

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
November 28, 2011
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on this 28th day of November, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Rick Avery, called the meeting to order and the Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with the following members present:

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

The President announced the purpose of the special meeting:

1. To consider adoption of a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 19, 2011, to allow Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, or its successors(s) to conduct riverboat gaming along land situated in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, pursuant to approval of a petition for change of berth from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, and other matters related thereto.
2. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 19, 2011, to allow Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, or its successors(s) to conduct riverboat gaming along land situated in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, pursuant to approval of a petition for change of berth from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, and other matters related thereto.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 19, 2011, to affirmatively state Bossier Casino Venture LLC, or its successor(s) be allowed to conduct riverboat gaming along land situated in the Parish, pursuant to approval of Petition for Change of Berth from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and other matters related thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011, to affirmatively state Bossier Casino Venture LLC, or its successor(s) be allowed to conduct riverboat gaming along land situated in the Parish, pursuant to approval of Petition for Change of Berth from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and other matters related thereto, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Bossier, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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. Cummings, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 28th day of November, 2011.

CINDY A. DODSON

PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, November 28, 2011, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 19, 2011, with the following members present:

William Altimus, Rick Avery, Wanda Bennett, Glenn Benton, Barry Butler, J. Brad Cummings, Wayne Hammack, Winfred Johnston, Hank Meachum, Paul (Mac) Plummer;

There being absent: Jimmy Cochran, Jerome Darby
 did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Summary: Authorizes additional riverboat gaming activities in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana. Shall Bossier Casino Venture LLC, or its successor(s) be allowed to conduct riverboat gaming along land situated in the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana pursuant to approval of petition for change of berth from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES			VOTE TABULATION	
Ward	Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
01	01	Bellaire Elementary School, 1310 Bellaire Blvd, Bossier City	88	69
01	02	Aulds Library, 3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City	128	88
01	03	Elm Grove Middle School, 4301 Panther Dr, Bossier City	107	65
01	03A	Elm Grove Middle School, 4301 Panther Dr, Bossier City	124	78
01	03B	Elm Grove Middle School, 4301 Panther Dr, Bossier City	39	21
01	04	Shady Grove Community Center, 3949 Wayne Ave, Bossier City	143	77
01	04A	Shady Grove Community Center, 3949 Wayne Ave, Bossier City	34	11
01	05	Sun City Elementary School, 4230 Van Deeman, Bossier City	66	37
02	01	Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley St, Benton	132	80
02	02	Apollo Elementary School, 2400 Viking Dr, Bossier City	227	128
02	03	Cope Middle School, 4814 Shed Road, Bossier City	47	18
02	03A	Cope Middle School, 4814 Shed Road, Bossier City	58	47
02	04-1	Airline Baptist Church, 4007 Airline Dr, Bossier City	118	66
02	04-2	Airline Baptist Church, 4007 Airline Dr, Bossier City	111	52
02	05	Bossier Arts Council, 630 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	13	2
02	05A	Bossier Arts Council, 630 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	31	13
02	06	Bossier Elementary School, 322 Colquitt Ave, Bossier City	58	22
02	07	Airline High School, 2801 Airline Dr, Bossier City	90	69
02	08	Butler Educational Complex, 541 Detroit St, Bossier City	35	7
02	09	Plantation Park School, 2410 Plantation Dr, Bossier City	107	51
02	10	Central Baptist Church, 2225 Airline Dr, Bossier City	121	59
02	11	Bossier City Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Rd, Bossier City	34	14
02	11A	Bossier City Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Rd, Bossier City	31	13
02	12A	Rusheon Middle School, 2401 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City	42	12
02	12B	Rusheon Middle School, 2401 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City	42	33

POLLING PLACES			VOTE TABULATION	
Ward	Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
02	12C	Rusheon Middle School, 2401 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City	62	23
02	13	Central Park Elementary School, 900 Central Park Blvd, Bossier City	63	60
02	14	Waller Elementary School, 1130 Patricia Dr, Bossier City	44	34
02	15	Waller Elementary School, 1130 Patricia Dr, Bossier City	51	8
02	16	Kerr Elementary School, 1700 Airline Dr, Bossier City	96	66
02	16A	Kerr Elementary School, 1700 Airline Dr, Bossier City	7	3
02	16B	Kerr Elementary School, 1700 Airline Dr, Bossier City	4	6
02	17A	Meadowview Elementary School, 4312 Shed Rd, Bossier City	23	17
02	17B	Meadowview Elementary School, 4312 Shed Rd, Bossier City	51	33
02	18A	Benton Elementary School, 562 Highway 162, Benton	7	8
02	18B	Benton Middle School, 6140 Highway 3, Benton	97	74
02	18C	Legacy Elementary School, 4830 Swan Lake Rd, Bossier City	124	76
02	18D	Benton Elementary School, 562 Highway 162, Benton	68	41
02	18E	Legacy Elementary School, 4830 Swan Lake Rd, Bossier City	174	80
02	18F	Benton High School, 6136 Highway 3, Benton	35	19
02	19	Greenacres Middle School, 2220 Airline Dr, Bossier City	84	42
02	20	Kerr Elementary School, 1700 Airline Dr, Bossier City	80	55
02	21A	Bossier City First Church of God, 4601 Airline Dr, Bossier City	107	60
02	21B	Asbury United Methodist Church, 3200 N. Airline Dr, Bossier City	180	122
02	21C	W. T. Lewis Elementary School, 4701 Modica Lott Rd, Bossier City	244	145
02	21D	Stockwell Elementary School, 5800 Shed Rd, Bossier City	220	108
02	21E	Greenacres Middle School, 2220 Airline Dr, Bossier City	0	0
02	21F	Stockwell Elementary School, 5800 Shed Rd, Bossier City	81	54
02	21G	W. T. Lewis Elementary School, 4701 Modica Lott Rd, Bossier City	0	0
02	22A-1	Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd, Benton	145	75
02	22A-2	Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd, Benton	106	58
02	22B	Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd, Benton	114	86
02	22C	Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Rd, Benton	92	67
02	23	Waller Elementary School, 1130 Patricia Dr, Bossier City	15	9

POLLING PLACES			VOTE TABULATION	
Ward	Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
03	01	Cartwright Memorial Health Unit, 305 West Palmetto, Plain Dealing	128	59
03	02	Plain Dealing Library, 208 Mary Lee St, Plain Dealing	113	82
03	03	Northeast Fire District No. 5 Training Center, 605 Kilgore Rd, Plain Dealing	43	39
03	04	Carrie Martin Elementary School, 600 South Perrin, Plain Dealing	137	84
04	01A	Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, 16258 Highway 157, Benton	14	15
04	01B	Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, 16258 Highway 157, Benton	81	44
04	02	Red River Baptist Church, 3301 East Linton Rd, Benton	206	130
04	03A	Princeton Elementary School, 1895 Winfield Rd, Princeton	77	75
04	03B	Rodes Elementary School, 4670 Highway 80, Haughton	25	11
04	03C	Princeton Elementary School, 1895 Winfield Rd, Princeton	17	19
04	03D	Rodes Elementary School, 4670 Highway 80, Haughton	99	77
04	04A-1	Platt Elementary School, 4680 Highway 80, Haughton	95	87
04	04A-2	Platt Elementary School, 4680 Highway 80, Haughton	79	49
04	04B-1	Platt Elementary School, 4680 Highway 80, Haughton	95	92
04	04B-2	Platt Elementary School, 4680 Highway 80, Haughton	65	76
04	05A	Haughton High School, 210 East McKinley Ave, Haughton	53	58
04	06-1	Haughton Town Hall, 118 West McKinley Ave, Haughton	120	102
04	06-2	Haughton Town Hall, 118 West McKinley Ave, Haughton	106	92
04	07-1	South Bossier FD #2 Fire Station, 3551 Highway 527, Elm Grove	90	72
04	07-2	South Bossier FD #2 Fire Station, 3551 Highway 527, Elm Grove	96	37
04	08A	Heritage Baptist Church, 5580 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	100	65
04	08B	Parkway High School, 2010 Colleen Drive, Bossier City	200	153
04	08C	Fellowship United Methodist Church, 4750 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	13	15
04	08D	Waller Elementary School, 1130 Patricia Dr, Bossier City	15	6
04	08E	Parkway High School, 2010 Colleen Drive, Bossier City	46	35
04	08F	Fellowship United Methodist Church, 4750 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	0	0
04	09	Elm Grove Elementary School, 1541 Old Highway 71, Bossier City	228	106
04	10-1	Curtis Elementary School, 5600 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	97	58

POLLING PLACES			VOTE TABULATION	
Ward	Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
04	10-2	Curtis Elementary School, 5600 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City	71	43
04	11A	Central Assembly of God Church of Haughton, 700 Highway 80 East, Haughton	100	73
04	11B	East 80 Branch Library, 1050 Bellevue Rd, Haughton	156	119
04	11C	Central Assembly of God Church of Haughton, 700 Highway 80 East, Haughton	65	67
ABSENTEE			893	513
TOTALS			8,123	5,114
MAJORITY FOR			3,009	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **8,123** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **5,114** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **3,009** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of November, 2011.

ATTEST:

/s/ Rick Avery

President

/s/ Cindy Dodson

Secretary

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, November 19, 2011, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of November, 2011.

/s/ Rick Avery

President

Mr. Jackson stated that once counsel for Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, has been advised of today's approval of the resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the November 19, 2011, election, Bossier Casino Venture, LLC, will begin finalizing plans for Margaritaville Resort Casino and will take the necessary steps to comply with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to begin construction.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler, to amend the agenda to discuss the 2012 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby

Mr. Cummings stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department has requested that several computers be replaced in the jail facilities as part of the 2012 budget, and according to the police jury manual, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is responsible for providing equipment, including computers, for the jail facilities.

Mr. Cummings discussed the Bossier Parish Coroner, asking if his position is considered full time.

Mr. Jackson stated that wage and hour laws do not apply to constitutional officers of the parish, including police jurors, coroner, district attorney, sheriff, and clerk of court, and advised that these elected officials are entitled to receive full pay and benefits regardless of the number of hours worked.

Mr. Cummings stated that during the budget workshop held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, the COLA increase for parish employees for 2012 was discussed, advising that a 2% COLA is recommended in lieu of the 3.6% COLA being granted by the Social Security Administration. He asked if all employees receive a 3% merit increase at the time of their annual evaluation. Mr. Altimus advised that employees who have one to seven years of service are eligible to receive a 2.5% merit increase and employees with eight or more years of service are eligible for a 3% merit increase. Mr. Cummings stated that he feels parish employees should receive a 3.6% COLA increase for 2012. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve a 3.6% COLA salary increase for parish employees for 2012.**

The President called for public comment. Ms. Bennett asked what the difference will be with an increase in the COLA of 1.6%. Ms. Thomas stated that the additional 1.6% increase results in an additional \$94,000, including

fringe benefits, for all departments. Mr. Butler asked if all employees receive a merit increase, and it was stated that approximately 2% of employees do not receive a merit increase based on a poor evaluation. Mr. Hammack requested information regarding evaluations and how it is determined if an employee receives a merit increase. Ms. Thomas stated that she will provide the jurors with a copy of the evaluation form, advising that the form is outlined by the Standard Labor Board.

Votes were cast and the motion failed due to a tie vote, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Avery, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.

NAYS: Mr. Altimus, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Hammack

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 28th day of November, 2011, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:20 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY