

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 14th day of November, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Winfred Johnston, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Brad Cummings. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Henry Mitchell
Mr. Brad Cummings	Mr. Glenn Benton
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Eddy Shell, excused
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. Altimus, to adopt the minutes of the October 3, 2007 regular meeting, and the October 17, 2007 regular meeting, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kenneth Loftin, Ware Youth Center, presented an update on operations of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center. He provided statistical information on inmate population and average length of stay, as well as financial information. Mr. Loftin stated that there have been no major problems and stated that the counseling program is working well. In response to questions by Mr. Darby, Mr. Loftin reported that staff turnover has improved. He stated that employee training is required each year. Mr. Loftin urged the jury to consider the construction of a new detention facility.

Ms. Carol Christian, 103 South Parkridge Drive, Benton, addressed the jury regarding the application of TAG Land Company, LLC, for a zoning amendment. Mr. Johnston advised Ms. Christian that the matter is on the agenda as Item No. 3, and will be discussed during the public hearing.

Mr. Ford advised that Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., has reviewed the bids received on November 7, 2007 for the Woodward Lateral Improvements, Tall Timbers, Phase 2, and recommends that the low bid of Blount Brothers Construction in the amount of \$158,252.00, be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the bid of Blount Brothers Construction, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Blount Brothers Construction	\$158,252.00
CW&W Contractors, Inc.	\$172,840.00

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of TAG Land Company, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 56.36 acre tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to R-1, One Family Residence District, for a residential subdivision. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Kurt Nixon, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that residential zoning is requested for the rear portion of the property for a proposed subdivision, and advised that commercial zoning is requested for the five lots on the front of the property along Airline Drive for a strip shopping center. He stated that sewer and water for the proposed developments will be provided by the Town of Benton.

Ms. Carol Christian stated that the property which is to be zoned commercial is located at her back window and expressed concern regarding the proposed businesses. She was advised that the request for commercial zoning will be addressed during the next item of business on the agenda.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the application of TAG Land Company, LLC, for a zoning amendment as presented. Motion carried, with Mr. Williams abstaining from vote.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4194

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 RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened on this 14th day of November, 2007, 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 Residence District, on a tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, more particularly described as follows:

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 (SW/c) of Section 9 Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, run thence North 0° 14' 29" West along the West line of Section 9 a distance of 560.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the tract herein described: Thence continue North 0° 14' 29" West along said West line of Section 9 a distance of 906.38 feet to the center of Flat River Drainage Canal; Thence run Southeasterly along the center of said Canal these six calls: South 58° 16' 26" East, 95.55 feet; South 51° 03' 30" East, 214.53 feet; South 38° 40' 03"

East, 189.26 feet; South 30° 23' 26" East, 339.26 feet; South 48° 17' 27" East, 64.25 feet; South 61° 30' 08" East, 52.98 feet; thence run North 28° 29' 52" East, 30.00 feet to the North bank of said Canal and rear line of lots in Palmetto Park Subdivision; Thence run along rear of said lots these eight calls: South 61° 30' 08" East, 167.62 feet; South 82° 28' 03" East, 105.86 feet; North 81° 42' 53" East, 142.31 feet; North 71° 15' 41" East, 734.52 feet; North 73° 09' 40" East, 345.9 feet; North 73° 57' 26" East, 574.67 feet; South 88° 58' 28" East, 184.48 feet; South 73° 19' 30" East, 187.15 feet to the West right of way line of Airline Drive; Thence run South 02° 16' 32" West along Airline Drive, 590.00 feet; Thence run South 83° 06' 40" West, 2,330.00 feet; Thence run North 67° 34' 31" West, 694.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 39.387 acres, more or less AND a tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner (SW/c) of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, run North 89° 32' 14" East along the South line of Section 9 a distance of 2,655.35 feet; Thence continue along the South line of Section 9 North 89° 28' 50" East, 103.69 feet; Thence North 04° 32' 36" East, 85.07 feet; Thence run North 89° 26' 25" East, 168.82 feet to the West right of way line of Airline Drive; Thence run North 2° 16' 32" East along the West right of way line of Airline Drive, 465.99 feet; Thence run South 83° 06' 40" West, 2,330.00 feet; Thence run North 67° 34' 31" West, 694.72 feet to the West line of Section 9; Thence run South 0° 14' 29" East along the West line of Section 9 a distance of 560 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, LESS tract described in Volume 1058, Page 496, Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, containing 27 acres, more or less, and LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the West right of way line of Airline Drive with the South line of said Section 9; Run thence along said south line North 89° 43' 25" West a distance 300.00 feet; Thence leaving said south line run North 03° 03' 08" East a distance of 105.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of tract: Run thence North 02° 58' 52" East a distance of 983.98 feet to a point on the high bank of Flat River; Run thence along said high bank South 84° 57' 14" East a distance of 49.00 feet and South 78° 16' 22" East a distance of 253.65 feet to a point on the westerly right of way line of Airline Drive; Thence leaving said high bank run along said westerly right of way line South 02° 58' 52" West a distance of 929.48 feet; Thence leaving said westerly right of way line run North 89° 43' 26" West a distance of 300.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.60 acres, more or less.

Applicant: TAG Land Company, LLC

Purpose: Residential Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 14th day of November, 2007.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of TAG Land Company, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 6.60 acre tract of land located along Airline Drive in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, for a strip shopping center. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Kurt Nixon, Coyle Engineering, Co., Inc., stated that the property fronts on Airline Drive and there are currently no tenants for the proposed center. Mr. Nixon referred to concerns by Ms. Christian, advising that her property is approximately 200' from the commercially zoned tract. It was noted that the sale of liquor is prohibited under the B-2 zoning classification.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request of TAG Land Company, LLC, for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried, with Mr. Williams abstaining from vote.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4195

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 B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened on this 14th day of November, 2007, 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 B-2, Neighborhood Business District, on a tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the West right of way line of Airline Drive with the South line of said Section 9; Run thence along said south line North 89° 43' 25" West a distance 300.00 feet; Thence leaving said south line run North 03° 03' 08" East a distance of 105.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of tract: Run thence North 02° 58' 52" East a distance of 983.98 feet to a point on the high bank of Flat River; Run thence along said high bank South 84° 57' 14" East a distance of 49.00 feet and South 78° 16' 22" East a distance of 253.65 feet to a point on the westerly right of way line of Airline Drive; Thence leaving said high bank run along said westerly right of way line South 02° 58' 52" West a distance of 929.48 feet; Thence leaving said westerly right of way line run North 89° 43' 26" West a distance of 300.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.60 acres, more or less.

Applicant: TAG Land Company, LLC

Purpose: Strip shopping center

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 14th day of November, 2007.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit No. 5-A, being a resubdivision of Lot 289, Lakewood, Unit No. 5, located in Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ed Kennon, developer, stated that the owner of Lot 289 wants to purchase the lot directly behind his property and advised that the new lot will have the same covenants as Unit 5 of Lakewood Subdivision. He stated that there is a 100' Levee Board easement on the property and the Levee Board has reviewed the request. Mr. Kennon stated that the Levee Board took no action on this matter and asked that such requests be presented to them on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the plat because this will be a continuance of the owners' existing lot. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit No. 5-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit No. 5-B, being a resubdivision of Lot 285, Lakewood, Unit No. 5, located in Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This proposal includes the purchase of the lot directly behind Lot 285, as well as the lot located behind Lots 284 and 286. Mr. Mitchell recommended that this request be denied because it involves more than one lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to deny the request for approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit 5-B. There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, recommended that the police jury obtain approval of all property owners within the subdivision on this matter. Mr. Kennon stated that the owner of Lot 284 was notified of the proposal and has expressed no opposition, and stated that no one lives at Lot 286. He stated that the proposal has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. Mr. Kennon stated that if approved, the new owner will be able to control and maintain the property and prohibit four-wheeler traffic.

Votes were cast on Mr. Mitchell's motion to deny the request for approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit 5-B. Motion failed, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Johnston,

NAYS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Benton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Williams.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Shell

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve the request for approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood, Unit 5-B. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Benton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Shell

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Montclair Bossier Addition, located on the proposed Wemple Road Extension in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford stated that the name of the proposal has changed to Survey for The Colony, L.L.C., advising that there is only one lot. He stated that the developer will request approval to subdivide the property at a later date. He stated that an assisted living facility and professional offices are planned. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the Survey for The Colony, L.L.C., as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider adoption of a construction and post-construction erosion and sediment control ordinance for Bossier Parish, regulating discharges to the municipal separate storm water drainage system (MS4) to prevent and/or minimize pollution from storm water runoff. Mr. Ford stated that the adoption of this ordinance is required by the Department of Environmental Quality. He stated that contractors/developers in the urbanized areas must submit a stormwater pollution plan for approval. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the adoption of a construction and post-construction erosion and sediment control ordinance for Bossier Parish, pending review and approval by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Williams, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rocky Mount Oaks Subdivision, located in Section 32, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the December 5 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cochran, Insurance Committee Chairman, reported that following a review of all proposals, it is the recommendation of the Insurance Committee that the police jury continue its group health insurance coverage through Blue Cross for the year 2008, and stated that the committee further recommends that the group dental insurance coverage be changed to Mutual of Omaha for 2008. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the recommendations of the Insurance Committee for group health and dental insurance coverage for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Avery, Subdivision Regulations Committee Chairman, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that there are still several unresolved issues to be discussed. He stated that the committee will present its recommendations at the December 5 regular meeting, and requested that a road tour be scheduled. A road tour is scheduled on Friday, November 16, 2007.

No action was taken on the matter of an appointment to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District to replace Ms. Ellan Cathcart. An appointment is to be considered at the December 5, 2007 regular meeting.

Ms. Martin conducted a review of the preliminary 2008 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget. There was discussion of the request for an increase in the parish appropriation to Bossier Parish Constables and Justices of the Peace from \$300 to \$500 per month. Mr. Altimus is to further research this matter.

Requests for 2008 budget appropriations were reviewed, as follows:

	2007 Budget	2008 Request
<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		
Constables and Justices of the Peace	\$ 62,800.00	\$ 65,000.00
Additional \$2,200 for training seminar		
Increase in salary supplement from \$300 to \$500 per month		\$ 34,000.00
Registrar of Voters	\$157,200.00	\$141,850.00
Increase in printing and postage, decrease in equipment purchase		
Bossier City-Parish MPC	\$101,887.00	\$107,470.00
Requesting \$5,583 increase		
Benton-Parish MPC	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
40% of total office operations costs		
Office of Emergency Preparedness	\$ 22,985.00	\$ 23,904.00
Requesting \$919 increase		
Veterans Affairs	\$ 16,836.00	\$ 18,132.00
Request \$1,296 increase for increased operations expenses		
Bossier Council on Aging	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Coordinating and Development Corporation	\$ 14,820.00	\$ 14,820.00
Trailblazer	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Greater Bossier Economic Development	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Cooperative Extension Service	\$ 29,800.00	\$ 35,998.00
Includes increase of \$6,918 for salary supplement approved 6/7/07		
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
NW LA Economic Development	\$	\$ 6,000.00
Sparta Groundwater Commission		\$ - 0 -
Request contributions (\$3,000 given in 2000)		
NW LA Regional Film Office		10,000.00
To assist in creating a Regional Film Office for Northwest LA		
<u>HEALTH UNIT FUND</u>		
Health Unit	\$117,000.00	\$ +30,650.00
Updated telephone system, carpet throughout, repainting (waiting rooms A&B), TV/DVD In waiting room		
<u>CRIMINAL COURT FUND:</u>		
Judges' Office	471,000.00	\$ +3,540.66
5% increase for three employees and to keep increase from last year for six court reporters at \$9,000 each		
District Attorney's Office		(approx) \$ 10,000.00
Request same COLA% increase as given to police jury employees		
<u>CORRECTIONS FUND</u>		
Minimum security facility		\$ 17,000.00
Replace cameras, maintenance, repaint facility inside and out		
Maximum security facility		\$ 2,500.00
Grill for cooking meals, purchase two AE defibrillators		
There was brief discussion of manager's salaries. Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on December 5, 2007, to consider adoption of the 2008 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget. Motion carried unanimously.		

Mr. Altimus reported that he held an orientation for the newly elected police jurors, advising that he provided them with information regarding current projects and reviewed financial information.

Jurors were provided information from Suddenlink Communications advising of an increase in cable television rates effective mid-December.

Mr. Altimus reported that Senator David Vitter has advised that \$1.825 million has been approved by the Senate for the Bossier Parish Congestion Relief Plan. He stated that the matter will now go before the House for consideration.

Mr. Altimus advised of a letter of appreciation from the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Conservation District for \$15,000 for weed eradication on Cypress Lake. These funds were granted through the Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, reported that the Willow Chute drainage study by Owen and White will be ready for review at the December 5, 2007 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on December 19, 2007, to consider approval of the plat of St. Charles Court, Unit 2A, being a resubdivision of Lots 89-97, St. Charles Court, Unit 2, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford presented an update on the courthouse renovation/addition project, advising that Alliance, Inc., does not recommend a Certificate of Substantial Completion at this time.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported that the parking lot at the school board's bus maintenance barn is ready for overlay.

Mr. Andrews presented copies of the proposed 2010 Road Overlay Program for review.

Mr. Meachum requested that Mr. Andrews check the condition of Freedom Street, advising that the road is being damaged by large truck traffic.

Mr. Ford presented a brief update on the proposed extension of Crouch Road and advised that he will be attending a meeting in Baton Rouge regarding the project.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that US Liquids has terminated its counsel in the Atkins Clark Road matter and requested that Mr. Ford pursue enforcement of the standard weight limit on the road. Mr. Ford recommended that a three-ton load limit be posted on the road. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton, to post a three-ton load limit on the Atkins Clark Road and to install the proper signage. Motion carried unanimously.** It was requested that the Bossier Sheriff's office be asked to assist in the enforcement of the load limit. There was discussion of the possible use of portable scales.

ORDINANCE NO. 4196

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICULAR WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF THREE (3) TONS FROM TRAVELING ON THE ATKINS CLARK ROAD, LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 71, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police jury in regular and legal session on this 14th day of November, 2007, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle with a gross vehicular weight in excess of Three (3) tons upon Atkins Clark Road, located off Highway 71, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

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 Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), 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. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 14th day of November, 2007.

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Mr. Jackson reported on a meeting with property owners along the south corridor of the Arthur Ray Teague Extension regarding right-of-way for the project.

Mr. Jackson stated that there are over 1,000 registrants for the upcoming symposium on Cybercommand, advising that there are a large number of firms from out of state planning to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 14th day of November, 2007, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:30 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINFRED JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY