2006 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sealed bids for a six-month supply of asphaltic concrete paving material for the Bossier Parish Highway Department were opened and read aloud as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$52.00 per ton

This is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to take the bid under advisement for review, to be considered at the December 6, 2006 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to declare adjudicated property described as the East ½ of Lot 13, Block E, Resubdivision of part of Macks Bayou, located on Wilder Street in Bossier City, as surplus, and to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of said property. Motion carried unanimously. Minimum bid acceptable is \$1,880.76.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing 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. Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley & Associates, was present. He advised that the property is located in the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, but is in Bossier Parish. Mr. Sturdivant stated that the proposal has been approved by the Shreveport MPC and the Shreveport engineering department. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of South Gateway Subdivision, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing 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. Mr. David L. Wicker, Yor-Wic Construction Co., Inc. was present.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has worked with Mr. Wicker on this proposal, and requested that if

Lots 1 and 2 are to be sold to one individual, they be made into one lot and named as Lot 1. He further stated that Lot 3 is situated on a hill in a curve on Linton Cut-Off Road, and recommended that there be no access to Linton Cut-Off Road from Lot 3. Mr. Wicker advised that this lot is to be sold to the adjacent landowner. Mr. Ford stated that the construction of a private road is planned and stipulated that the road must be built to parish road standards. He stated that the developer owns approximately 30 acres behind the proposed development for future use. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Border, Unit 3, with stipulations as recommended by the parish engineer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing 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. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC. Mr. Kurt Nixon, Coyle Engineering, Inc., was present, advising that the requested zoning change is for continuation of the existing Palmetto Park Subdivision. He stated that the proposed development is included in the masterplan for this subdivision. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve the application of Palmetto Group, LLC, for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried, with Mr. Williams abstaining from vote.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4127

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A, RESIDENCE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of November, 2006, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, Single Family Residential District, on the following described tract of land:

A tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: From the Southwest corner of said Section 9, run North 00° 14' 29" West along the West line of said Section 9 a distance of 1,953.12 feet; Run thence South 59° 55' 15" East a distance of 634.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT: Run thence North 70° 36' 14" East a distance of 1,301.45 feet to a point on the rear line of Lots in Palmetto Park Subdivision; Thence run along the rear of said lots South 19° 23' 46" East a distance of 230.00 feet; Thence run South 19° 36' 25" East a distance of 300.00 feet; Thence run South 02° 24' 35" West a distance of 138.62 feet; Thence run North 87° 35' 25" West a distance of 140.00 feet; Thence run South 02° 24' 35" West a distance of 81.59 feet; Thence run North 87° 35' 25" West a distance of 60.00 feet; Thence run South 54° 34' 41" West a distance of 107.97 feet; Thence run South 71° 15' 41" West a distance of 725.47 feet; Thence run South 78° 56' 06" West a distance of 37.39 feet; Thence run North 85° 43' 04" West a distance of 37.39 feet; Thence run North 70° 50' 44" West a distance of 47.93 feet; Thence run North 26° 00' 00" West a distance of 599.46 feet; Thence run North 59° 55' 15" West a distance of 42.82 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 19.114 acres, more or less.

Applicant: Palmetto Group, LLC

Purpose: Continuation of Palmetto Park Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Altimus. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on December 20, 2006, to consider the application of Circle K Stores, Inc., to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of an undivided 1.39 acre tract located at the Northeast corner of Airline Drive and Deen Point Road from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District for a Circle K Store on Airline Drive at Deen Point Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on December 6, 2006, to consider adoption of a Building Code Ordinance for Bossier Parish as required by Act 12 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2005 enacted Part IV-B of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt a resolution supporting Willis Knighton Medical Center, Inc., and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF WILLIS KNIGHTON MEDICAL CENTER, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 111.04 Block Group 2 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of November, 2006, that Willis Knighton Medical Center, Inc., and their project medical building and surgery center, Enterprise Zone Application #062162-0 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution approving the 2007 Annual Budget and the 2006 Amended Budget for operation of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on the 15th day of November, 2006, that it does hereby ratify and approve the Amended 2006 Annual Budget and the 2007 Annual Budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, the same having been furnished to the Policy Jury and being on file in the office of the Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to table the adoption of ordinances authorizing expropriation of right-of-way in connection with the FY 2005 LCDBG DeMoss Hill sewer project, to be considered at the December 6, 2006 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to schedule a public hearing on December 20, 2006, to consider adoption of the 2006 Bossier Parish Police Jury Amended Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus presented a renewal contract with Ms. Ginger Adam, State lobbyist, for a one-year period, advising that there are no contract changes. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the renewal of a one-year contract with Ms. Ginger Adam, State lobbyist, and to authorize Mr. Altimus to execute the contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of November, 2006, that Bill Altimus, Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, a one-year renewal contract with Ms. Ginger Adam, lobbyist.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

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Jurors were provided copies of the highway department report indicating work done within their police jury districts.

Mr. Altimus provided information on the number of residential construction permits issued during the month of October.

Mr. Altimus requested authority to submit applications to the Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program for funding for two projects. He stated that an application will be submitted for \$30,000 for weed control in Lake Bistineau and advised that Webster and Bienville Parishes will apply for \$30,000 also, for total funding of \$90,000 for the project. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the submission of an application to the Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program for funding in the amount of \$30,000 for weed control in Lake Bistineau. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus further requested authority to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the extension of Sligo Water System. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the submission of an application to the Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program for funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the extension of the Sligo Water System. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus referred to the current moratorium on billboards along Airline Drive, and asked that the President appoint a committee to review this matter and make a recommendation to the jury. He stated that Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, has requested that he be allowed to participate in the committee meetings. Mr. Williams, Mr.

Cummings, Mr. Altimus and Mr. Avery were appointed by the President to review this matter.

Mr. Cochran presented a report on the NACo prescription drug card program.

Mr. Altimus reported that a water treatment plant was built in the 1990's at Camp Minden for a specific tenant but has never been used. He stated that the plant is in excellent condition and has the capability to provide 2.5 million gallons of water per day. Mr. Altimus stated that he and officials from Webster Parish are researching the possibility of getting this plant operational to tie to existing water systems. He stated that assistance from local legislators is being requested.

Mr. Altimus advised that he has received an update from Ms. Susie Morgan, Federal lobbyist, providing current information on the 2007 Transportation Appropriations Bill.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, presented Plan Change No. 20 on the courthouse renovation/addition project, advising that the jury previously approved an expenditure of up to \$45,000 for this change. Mr. Ford stated that pricing for the approved change is now at \$47,000. Mr. Ford stated that one addition to Plan Change No. 20 provides for the construction of a sidewalk in front of the courthouse for citizens walking from the east end to the west end. He stated that citizens are currently walking along Burt Boulevard, and stated that Walton Construction has advised that the cost to construct a permanent six-foot wide sidewalk is \$17,750. Mr. Ford recommended approval of the proposed sidewalk. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Plan Change No. 20 on the courthouse renovation/addition project in the amount of \$47,000, including the proposed sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford discussed changes in the renovation of the old courthouse, including the replacement of brick ties, and the addition of fire caulking around the windows as requested by the Fire Marshal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Winfield Road extension project, and to authorize the President to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of November, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Winfield Road extension project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of November, 2006.

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Mr. Ford presented a report on various road projects, advising that a pre-construction meeting with Benton and Brown, LLC, was held last week regarding the Vickers Road and Freedom Street reconstruction projects. He also reported on concrete street and ditch repair projects, and the Duckwater Landing extension project.

Mr. Johnston advised of a request that the police jury accept Brown Road into the parish road system. Mr. Ford stated that this is a 10-foot road that dead-ends to a house, and there is no dedicated road right-of-way available. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to deny the request for acceptance of Brown Road into the parish road system. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to approve the following applications for renewal of beer/liquor licenses for 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Each application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

Palmetto Country Club
Red River Restaurant
Downtown Koran, Inc.
Dixie Mart #18
American Legion Post 388
Tootie's
Tootie's Bar & Grill
Boomtown Grocery
Ark-La-Tex Nexus
Eastland Country Club
Our Place Bar & Grill
Al's Lounge
Sportsman's Bar

Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that right-of-way has been acquired for the Daleen Road project. He further reported that he is currently working on the 2009 Road Program. Mr. Hammack requested that Lakewood Subdivision be sprayed for mosquitoes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve a contribution of up to \$1,500 to Cope Middle School for dirt work at the ball fields, with Mr. Hammack, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shell and Mr. Cummings contributing equally from discretionary funds for this expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that employees will pay a 2% increase in

their premium for group health insurance effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the remaining 3% of the total 5% increase will be funded from police jury funds held by Blue Cross.

Mr. Cochran advised that he has an invoice for shirts at Bossier Elementary, which was previously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of November, 2006, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:15 p.m.

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