

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 2nd day of July, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Ricky Avery. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Brad Cummings
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Barry Butler	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer

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.

Ms. Pam Williamson and Ms. Debbie Gegg, Legacy Elementary School, were present. Ms. Williamson stated that the police jury's contribution and support will help to provide technology for teachers and students at Legacy Elementary. Ms. Gegg reported that the goal is to provide technology infrastructure in each classroom to maximize opportunities for communicating, problem solving and accessing information. A three-year technology plan has been developed which provides that in the first year, teachers will be provided a teacher computer, computer center, internet access, projector, supportive training, document camera, software and a network printer. Ms. Gegg stated that the Bossier Parish School Board Technology Department will provide each classroom with a teacher computer and computer center, as well as internet access and ceiling mounted projectors, and stated that supportive training is readily available. Ms. Gegg presented information on proposed equipment purchases for the second and third year of the three-year plan, and stated that the cost of the proposed document cameras is \$549 each. She stated that the total cost to supply document cameras to 19 classrooms is \$10,431.00.

Mr. Meachum asked if the use of BEEF funds has been considered. Ms. Gegg reported that BEEF funds are being used to provide a Spanish enrichment teacher for grades four and five, and to provide Legorebotics for after school classes.

Ms. Bennett asked if the request for funding has been presented to the Bossier Parish School Board. Ms. Gegg reported that the school board has provided some assistance.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to contribute up to a total of \$7,600 in matching discretionary funds to Legacy Elementary School, as follows:

Mr. Cochran will contribute the remaining balance of his matching discretionary funds.

Mr. Avery and Mr. Butler will split equally from their matching discretionary funds, the remaining amount needed to reach the total of \$7,600.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, presented a video of the proposed Cyber Innovation Center provided by Mark Prevot and Mark McSwain.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the Cyber Innovation Center Infrastructure Improvements Project. Mr. Bruce Easterly opened bids as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Blount Brothers Construction	\$10,943,766.50
McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$12,566,000.00
SFC Contract Services, Inc.	\$ 9,278,218.50
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$10,816,958.50
H & H Contracting Co., Inc.	\$10,248,000.00

Mr. Easterly advised that each bidder has provided the required bid bond, non collusion declaration, corporate resolution and has acknowledged Addendum No. 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 17, 2008, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the Cyber Innovation Center Central Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Package. Mr. Bruce Easterly opened bids as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Bernhard Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	Base Bid: \$8,066,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 74,000.00
FitzGerald Contractors, LLC	Base Bid: \$7,800,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 35,000.00
RRAC Contractors, Inc.	Base Bid: \$8,410,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 38,000.00

Mr. Easterly advised that each bidder has provided the required bid bond, non collusion declaration and corporate resolution, and has acknowledged each of the five bid addenda.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 17, 2008, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the awarding of bids received on June 13, 2008, for the Cyber Innovation Center Building Construction Project, to be awarded at the July 17, 2008, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Thomas O'Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomas O'Quinn, 1155 Linton Road, addressed the jury regarding his request to place a mobile home on his property at 1155 Linton Road. The request was denied by the Benton-Parish MPC, and Mr. O'Quinn has advised that two mobile homes have since been located on the property adjacent to his.

This matter was referred to the Parish Attorney on June 18, 2008. Mr. Neil Erwin is assisting the Parish Attorney in this matter, and Mr. Jackson advised Mr. O'Quinn that he will be notified when a decision is reached.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Love Chapel United Methodist Church for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 12.40 acre tract of land located in the north 1/2 of Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, to R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to allow Conditional Use Approval for a church. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the application of Love Chapel United Methodist Church for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4226

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 TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-LD, RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, TO R-A, RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO ALLOW CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL FOR A CHURCH.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 2nd day of July, 2008, 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 tract of land located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, to R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to allow Conditional Use Approval for a church, being more particularly described as follows:

A 12.40 acre tract of land located in the north 1/2 of Section 14, T18N-R12W, Bossier Parish, LA, which is more fully described as follows: Commence at a 2-inch iron pipe which marks the northwest corner of said Section 14; thence proceed south 89° 32' 52" east along the north line of Section 14 for a distance of 1321.40 feet to a 2-inch iron pipe in concrete which is the northwest corner of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 14; thence proceed south 00° 16' 47" west for a distance of 267.80 feet to a 1/2-inch iron pipe located on the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80; thence proceed south 88° 58' 42" east along the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80 for a distance of 299.13 feet to the northwest corner of a 3.1 acre parcel owned by Southern Methodist Church of Haughton, which is marked by a 1-inch iron pipe; thence proceed south 88° 43' 33" east along the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80 for a distance of 300.41 feet to the northeast corner of said 3.1 acre church parcel which is marked by a 1-inch iron pipe; thence proceed north 89° 00' 08" east along the south right of way line of U. S. Hwy 80 for a distance of 499.56 feet to a 1/4 inch iron rod which marks the northwest corner of a 100-foot wide access easement as per Instrument No. 570513 of the Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed north 86° 29' 30" east along the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80 for a distance of 50.15 feet to a 1-inch iron rod, said point is on the north-south centerline of said 100-foot wide access easement and is the point of beginning of the 12.40 acre tract herein described; from the point of beginning proceed north 86° 29' 30" east along the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80 (being 40 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of the paving on the double east bound lanes as per Louisiana Department of Highways Project No. 1-03-22, construction and right of way plans) for a distance of 50.15 feet to a 1/4-inch iron rod which is the northeast corner of said 100-foot wide access easement; thence proceed north 85° 41' 13" east along the south right of way line of U.S. Hwy. 80 for a distance of 454.38 feet to a 1-inch iron rod which marks the northwest corner of the East Central Bossier Fire District #1; thence proceed south 00° 22' 56" west along a line common to the East Central Fire District #1 property for a distance of 1094.30 feet to a 3/4-inch iron pipe, said point being on the south line of the north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of said Section 14; thence proceed north 89° 48' 00" west along the south line of the north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of said Section 14 for a distance of 452.85 feet to a 1-inch iron rod, being the southeast corner of said 100-foot wide access easement; thence continue north 89° 48' 00" west along the south line of the north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of said Section 14 for a distance of 50.03 feet to a 1-inch iron rod, said point being on the north-south centerline of said 100-foot wide access easement; thence proceed north 00° 22' 56" east along the north-south centerline of said 100-foot wide access easement for a distance of 1055.30 feet to the point of beginning, from R-LD, Residence-Low Density District, to R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, for a church.

Applicant: Love Chapel United Methodist Church

Purpose: Conditional Use Approval for a church

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Redwood Place at Legacy, Unit 3, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ricky Raley, Moore & Associates, was present. Mr. Raley advised that Redwood Place at Legacy, Unit 3 is a

continuation of an existing planned unit development. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Redwood Place at Legacy, Unit 3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley & Associates, was present and advised that this is an extension of the existing Kingston Place Subdivision. Mr. Ford advised that the original plat was approved in 2005, but was never filed. He advised that there have been some changes to the plat, and stated that the proposal meets all parish requirements. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on August 6, 2008, to adopt property tax millage rates for the year 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on August 6, 2008, to consider the application of Allen Romero to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.7 acre tract of land located on the northwest corner of Bodcau Station Road and River Bend Road, in Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from RT, Racetrack District, to R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, for placement of a manufactured home. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on August 6, 2008, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Bend, Unit 2, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on August 6, 2008, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, presented photographs which were taken by him of property at 131 Jones Road, Benton, LA. Mr. Gunter advised that there has been only slight improvement to the property. In response to questions by the Parish Attorney, Mr. Gunter reported that this property is not in compliance with property standards regulations, and stated that he has been unsuccessful in his attempts to contact the property owner. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to condemn property at 131 Jones Road, Benton, LA, in accordance with Bossier Parish property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, presented photographs of property at 210 James Street, Benton, LA. Mr. Gunter advised that this property is now in compliance with property standard regulations. Mr. Clarence Cobb, property owner, and Mr. Pete Cobb were present. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 210 James Street, Benton, LA, as the property is now in compliance with property standard regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Cobb was commended for his efforts to clean up his property.

Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, presented photographs of property at 5633 Highway 527, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, directed questions to Mr. Gunter regarding the current condition of the property. Mr. Gunter reported that there has been some improvement to the property, but stated that there are weeds and tall grass, and advised that debris and inoperable vehicles remain on the property. Mr. Jon Wintamute, property owner, and Mr. Joey Hendrix, were present. Mr. Hendrix advised that more improvements have been made since the photographs were taken and stated that due to the muddy conditions, Mr. Wintamute has not been able to cut grass and access the back of the property. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to allow Mr. Wintamute 60 days in which to complete the clean up of his property at 5633 Highway 527, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table review of the condition of property at 716 Simpson Street, Benton, LA, to be considered at the July 17, 2008, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus referred to the request of the Bossier Sheriff's Department for a pay increase for courthouse security guards, advising that the requested increase of \$3.00 per hour will result in an additional cost to the jury of approximately \$16,000 for the remainder of 2008. He stated that the 2008 budgeted amount for the courthouse security guards is \$204,840, and the requested increase will bring this to a total of approximately \$220,000. Mr. Altimus stated that he has also contacted private security firms and reported that the hourly rate for their employees varies from \$13 to \$15 per hour.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to delay the request for a pay increase for courthouse security guards, to be considered during 2009 budget proceedings. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer

NAYS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Cochran

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Altimus reported that the Carstarphen Heights sewage collection system in Plain Dealing is experiencing equipment problems and the Town of Plain Dealing has requested the jury's assistance. He stated that in 2003 the police jury increased the maintenance fee for the system to \$3.00 per month and recommended that an additional increase in the maintenance fee be considered. Mr. Cummings stated that the fee should be increased to an amount sufficient enough to maintain the system.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the replacement of pumps for the Carstarphen Heights sewage collection system, and to review a possible increase in fees for the system. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus stated that he will discuss the increase in fees further with Mayor Barnette and make a recommendation at a later date.

Mr. Altimus advised that the Corps of Engineers has requested the policy jury's assistance in improving 3.6 miles of the Cotton Valley-Bellevue Road. He stated that the Corps has requested that the parish grade the road and transport materials to the site location, advising that the Corps of Engineers will pay all material costs.

Mr. Altimus discussed work done by parish highway crews for other public entities, and recommended that the police jury consider charging these entities for fuel and labor costs as well as material costs. Mr. Hammack stated that parish projects are a priority and providing assistance to others should not hinder these projects. Ms. Bennett agreed that the policy jury should assist others, but needs to cover its expenses.

There was discussion of personnel at the highway department. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that five additional employees are needed.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to hire five additional employees at the highway department immediately, and to adopt a policy providing that for work done by the Bossier Parish Highway Department for other entities, that entity will be charged all labor and fuel costs, as well as the cost for materials. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.

NAYS: Mr. Hammack

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the request of the Corps of Engineers for assistance in the improvement of 3.6 miles of Cotton Valley-Bellevue Road, with the Corps of Engineers paying fuel and labor costs, as well as the cost of materials, with the work to be done on the highway department's time frame. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.

NAYS: Mr. Butler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Eddie Scott, Ms. Joy Rhodes and Mr. Larry Miller to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7, for two-year terms each, terms to expire July 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Benton requested information on the new ethics law and its effects on parish fire district boards. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that he is preparing a summary for all elected or appointed board members which will provide them information on the requirements and responsibilities under the new ethics law. Mr. Jackson advised that if a board member did not resign by June 30, 2008 from an elected or appointed board, they are subject to the new ethics laws.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an emergency election in the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an emergency election in the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 23, 2008, calling a special emergency election in the District on Saturday, September 6, 2008, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid emergency election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an emergency election in the District, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

IVAN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 MILLAGE CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 10-YEAR 10-MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES IN SAID FIRE DISTRICT.

Shall the Ivan Fire District No. 3 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, continue to levy a ten (10) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in said Fire District (an estimated \$38,350 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2008 and ending with the year 2017, inclusive, for the purpose of improving, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities in said Fire District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 2nd day of July, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford advised that \$275,000 was previously approved for railroad crossing work at the site of the new Parkway High School in connection with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project, and stated that Kansas City Southern Railroad has requested an additional \$136,000 for the signal work. Mr. Ford advised that a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared with the State of Louisiana and requested that the President be authorized to execute the document.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve an expenditure of \$136,000 for railroad signal work near the site of the new Parkway High School, and to authorize the President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of July, that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Louisiana in connection with the railroad crossing at the intersection of LA Highway 612 and US Highway 71.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution providing for the adoption of plans and policies, approving appointments, and authorizing individuals in accordance with the FY2008/2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for street improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Procurement Policy, (2) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Bill Altimus (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Bill Altimus, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Bill Altimus, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Bill Altimus, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the President to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cheryl G. Martin, Sheryl Thomas and Cindy Dodson are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Bill Altimus shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Citizens National Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Cheryl G. Martin and Cindy Dodson are authorized to sign checks on the official depository, both of which are required for each check.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston. It was duly adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2008, with the following vote recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the building addition at the highway department, and to authorize the President to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of July, that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the building addition at the highway department.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Bruce Easterly reported that last year the police jury received \$216,000 from the Department of Transportation and Development, Transportation Enhancement Program, to construct a bike trail along Old Brownlee Road from North Park to Wemple Road. He stated that environmental clearance has been received and advised that plans for the project must be prepared in a format required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Mr. Easterly advised of a proposal from Aillet, Fenner, Jolly & McClelland, Inc., to provide surveys, plans and right-of-way maps for the project in the amount of \$12,690.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept a proposal from Aillet, Fenner, Jolly & McClelland, Inc., in the amount of \$12,690 for surveys, plans and right-of-way maps for the Old Brownlee Road Bicycle Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus reported on a press conference at the Bossier City Council Chambers regarding the purchase of Harrison Company in Bossier City by Imperial Trading Company. He stated that he understands that Imperial Trading Company will retain the current employees and will be adding approximately 50 to 100 new employees.

Mr. Altimus requested that the jurors complete and return the Barksdale Joint Land Use Study survey.

Mr. Altimus reported that Ginger Adam, lobbyist, will be present at the July 17th regular meeting to provide an update on the recent legislative session.

Mr. Altimus advised of a letter of appreciation from Bossier Parish Community College for the donation that was given to the Foundation for Student Scholarships in memory of Mr. Eddy Shell.

Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, reported that a meeting with Ted DeBaene, Owen and White, is scheduled on July 7th to discuss the Willow Chute Study. He stated that he will also review a request from a landowner who wishes to construct a regional detention pond for all of his property located along Airline Drive and Kingston Road.

Mr. Ford advised that a proposal on the Eastwood/Merrywood Statewide Flood Control Project has been received and he will review this proposal with Mr. DeBaene at the July 7th meeting.

Mr. Ford reported that the Tall Timbers Project Phase II is complete and a substantial completion should be submitted soon.

Mr. Johnston asked the status of the McCauley Road. Mr. Ford stated that the Sheriff's Department has advised of the proposed construction of a work release facility on McCauley Road and has requested that the road be paved. He stated that the Sheriff has offered to pay for the materials, and with the new policy in place, will also be required to pay fuel and labor costs. Mr. Ford stated that the estimated cost to pave .06 mile of the McCauley Road is approximately \$50,000. Mr. Altimus will provide the Sheriff's Department with a cost estimate for materials, labor and fuel, and report on the matter at the July 17th regular meeting.

Mr. Ford reported that certain offices of the Bossier Sheriff's Department have been relocated to the new offices on the first floor of the courthouse.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported on various road projects.

Mr. Hammack reported that the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter has submitted a list of furniture and equipment items that need to be replaced at their facility. Mr. Altimus advised that he will send a memo to all departments asking for their assistance with this request.

Mr. Hammack advised of a request from Elm Grove Junior High for \$3,000 for computers for three teachers. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Plummer, that Mr. Hammack and Mr. Plummer will contribute \$750 each from discretionary matching funds, and \$750 each from discretionary funds to Elm Grove Junior High. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to allow discussion of building permits in Forest Hills Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford reported that there are several lots in Forest Hills Subdivision that are too low and there have been many flooding problems in the past year. He stated that Forest Hills Subdivision is not in a flood zone, but there are flooding problems on the following lots; Lots 1, 12, 13, 14, 39, 40 and 50 in Unit 4, Lots 17-24 and 50 in Unit 5, and

Lots 9, 15, 16, 42, 43 and 54 in Unit 6.

Mr. Ford requested that a hold be placed on building permits for all approved units of Forest Hills Subdivision, as well as any additional units submitted, including Unit 9. Mr. Ford advised that the Benton-Parish MPC has approved Unit 9, but requested that police jury approval of this plat be delayed until such time flooding problems are resolved.

Mr. Ford further reported that some of the lots in Unit 4, 5 and 6 have been sold and those owners should be notified of the hold placed on building permits. Mr. Ford further stated that to date no homes have flooded, but there is evidence that shows if any additional improvements are made to lots in Forest Hills Subdivision, homes could flood.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to place a hold on building permits in all approved units of Forest Hills Subdivision, as well as in any new additional units, including, but not limited to Lots 1, 12, 13, 14, 39, 40 and 50 in Unit 4, Lots 17-24 and 50 in Unit 5, and Lots 9, 15, 16, 42, 43 and 54 in Unit 6 of Forest Hills Subdivision, and to notify all property owners in the subdivision that there is currently a hold on building permits due to potential flooding. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to adopt an ordinance establishing a 20 mile per hour speed limit on all streets in Country Place Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4227

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON ALL STREETS WITHIN COUNTRY PLACE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 9 AND 10, TOWNSHIP 18 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 2nd day of July, 2008, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon all streets located within Country Place Subdivision, located in Sections 9 and 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Twenty (20) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2008.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Butler reported that discharge water from the Southern Car Wash on Highway 80 is draining to an area behind the Pine Haven Mobile Home Park and is causing erosion of the sewage plant serving the park. He stated that the car wash is permitted through the Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Ford reported that there is a continuous flow of water along private property and there is no drainage easement. Mr. Ford was requested to further review this matter.

Mr. Butler reported that he has received a complaint from Mr. Vick Kirkendall regarding a drainage problem in Dogwood Park Subdivision due to an eroded culvert that is located on private property. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, is to review this matter.

Mr. Butler reported that a ditch in Dogwood Park Subdivision is not draining properly. Mr. Ford reported that the ditch is located off White Oak and will be cleaned out this summer.

Mr. Cummings requested an update on the landfill study. Mr. Ford reported that five potential sites have been located, and advised that he is awaiting direction from the police jury. Mr. Jackson reported that he has received a proposal from Webster Parish that he will review with jurors at a later date.

A meeting of the Landfill Committee is scheduled at the police jury office on July 17, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation with Walton Construction Company. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Darby

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of July, 2008, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:10 p.m.

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