

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
February 13, 2007
www.mybossier.com

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on this 13th day of February, 2007, at 6:15 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Winfred Johnston, called the meeting to order and the Assistant Secretary, Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with the following members present:

Mr. Bill Altimus, absent	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery, absent	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

The President announced the purpose of the special meeting:

1. To call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Bossier Parish Constable District 5, and to make an interim appointment to fill said vacancy until such time as the election can be held.
2. To consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Parish of Bossier to enter into a Local Services Agreement with the City of Bossier City regarding quick take authority for the Modica Lott Road and Traffic Street Improvement projects, and authorizing the Administrator to execute any documents in connection with said agreement.
3. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

Mr. Williams introduced Mr. James E. "Jim" Frazier, Jr., 4618 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, and recommended that he be appointed as interim Constable, District 5, to fill the vacancy created due to the resignation of Mr. Gary Cathcart. An election to fill this vacancy must be called and the next scheduled primary election date is October 20, 2007. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the interim appointment of Mr. James E. "Jim" Frazier, Jr., to the office of Bossier Parish Constable District 5 to fill the vacancy created due to the resignation of Mr. Gary Cathcart, and to call a special primary election on October 20, 2007 to fill said vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.** In the event of a run-off, the general election is scheduled for November 17, 2007, and qualifying times for interested candidates is September 4 through September 6, 2007.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Bossier Parish Constable District 5, caused by the resignation of Mr. Gary Cathcart, submitted February 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in special session on this 13th day of February, 2007, does hereby appoint Mr. James E. "Jim" Frazier, Jr., to serve as interim appointee to the Bossier Parish Constable District 5, until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

FURTHER, the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby issue notice, call and proclamation for a special primary election and special general election to be held in Bossier Parish Constable District 5, to fill said vacancy.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does fix the date of the primary election for October 20, 2007, and the date of the general election for November 17, 2007, at the times, places and manner prescribed by law.

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file the necessary papers required by law, with the appropriate entity in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions required by law, during the period commencing on September 4, 2007, and ending on September 6, 2007.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby request the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the Parish of Bossier to exercise every lawful function and do every act necessary to conduct said elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof.

The above proclamation was presented by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon vote, the proclamation was duly adopted by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session on this 13th day of February, 2007.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED R. JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, discussed the proposed adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Parish of Bossier to enter into a Local Services Agreement with the City of Bossier City regarding quick take authority for the Modica Lott Road and Traffic Street Improvement projects. He explained that quick take authority is in a separate category of expropriation, advising that in the expropriation process, the public need must first be determined, followed by a determination of the property value. He stated that in the quick take process, the public need for the project has already been established and allows municipalities and local governments to enter into a local services agreement to expedite the acquisition of right-of-way for projects beneficial to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Barry Butler, 1988 Swan Lake Road, expressed opposition. He stated that quick take authority bypasses expropriation and referred to various legislative acts regarding this matter. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that neither the parish nor the city has quick take authority individually, but together the two entities can enter into a local services agreement for quick take authority.

Mr. Rogers stated that the members of both the police jury and the Bossier City Council have reviewed this matter and agree that there is a need for the proposed road improvement projects.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Parish of Bossier to enter into a Local Services Agreement with the City of Bossier City regarding quick take authority for the Modica Lott Road and Traffic Street Improvement projects, and authorizing the Administrator to execute any documents in connection with said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4143

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PARISH OF BOSSIER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS IN FUTUREANCE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier mutually benefit from the development of infrastructure which enhances existing businesses and encourages the development of new business entities in both the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier have engaged in joint endeavors regarding the development of industrial parks, juvenile detention facilities, jail operations, parks and streets, highway and road projects, zoning master plans and a uniform development code, which benefit the citizens of Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, a local services agreement between the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier will facilitate intergovernmental functions to provide greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier will benefit by the development created by the widening of Traffic Street, the extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway, both south and north including the Riverside Drive section of the parkway and the widening of Modica Lott Road.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier is facilitating the development of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway by obtaining right of way and planning construction of an extension to the parkway south, and is facilitating the development of the widening of Modica Lott Road for the new W. T. Lewis School.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the CITY OF BOSSIER CITY and the PARISH OF BOSSIER are joining together to plan, finance, construct, acquire and/or improve public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and /or City of Bossier City; to operate and maintain such public projects or improvements necessary or incidental thereto and to avail themselves of the method of acquisition of public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and/or the City of Bossier City, specifically allowed in La. R.S. 33:1329, all for and on behalf of the residents of the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City of Bossier City and/or Parish of Bossier shall have the right individually or jointly to acquire property pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1329 in furtherance of the extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway south and north including the Riverside Drive portion of the Parkway and Modica Lott Road, each listed project being a joint project of both entities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that William Altimus is authorized to sign the Local Services Agreement containing the provisions set forth herein between CITY OF BOSSIER CITY and the PARISH OF BOSSIER.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury authorizes the Parish Attorney to take whatever action necessary in furtherance of the joint projects set forth herein.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Rogers. It was duly adopted on this 13th day of February, 2007, with the following vote recorded.

AYES: 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: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED R. JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 13 day of February, 2007, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:35 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED R. JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY