

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
October 21, 2009  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 21st day of October, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Glenn Benton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Altimus. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, 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

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Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Neil Erwin, Attorney, Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 2009, and September 16, 2009, regular meetings, and the September 16, 2009, Finance Committee meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Dr. John Chandler, Bossier Parish Coroner, updated the jury on activities of the coroner's office, advising that the office is handling the current case load very well. Dr. Chandler commended his employees, stating that they do an excellent job. He stated that the 2010 budget request of the coroner's office is approximately \$22,000 less than its 2009 request, and thanked the police jury for their continued support. Mr. Altimus advised that he has received no complaints regarding the coroner's office and expressed appreciation to Dr. Chandler and his staff.

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Mr. John Lee, Sports Car Club of America, requested the use of the Coleman Street parking lot property to hold their skilled driving events. He stated that the SCCA is comprised of approximately 55,000 members. Mr. Lee advised that they currently have no location to hold their events and stated that the Coleman Street parking lot is suitable.

Mr. Altimus stated that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, has reviewed and approved the request. He further stated that he has advised Mr. David Montgomery at Montgomery Insurance Agency of the proposal and he sees no problems.

Ms. Bennett asked if there is adequate parking at this location. Mr. Lee stated that they hope to keep all vehicles inside the fence. Ms. Bennett asked if noise will be a problem. Mr. Lee advised that there is some noise, and stated that they would be sensitive to the surrounding area.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC sees no problem with allowing them the use of the parking lot.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the request of the Sports Car Club of America to use the Coleman Street parking lot property to hold skilled driving events. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus requested that Mr. Lee advise Mr. Jimmy Hall, Bossier City Attorney, of the proposal.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to consider Agenda Item No. 20 at this time. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES: 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**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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Mr. Bruce Easterly recommended approval of Plan Change No. 11 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building, advising that the plan change results in an amount of \$-4,134.16. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve Plan Change No. 11 on the Cyber Innovation Center, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 11 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Plan Change No. 11.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider abandonment of River Ranch Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 36, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford advised that the property is located off Butler Hill Road, and stated that River Ranch Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, was never developed. He stated that the property has since been sold and the new owner intends to use it for hunting. Mr. Ford stated that it is requested that the proposed subdivision be abandoned. **There being no opposition, motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the abandonment of River Ranch Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, including all proposed streets. Motion carried unanimously.**

## ORDINANCE NO. 4310

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON RIVER RANCH ACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1, LOCATED IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 21st day of October, 2009, that it does hereby abandon River Ranch Acres Subdivision, Unit 1, including any streets, located off Butler Hill Road in Section 36, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of October, 2009.

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the site plan for the proposed Anytime Fitness Center located at the southwest corner of Merrywoods Boulevard and Highway 80 East on a portion of Commercial Lot B, South Merrywoods Subdivision, in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Justin Small, owner, was present. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has reviewed the plans and has no objection. **There being no opposition, motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the site plan for the proposed Anytime Fitness Center located at the southwest corner of Merrywoods Boulevard and Highway 80 East, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on November 18, 2009, to consider the application of the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for an amendment to the Unified Development Code to amend Article 9, Off-Premise Sign Ordinance, by establishing new regulations governing alterations of existing off-premise signs and the placement of new off-premise signs. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to schedule a public hearing on November 18, 2009, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of River Bluff, Unit No. 4, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Richard Gunter, Property Standards Officer, reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, and presented the following board recommendations:

- (1) 2114 Coastal Drive, Princeton, Bossier Parish, LA.  
Property is in compliance with the exception of remaining debris; recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed with the stipulation that all debris be removed within 14 days.
- (2) 154 Tammy Lane, Benton, Bossier Parish, LA.  
Table for 30 days, to be considered on November 18, 2009.  
Recommendations of the Property Standards Board of Review were accepted.

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Ms. Dodson announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 1507 Gray Lake Drive, Princeton, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Gunter advised that the property is not in compliance with property standards regulations, and recommended that the property be condemned. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to condemn property at 1507 Gray Lake Drive, Princeton, Bossier Parish, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 2330 Haymeadow Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Gunter advised that the property is in compliance with property standards regulations and recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 2330 Haymeadow Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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A meeting of the Landfill Committee is rescheduled for November 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Mr. Meachum reported on a meeting of the Public Relations Committee regarding a request of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department that the police jury consider new signage for a more effective anti-litter campaign on Bossier Parish roads. He advised that the committee is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time.

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There was discussion of a previous request for repairs on the Whittington Road. Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, advised that the cost to grade and re-rock approximately 0.41 mile of the road is \$20,000. Mr. Richard Crowell, Louisiana Timber Partners, LLC, stated that this will enable them to access their property. Mr. Andrews stated that this proposal includes 0.41 mile on the east end of Whittington Road located in Section 33, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, and in Section 4, Township 20 North, Range 11 West.

Mr. Hammack stated that Whittington Road is a public road and it is the police jury's responsibility to restore the road to an all-weather surface. After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve grading and placing rock on approximately 0.41 mile of the Whittington Road, for an estimated cost of \$20,000.00. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES: Mr. Altimus, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.**

**NAYS: Mr. Avery, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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Mr. Russell Craig, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit officer, was present for discussion of proposed amendments to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement ordinance. Mr. Altimus stated that there is currently a moratorium

on the enforcement of these regulations pending final adoption of revisions to the ordinance. He stated that the amended ordinance provides that there will be no charge for a parish permit with a valid LADOTD issued permit. It was noted that copies of the proposed ordinance have been provided to interested parties for review and input and there has been no opposition. **There being no opposition, motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt amendments to Ordinance No. 4287 of June 3, 2009, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Ordinance, to adjust fees associated with permitting. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4311

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 4287 OF JUNE 3, 2009, WHICH AMENDED CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE I, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 94-10 "COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT", AND PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REASONABLE AND UNIFORM SUPPLEMENTAL ROAD AND BRIDGE USE REGULATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF BOSSIER; FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, that certain sections of Ordinance No. 4287 of June 3, 2009, be and are hereby amended, as follows: BPPJCVEU 387. Permits : **Section J. is hereby added and shall read as follows:**

- J. BPPJCVEU shall recognize and honor any legally obtained LADOTD issued annual special permit. The permittee accepts and uses the special permit at his or her own risk, even though all instructions, directions and requirements of the BPPJ have been followed. Neither the Parish of Bossier nor the BPPJ or its employees shall incur any liability of any nature from the use of a special permit. Any special permit shall be carried with the vehicle using the same and shall be available for inspection by the proper authorities. Vehicles using an LADOTD issued annual special permit shall be prohibited from violating any posted weight limits on parish roadways or bridges without first contacting BPPJCVEU for permission with adequate response time allowed. Violation of these terms and conditions shall result in termination of observance of said permit by BPPJCVEU.

Annual Permits.

- A. Annual Overweight Permit for Machinery/Heavy Equipment. (\$1,500.00 per year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Oversize/Overweight Annual Permit)
- B. Off-Road Equipment-Annual. (\$1,000.00 a year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Off-Road Equipment Annual Permit)
- C. Harvest Season or Natural Forest Products. (\$10.00 per year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Harvest Season or Natural Forest Products Annual Permit)
- D. Agronomical/Horticultural Permit. (\$100.00 per year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Agronomical/Horticultural Annual Permit)
- E. Solid Waste Permit. (\$50.00 per year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Solid Waste Annual Permit)
- F. Oversize Permit. (\$250.00) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued Oversize Annual Permit)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all other provisions of Ordinance No. 4287 of June 3, 2009, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting with representatives from Wilbur Smith Associates regarding the proposed parishwide zoning. He stated that a series of public meetings are tentatively scheduled in November at various locations in the parish in an effort to educate the public on the proposed zoning regulations and to seek their input, as follows:

November 3, 2009	East 80 Library	6:00 p.m.
November 5, 2009	South Bossier Fire District 2 Fire Station	6:00 p.m.
November 17, 2009	Plain Dealing Community Center	6:00 p.m.
November 19, 2009	Courthouse	12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Airline Drive and LeOaks Drive, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Airline Drive and LeOaks Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution to urge and request that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee continue reauthorization of the Federal Highway and Transit Programs with continued funding for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the federal highway and transit programs has been put forward by the leadership of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Federal Off-System Bridge Program would no longer exist due to the elimination of the Federal Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program in 1978, 26 bridges have been replaced in Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish, has 90 bridges eligible for replacement in the current Federal Off-System Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, these bridges are used daily by school buses, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, mail carriers, and are vital to the agriculture, tourism, mining, logging and oil and gas industries; and

WHEREAS, a closed or weight-posted bridge causes preventable detours that can adversely impact the health and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the Federal Off-System Bridge Program serves as most parish's primary source of funding for the design and construction of rural bridges; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in legal session convened, that it does hereby urge the House of Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to continue to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Programs with continuance of funding for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to all members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter and U. S. Representative Fleming with a letter requesting their support and assistance in ensuring the continuance of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt an ordinance to officially post certain bridge structures in Bossier Parish in connection with the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4312

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY POST CERTAIN BRIDGE STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is responsible for health, safety and welfare of the public utilizing the parish transportation system in Bossier Parish, and the bridge structures located on these transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in order to provide advance information regarding the bridge structures located on its parish transportation routes, has structurally rated and posted certain bridges, as required by federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that the bridge structures listed below by structure number and location are hereby officially posted by signing to provide sufficient advance notice to the motoring public as to the load carrying capabilities of each structure:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Load Posting (T)</u>
PO832217933391	Old Coushatta Road, Trib Flat River	
PO832225933301	Smith Road, Red Chute Bayou	25-40
PO832242933601	Caplis Sligo Road, Flat River	25-40
PO832245932731	Fairview Koran, Spring Branch	25-40
PO832263932671	Koran Doyline Road, Clark Bayou	15-25
PO832269932881	Johnson Store Road, Foxskin Bayou	15-25
PO832333933321	Daleen Road, Trib Fifi Bayou	3-5
PO832351933431	Winfield Road, Connell Branch	25-40
PO832339934091	Swan Lake Road, Willow Chute Bayou	25-40
PO832365934341	Vanceville Road, Willow Chute Bayou	15-25
PO832457933911	Seven Pines Road, Caney Creek	10-15
PO832457933821	Crouch Road, White Oak Branch	15-25
PO832459932961	Whittington Road, Bodcau Trib	15-25
PO832465933301	Sheppard Road, Trib Bodcau Bayou	10-15
PO832523934411	Old Plain Dealing Hwy, Collinsburg Creek	25-40
PO832526934161	Antrim Road, Lil Cypress Creek	25-40
PO832593933821	Chalybeate Springs Rd, Trib to Mrtnc	25-40
PO832595934471	Log Ferry Road, Stillhouse Bayou	15
PO832594934491	Stillhouse Road, Trib Stillhouse Bayou	15-25
PO833010934591	McCance Road, Posten Bayou	15-25
PO832544934211	Palmetto Street, Trib Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832159932581	Poole Road, Red Chute Bayou	3
PO832541934191	S. Perrin Street, Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832194933091	Kelly Road, Flat River Ditch	25-40
PO832223933391	Smith Road, Flat River	15-25

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

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.**  
**RESOLUTION**

**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulation, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Bossier Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing authority of Bossier Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the Louisiana DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana state law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole. Upon motion by Mr. Cummings, second by Mr. Butler and vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Doris Grappe and Dr. David Brian to the Bossier Parish EMS District Board of Commissioners for six-year terms each, terms to expire November 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Oliver Road Overlay Project No. 2009-171, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Oliver Road Overlay Project No. 2009-171.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Mr. Altimus advised that the tour of the Red River sponsored by the Red River Waterway Commission and the Corps of Engineers has been canceled due to high water.

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Mr. Altimus reminded jurors that the Region 4 Police Jury Association meeting is being held in Coushatta, LA, on Friday, October 30, 2009. Mr. Altimus, Mr. Benton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer and Mr. Hammack plan to attend.

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Mr. Altimus reported that Hoffman Franklin Fuller will be inducted into the Bossier High School Hall of Fame on October 30, 2009, and advised that a reception in his honor will be held at the Bossier City Mayor's Office at 1:00 p.m. on that date.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve a request for 10 additional sick days in 2009 for Larry Carter, employee of the Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to amend the agenda to allow discussion of a property standards settlement agreement for two liens on property at 324 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES: 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**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

Mr. Altimus advised that two liens have been placed on property at 324 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations. He stated that the property has since changed ownership and the new owner, Mr. Daniel Harvey, has offered a settlement of one-half the total lien amount. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to refuse the settlement offer of Mr. Daniel Harvey for the payoff of liens on property at 324 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA. Motion carried, with Mr. Altimus opposing.**

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the Linton Road is now open. It was requested that Mr. Buster Netherton, F.J. Burnell, Inc., be asked to attend the November 4, 2009, regular meeting.

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Mr. Ford reported on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project, advising that utility relocation and tree removal will begin shortly. He stated that March, 2010, is the target date to begin the project.

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Mr. Johnston asked the status of drainage problems at 1081 Creekside Lane in the Creekside Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that ditch work is being done which will be completed when dry weather permits. He stated that he will inspect the property when the ditch work is complete.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, requested input from the jury in preparation of the Road Overlay Program for 2010.

Mr. Andrews reported on the Padgett Road overlay project and on ditch work being done.

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Mr. Butler advised of complaints regarding loose dogs in his area.

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There was brief discussion of the proposed 2010 police jury budget. Mr. Altimus stated that a budget workshop will be scheduled in early November at the health unit.

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Mr. Meachum requested that employees at the health unit be requested to post a sign on the front door of the facility advising the public of the hours that flu shots will be given.

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Mr. Meachum requested that the installation of a street light at the intersection of Highway 71 and Poole Road be considered.

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Ms. Bennett stated that with the excessive rainfall, the matter of dredging work at Cypress-Black Bayou Lake has been delayed. She stated that she will continue to monitor this matter.

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Mr. Neil Erwin, attorney, recommended that notices advising of the public meetings regarding parishwide zoning indicate that the proposed zoning changes have no impact on the towns of Plain Dealing, Haughton and Benton, or within the five-mile jurisdiction of the Bossier City Metropolitan Planning Commissions.

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Finance Committee Report – October 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby absent.

Ms. Suzanne Stinson, Court Administrator, discussed the request of the judges' office for a 2010 budget appropriation, advising that it is requested that the police jury pay the salary for one new law clerk in the amount of \$42,000 plus benefits. She stated that the case load in the judges' office has increased which has resulted in the need for an additional law clerk. Ms. Stinson stated that in polling other jurisdictions of similar size, each judge has his own law clerk and the salary is paid by the police jury.

Mr. Cummings advised Ms. Stinson that the request will be considered during budget proceedings.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$4,477.44 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of September, 2009, as follows:**

Emergency Power Systems	\$ 100.00
Neil Erwin Law, LLC	\$ 928.00
Rexel	\$ 17.27
Storer Equipment Sales	\$ 381.25
Neil Erwin Law, LLC	\$1,344.99
Jack R. Lockard	\$1,650.00
Plumbmaster	\$ 56.92

**Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran, Mr. Benton and Mr. Hammack abstaining from vote.**

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Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting with representatives of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department regarding the request of the Sheriff's Department for budget appropriations for the year 2010.

Mr. Hammack discussed the air conditioning/heating systems at the penal farm facility, advising that \$150,000 was included in the 2009 police jury budget for repairs but was not expended. He stated that the cost for complete

replacement of the existing units is \$500,000, and requested that \$350,000 be included in the 2010 police jury budget for this purpose. Mr. Hammack stated that with the \$150,000 previously approved, the additional \$350,000 will provide adequate funds to complete the work. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Johnston, to include an expenditure of \$350,000 in the 2010 police jury budget for modification and replacement of air conditioning and heating units at the penal farm facility. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus advised of a request for eight new computers at the Bossier Parish penal farm. Mr. Jim Firth stated that he does not believe the replacement of computers at the penal farm is necessary, and recommended that the request be denied.

Mr. Altimus advised of a proposal from the Sheriff to replace the current security guards in the courthouse with P.O.S.T. Certified officers. He stated that he does not feel that P.O.S.T. Certified officers are needed and recommended that the current security guards remain at the courthouse.

There was brief discussion of the current agreement with the Sheriff's Department regarding expenses for the medical staff at the correctional facilities. Mr. Altimus recommended that a committee be appointed to meet with the Sheriff's Department to discuss the 2010 budget requests pertaining to the physician, nurses, paramedics and the pharmacist. The following committee was appointed; Mr. Avery, Chairman, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer and Mr. Meachum.

Mr. Altimus recommended that the requested salary increase for prisoner work bus crews be approved.

Mr. Altimus advised that the full-time security officer at the courthouse will begin working four days per week with Fridays off, and it is requested that there be no decrease in his pay. He recommended that the employee be paid for the four days worked only, and the remaining funds be used toward the costs for security on Fridays. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to pay the full-time security officer at the courthouse for the four days actually worked only, and to use the remaining funds toward paying the cost of security on Fridays. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of September, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum, that Mr. Benton and Mr. Meachum will contribute \$750 each in matching discretionary funds, for a total of \$1,500 to Princeton Elementary School for the implementation of Promethean Activboards into the classroom. Motion carried with Mr. Butler opposing.**

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The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY